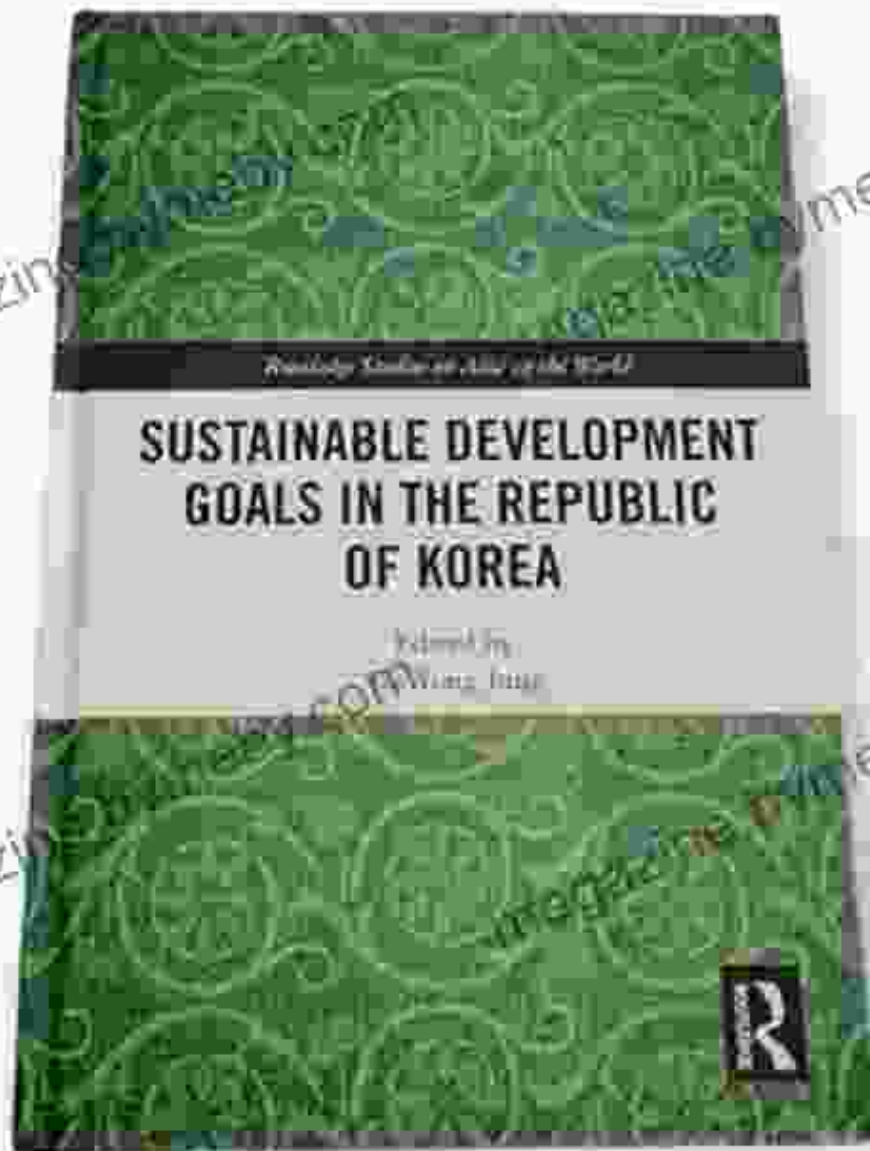


Sustainable Development Goals in the Republic of Korea: A Comprehensive Guide to Progress, Challenges, and the Path Forward



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 ambitious goals adopted by all United Nations member states in 2015. These goals

aim to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all by 2030. The Republic of Korea (ROK) has made significant progress in achieving the SDGs, but challenges remain. This comprehensive article provides an overview of the ROK's progress, challenges, and the path forward in achieving the SDGs.



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Progress and Achievements

The ROK has made notable progress in several areas related to the SDGs. These include:

* **Poverty reduction:** The ROK has achieved the SDG target of reducing extreme poverty to less than 3%. * **Education:** The ROK has achieved universal access to primary and secondary education, and has made significant progress in increasing access to tertiary education. * **Health:** The ROK has a well-developed healthcare system that provides universal health coverage. Life expectancy at birth has increased to 83.3 years. * **Gender equality:** The ROK has made progress in promoting gender equality, particularly in education and the workforce. * **Climate action:** The

ROK has committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 40% below 2018 levels by 2030.

Challenges

Despite the progress made, the ROK still faces several challenges in achieving the SDGs. These include:

* **Income inequality:** The ROK has a high level of income inequality, which limits the progress made in poverty reduction. * **Air pollution:** The ROK has high levels of air pollution, which can have adverse effects on human health. * **Low birth rate:** The ROK has a low birth rate, which could lead to a shrinking workforce and strain on the social welfare system. * **Climate change:** The ROK is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, such as sea level rise and extreme weather events.

The Path Forward

The ROK has developed a National Sustainable Development Strategy to guide its efforts in achieving the SDGs. The strategy focuses on five key areas:

* **Promoting inclusive growth:** The ROK aims to create a more equitable society by reducing income inequality and expanding social welfare programs. * **Protecting the environment:** The ROK aims to reduce air pollution, protect water resources, and conserve biodiversity. *

Responding to demographic changes: The ROK aims to address the challenges posed by the low birth rate and aging population. * **Addressing climate change:** The ROK aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote renewable energy, and adapt to the impacts of climate change. *

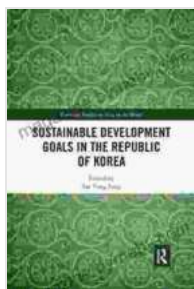
Strengthening global partnerships: The ROK aims to work with other countries and international organizations to achieve the SDGs.

The ROK has made significant progress in achieving the SDGs, but challenges remain. The country's National Sustainable Development Strategy provides a roadmap for the path forward. By addressing the challenges and implementing innovative solutions, the ROK can achieve a more sustainable and prosperous future for all its citizens.

About the Book

The book "Sustainable Development Goals in the Republic of Korea: Routledge Studies on" provides a comprehensive overview of the ROK's progress, challenges, and the path forward in achieving the SDGs. Written by leading experts in the field, the book offers a detailed analysis of the ROK's policies and practices in relation to each of the 17 SDGs.

The book is an essential resource for researchers, policymakers, and practitioners working in the field of sustainable development. It provides a valuable contribution to the global discourse on how to achieve the SDGs and create a more sustainable and prosperous future for all.



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