

## Preface

First of all, I would like to thank all the participants of the International Interdisciplinary Scientific Conference "Digitalization and Sustainability for Development Management: Economic, Social, and Ecological Aspects," which was held on September 11-12, 2021 in London, UK. The conference was organized and supported by the London Academy of Science and Business (London, UK), Department of Marketing of Sumy State University (Sumy, Ukraine), and Department of Economics of Stanislaw Staszic University of Applied Sciences in Pila (Pila, Poland).

The subject matter of the conference was chosen in accordance with modern trends in the transformation of the world economic system, the determining factors of which today are the development of information and communication technologies, the crisis of capitalism, the struggle for human rights and environmental protection, which, in turn, became the reason for creating the corresponding structures of the network society and the information economy. The logic inherent in these phenomena served as the basis for conceptualizing and developing certain approaches to digitalization and sustainability as a new stage in development management.

More than 200 people from more than 20 countries of the world took part in the conference. Presentations were made on the following topics of the conference:

- ✓ The Theory of Sustainable Economic Development in the Context of Digitalisation.
- ✓ Digitisation and Sustainability in Regional and Global Economic Development.
- ✓ Digital Marketing for Sustainable Economic Development.
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Technologies in Sustainable Development.
- ✓ Energy Management and Sustainable Economic Development.
- ✓ Digitisation and Sustainability in Education System.
- ✓ Environmental Aspects of Sustainable Development in the Digital Economy.
- ✓ Digitisation and Sustainability via COVID-19.
- ✓ Energy Security and Globalisation Process.

The conference presupposes a certain degree of synergy in international scientific cooperation among representatives of science and practice in the issues of digitalisation and sustainability for development management. Increasing the intensity of scientific and technological progress makes science interdisciplinary and opens new horizons for scientific thought. An exchange of views and systematisation of knowledge are fundamental factors in setting development priorities, optimising processes and achieving bifurcation for various scales and aspects of economic, social, and ecological development.

As a result of the conference, the articles of the participants who went through the peer review process were published in special issues of journals dedicated to the conference, including some of the conference reports presented in this special issue.

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