

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Developing and Implementing Technology Solutions for Meeting Sustainable Development Goals

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For this special issue of the *Social Development Issues*, we invite proposals for manuscripts that will focus on how to develop, implement and integrate technology solutions for alleviating any of the sustainable development goals

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This special issue will advance our discourse beyond previous debate about the nature and appropriateness of technological innovation and integration that impacts social development issues across the world. Technology-mediated and technology-based strategies and interventions, both locally and globally, have significant policy, practice, and networking potential for social development.

Background

In the context of the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) identifying technology as “major pillars of Means of Implementation of the Post-2015 agenda and of the Rio + 20 follow-up process” to promote and nurture a “green economy” through infusing innovative technological usage to sustain social development efforts over the next 15 years. Technology is not only facilitating developmental initiative but also helping to create an interlinked knowledge enterprise superseding geographical boundaries around which universal global social development problems can be addressed. In the wake of the new SDGs promulgating the use of technology for social development a discussion to advance the debate to new frontiers is necessary. Thus we invite empirical, conceptual, and theoretical manuscripts locating the technologies as such and information technologies in particular in the spectrum of social development and the challenges and opportunities that such a venture poses.

Guidelines

We seek conceptual and research-based manuscripts that present:

- Examples of how the process of evidence-based practices of technology infusion could influence global social development, examples of the delivery of evidence-based practice models, and examples of the application of implementation science being successfully integrated into training next level of social development workforce.
- Technologies that have the widest impact on social development will be given preference over technologies like mobile phone apps that cater to a small subsegment of the population.
- Discussion on ethical and implementation challenges to technology implementation for social development and strategies to successfully overcome barriers to integrating technology with the social development agenda.
- Discussion on the theory of practice and evidence-informed conceptual models for technology implementation. .
- Strategies to successfully connect stakeholders, innovations, and best practices to facilitate technologies for sustainable social development.
- The manuscript should highlight IF certain technologies cannot be implementable in some parts of the world due to a lack of infrastructure or other reasons and/or provide ways to mitigate these issues.

Timeline for Proposal Abstracts and Manuscript Submissions

A proposal abstract of no more than 500 words outlining the basis and scope of a complete manuscript should be sent by **March 1, 2017**, to Dhrubodhi Mukherjee (dhrubodh@siu.edu).

Editors of the special issue will select the most relevant abstracts and send an invitation to submit a complete manuscript by **April 1, 2017**.

Invited manuscripts must be submitted online for full peer review by **July 1, 2017**. We expect this important special issue to be published in early 2018.

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