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Implementing the SDG15: Business Climate Index in the Context of the Forestry Sector of Tocantins, Brazil

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Abstract

The forestry sector, is one of the key sectors indicated in the SDGS, with a specific SDG Goal 15, and crucial for Brazil. This paper aims to contribute to the discussion of the role government needs to play in shaping the business environment to foster the achievement of the SDGs by investigating how can business climate indexes be used to shape public policy. In order to do that, the Forest Investment Attractiveness Index (FIAI) has been applied to the state of Tocantins, in Brazil, to further comprehend which areas of public policy intervention would be more relevant to support the development of a sustainable forestry sector. The results indicate that the sort of tool can only be used in a preliminary analyzes of the economic, political and institutional environment related to the forestry sector.

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