



# Sustainable Development Legal Frameworks in Zimbabwe: Comparative Analysis with African Contexts

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## Abstract

Sustainable development in Africa has garnered significant attention, particularly within Zimbabwe's legal framework. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have influenced national policies and laws, emphasising intergenerational equity and environmental sustainability. The research employs a comparative analysis approach, integrating legal documents, academic articles, and secondary data sources from Zimbabwe and selected African countries. A thematic framework is utilised to categorize laws related to environmental protection, resource management, and social welfare. A key finding is the significant variation in legislative provisions across jurisdictions regarding renewable energy incentives and waste management regulations, indicating diverse approaches to sustainable development goals. This comparative study highlights Zimbabwe's unique challenges and opportunities within the broader context of African legal frameworks for sustainable development. The findings underscore the importance of tailored policy interventions and stakeholder collaboration for effective implementation. Policy makers should prioritise harmonizing laws with international standards, fostering public-private partnerships, and ensuring equitable resource distribution to achieve sustainable development objectives in Zimbabwe.

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