

Societal Engagement The African Voice

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Recent publications

Choongo, P., E. van Burg, E. Masurel, L.J. Paas, and J. Lungu (2017) Corporate Social Responsibility motivations in Zambian SMEs, *International Review of Entrepreneurship*, 15 (1), 29-62.

Eijdenberg, E., E. Masurel, and L. Paas (2017) Decision-making and small business growth in Burundi, *Journal of Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economies*, 9 (1), 35-64.

Choongo, P., E. van Burg, L. Paas, and E. Masurel (2016) Factors influencing the identification of sustainable opportunities by SMEs: Empirical evidence from Zambia, *Sustainability*, 8.

We have only 15 minutes...

- Societal commitment => Sustainable entrepreneurship
- The African voice => Zambia

Entrepreneurship is the creation,
discovery and exploitation of
value-adding opportunities



Sustainable entrepreneurship is the modern form of entrepreneurship

Leading the organization in making balanced choices
between profit, people and planet

Beyond compliance: voluntary behavior

Entrepreneurship is everywhere not only in the western world



But does this also count for societal engagement of entrepreneurs outside the western world?

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Corporate Social Responsibility
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Outline of the paper

- This paper examines the motivations of different forms of sustainable entrepreneurship by SMEs in an African developing country (Zambia)
- On the basis of our literature study and expert interviews, we identified three forms of sustainable entrepreneurship: employee-related, community-related and environment-related
- Important: unique historical development, business systems, and political and cultural settings
- Survey among 220 owners-managers of SMEs in the trading and service sector who supply goods and services to the mining industry in Zambia (Copperbelt region)
- Fieldwork took place in 2013

Specific examples of sustainable entrepreneurship in Zambia

Employee-related (People)

- My company pays for some of the employee's recreational activities
- My company helps employees to balance work-life and family life
- More
- Average score (1-5): 3.42

Community-related (People)

- My company supports orphans and underprivileged in society
- My company sponsors students in schools
- More
- Average score (1-5): 3.26

Environment-related (Planet)

- My company saves water beyond legal requirements
- My company suggests sustainable solutions to its clients
- More
- Average score (1-5): 3.66

Specific forms of motivation for sustainable entrepreneurship in Zambia

Moral and ethical

- Because it improves the health/well-being of people in my community
- Because it improves the natural environment
- More
- Average score (1-5; 3 items): 3.60

Financial motivation

- Because it improves my business reputation and image
- Because it ensures more revenues
- More
- Average score (1-5; 3 items): 3.24

External motivation

- Because in the future it will be a legal requirement
- Because it will prevent negative media attention
- More
- Average score (1-5; 7 items): 2.61

Results

- Internal motivations (financial motivation and moral & ethical motivation) are the reasons why the Zambian SMEs adopt community-CSR and environmental CSR
- External motivation does not influence any of the three forms of sustainable entrepreneurship
- Employee-related sustainable entrepreneurship is not influenced by internal motivations neither by external motivation
- If you want to know more: download and read the paper

So: Also sustainable entrepreneurship is everywhere, not only in the western world



Different in appearance and different in motivation (important role of context!)