



# Sustainable Development and Legal Frameworks in Tanzania: A Comparative Analysis

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## Abstract

Sustainable development in Tanzania faces challenges due to varying legal frameworks that often fail to align with international standards. The research employs a mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with legal analyses to assess the adequacy of existing laws and policies related to sustainable development. A notable finding is that while there are several pieces of legislation promoting sustainability, their implementation often lags behind legislative enactment, particularly in rural areas where resources are scarce and enforcement is weak. Current legal frameworks in Tanzania fall short in ensuring consistent application across all sectors and regions, necessitating targeted policy interventions to improve compliance and effectiveness. Policy makers should prioritise strengthening existing laws through clearer guidelines and more robust enforcement mechanisms, with a focus on rural development initiatives where sustainability challenges are most acute.

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