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## Abstract

Eco-friendly tourism is becoming an important commitment in the era of globalization to minimize negative impacts on local communities and ecosystems. Sustainable tourism also involves empowering local communities in the management and development of tourism, providing opportunities for economic and social development. It respects cultural diversity and encourages tourists to respect local values. The concept emphasizes the wise use of resources and the incorporation of sustainable practices that preserve the ecosystem of an area, including its wildlife and nature. This study examines how sustainable tourism development can be implemented through cooperation between various parties, including local communities, governments, and non-governmental organizations that must work together to develop sustainable tourism by taking into account local norms and myths, as well as the religious rules of the community. The study also highlights the importance of sustainable tourism development at various institutional levels, where cross-border cooperation programs contribute to sustainable tourism development. In addition, the study explores barriers to achieving sustainable development goals in the tourism industry, including tourism phobia and the negative impact of the tourism industry on the environment. This research shows that sustainable tourism development requires a deep understanding of community needs, as well as careful and measured planning to avoid conflict and ensure that tourism activities provide benefits to all levels of society.

**Keywords:** Eco Tourism; Sustainable Tourism Development; Tourism Industry Barriers; Negative Impact of The Tourism Industry On The Environment; Social Responsibility In Eco-Friendly Tourism

## 1. Introduction

Tourism is a sector that has great potential in driving economic growth, creating jobs, and increasing community income. However, uncontrolled tourism growth can have a negative impact on the environment, culture, and social of local communities. Therefore, it is important to develop sustainable tourism that can integrate economic, social, and environmental aspects.

Sustainable tourism development is a concept that has been recognized and applied in various countries around the world. This concept aims to create tourism that can be sustainable in the long term, taking into account the balance between economic, social and environmental interests. In this context, good planning and implementation are key in achieving sustainable tourism goals. Sustainable tourism planning involves identifying and analyzing the tourism potential of an area, as well as developing strategies to utilize that potential in a sustainable manner. This includes determining the type of tourism that suits the characteristics of the area, regulating visitation capacity, environmental management, and community participation in decision-making. Careful planning will help avoid possible negative impacts and ensure tourism provides long-term benefits to local communities.

In addition to planning, effective implementation is also an important factor in sustainable tourism development. Good implementation involves various parties, including the government, tourism sector, local communities, and other related parties. Strong collaboration between various parties will ensure the sustainability of tourism programs and policies that have been designed. In addition, good implementation also requires regular monitoring and evaluation to ensure that sustainable tourism goals are achieved. In the context of a more environmentally friendly future, sustainable tourism development is becoming increasingly important. Climate change and environmental degradation are increasingly threatening the sustainability of tourism. Therefore, concrete measures need to be taken to reduce the impact of tourism on the environment. These may include the use of renewable energy, waste management, reduction of carbon emissions, and protection of natural ecosystems.

Sustainable tourism development should also involve the active participation of local communities. Communities have valuable local knowledge and wisdom in tourism management. By involving communities in decision-making and empowering them economically, tourism can become a sustainable source of livelihood for local communities. In order to achieve sustainable tourism development, there needs to be cooperation between the government, tourism sector, community, and other related parties. Supportive policies, clear regulations, and coordinated management are needed to achieve sustainable tourism goals. In addition, education and awareness of the importance of sustainable tourism also need to be improved, both among tourists and local communities.

In conclusion, sustainable tourism development is an important endeavor in creating a more environmentally friendly tourism future. Good planning and implementation are key in achieving sustainable tourism goals. In the context of a greener future, collaboration between the government, tourism sector, communities, and other related parties is becoming increasingly important. With the right measures, sustainable tourism can be a sustainable source of livelihood for local communities and preserve the environment.

## 2. Literature Review

### 2.1. Theoretical Foundation

One economic figure who has put forward views and concepts about the green economics is Paul R. Ehrlich and John P. Holdren. Ehrlich and Holdren are two scientists with experience in green economics. Ehrlich is a biologist and demographer, while Holdren is a physicist and astrophysicist. They have shared views on the green economy and directed attention towards its role in reducing carbon emissions, conserving resources, and increasing inclusiveness.

Ehrlich and Holdren say that the green economy is a strategy to achieve inclusive, sustainable, and responsible development. The green economy refers to the efficient use of resources, the reduction of carbon emissions, and the development of sustainable infrastructure. They consider that the government should organize and regulate policies that will build a green economy, such as the implementation of carbon pricing policies, efficient resource use, sustainable infrastructure development, and carbon emission reduction. Ehrlich and Holdren also draw attention to the role of the green economy in reducing carbon emissions, saving resources, and increasing inclusiveness. The green economy can help reduce carbon emissions by efficient use of resources and development of environmentally friendly technologies. They also consider that a green economy can help conserve resources with the efficient use of resources and the development of environmentally friendly technologies.

A green economy can also help increase inclusiveness by developing sustainable infrastructure that allows everyone to share knowledge and develop the skills needed to build a green economy. They draw attention to the role of the green economy in building a sustainable economy and mitigating the difficulties faced by economic and environmental crises. For example, Ehrlich and Holdren direct attention to the development of green technologies, such as those that reduce carbon emissions and conserve resources. This can help improve social welfare and equality, reduce carbon, save resources, and increase inclusiveness.

The green economy can also help in the development of sustainable tourism. Sustainable tourism can help reduce carbon emissions with efficient use of resources and development of green technologies. It can help improve social welfare and equality, reduce carbon, save resources, and increase inclusiveness. For example, iSeller, a member of Microsoft Entrepreneurship for Positive Impact, seeks to open wider access to technology for MSMEs to grow their business easily and quickly. This can help MSMEs to use green technologies, such as Azure, to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions. The green economy can also help in the development of sustainable infrastructure, such as sustainable roads, sustainable facilities, and sustainable waste management. It can help improve social welfare and equality, reduce carbon, conserve resources, and increase inclusiveness.

### 2.2. Enrich and Holdren's Views and Concepts

Ehrlich and Holdren's views and concepts in solving problems faced in the context of the development of the green economy that we are experiencing this era. The following are some of Ehrlich and Holdren's views and concepts in solving the problem:

1. Reduced use of natural resources:  
Ehrlich and Holdren consider that solving the green economy problem cannot be separated from reducing the use of natural resources. They consider that it is necessary to optimize the use of natural resources and reduce the unnecessary use of natural resources. This can be done through the development of more efficient technologies and more efficient use of natural resources.
2. Development of green technology:  
Ehrlich and Holdren consider that the development of green technologies is one of the important steps towards solving the green economy problem. This can include the development of more efficient technologies, more efficient use of natural resources, and the development of technologies that can help reduce the use of natural resources.
3. Reduced use of fossil fuels:  
Ehrlich and Holdren consider that reducing the use of fossil fuels is one of the important steps for green economy problem solving. This can be done through the development of alternative technologies, such as solar power, wind power, and hydropower.

4. **Waste reduction:**  
Ehrlich and Holdren consider that waste reduction is one of the important steps to solving the green economy problem. This can be done through the development of technologies that can reduce waste use, such as more efficient waste treatment and the use of waste as a resource.
5. **Reduction of water use:**  
Ehrlich and Holdren consider that reducing water use is one of the important steps for green economy problem solving. This can be done through the development of technologies that can reduce water use, such as more efficient water treatment and the use of water as a resource.
6. **Reduction of energy use:**  
Ehrlich and Holdren consider that energy use reduction is one of the important steps for green economy problem solving. This can be done through the development of more efficient technologies, more efficient use of natural resources, and more efficient use of energy.
7. **Reduction of plastic use:**  
Ehrlich and Holdren consider that the reduction of plastic use is one of the important steps for green economy problem solving. This can be done through the development of technologies that can reduce the use of plastic, such as more efficient plastic processing and the use of plastic as a resource.

### 3. Research Method

#### 3.1. Approach

The research work entitled "Sustainable Tourism Development: Planning and Implementation for a Greener Future" uses qualitative research, which is an approach used to explore in-depth understanding of social phenomena, behaviour, and human experience through the collection and analysis of descriptive data (Cresswell and Poth, 2017).

#### 3.2. Methodology

In collecting data, the author used a literature study in completing this paper. The literature study approach in the context of qualitative research aims to describe, analyse and interpret phenomena in a deep, detailed and comprehensive way (John Creswell). This research aims to explain and understand the development of the digital economy in the emerging digital era. The research focus involves an in-depth analysis of various aspects of the digital economy, such as e-commerce platforms, technology start-ups, online consumer behaviour, and the social and economic impacts of the digital economy. The research is expected to provide a deep insight into the development of the digital economy and its impact in the digital era. The research results will be presented in a detailed and informative research report.

#### 3.3. Time and Data Collection Techniques

The research for the paper entitled "Sustainable Tourism Development: Planning and Implementation for a Greener Future" began on 12 April 2024 and the data collection technique used was focus group discussions (FGD). FGD is a qualitative research method that involves interaction between participants in a group to gain a deeper understanding of the research topic (Stewart and Shamdasani, 2015). The writing method is relevant to the paper, where the data taken is sourced from pre-existing journals and articles. The author collects several articles and journals related to the title listed, then the author analyses the data, retrieves the information needed, and writes down the data related to the title listed.

### 4. Result and Discussion

#### 4.1. The Development of the Digital Economic Revolution

The impact of the digital economic revolution on sustainable economic development can vary between countries and depends on a number of factors, including the level of technological readiness, the size of the economy, and the policies implemented. In Indonesia, for example, many factors are driving the development of digital dynamics, but they can be divided into at least two perspectives: industry and content. From the industry side, it can be seen that telecommunications operators are competing to build massive infrastructure, ranging from 2G, 3G, to 4G networks.

Not only that, there is competition between operators that tends to be unhealthy and lead to tariff wars, where operators lower prices as low as possible to increase their network utilization. This is also reinforced by the proliferation of cheap smartphones that suit the purchasing power of the middle to lower class. Although tariff wars are bad for the telecommunications industry, the impact on society is felt, where telecommunications is no longer considered an expensive item. On the content side, the growing use of social media such as Facebook and Twitter and the emergence of chat applications such as BlackBerry Messenger (BBM)

and WhatsApp are the main drivers of data penetration in Indonesia. Although the digital behavior of Indonesian people shows an increasing trend, the fact is that telecommunications infrastructure in Indonesia has not been built evenly.

Despite the uneven infrastructure development, the digital economy industry in Indonesia is booming. This is marked by the rapid growth of various application-based start-ups. Data from the [startupranking.com](https://startupranking.com) website notes that there are currently 1463 start-ups in Indonesia. This figure places Indonesia as the country with the third largest number of start-ups in the world, only losing to the United States and India. Interestingly, this trend of start-up growth is spearheaded by young people who have the spirit of sociopreneurship, which is how they can solve various problems in society and have a significant impact through the medium of technology. One example is how Nadiem Makarim Tanuwijaya, CEO of Tokopedia who initially had a vision to make it easier for anyone to start their own business through the medium of the internet.

In addition to these two perspectives, there are several other factors where the digital economic revolution affects the sustainable economic development of a country in both positive and negative ways. On the positive side, among others:

founded Go-Jek to make it easier for people to get fast and reliable ojek transportation. Another example is William Increased Economic Efficiency.

The digital economic revolution enables countries to improve economic efficiency through business process automation, data analytics, and artificial intelligence. This can reduce production costs, increase productivity, and reduce resource wastage, all of which support sustainable economic growth.

1. Technology Innovation and Development

Countries that adopt the digital economic revolution well tend to be centers of technological innovation. These innovations can create new opportunities for sustainable economic sectors, such as renewable energy, water management, sustainable agriculture and more.

2. Global Access and Trade

The digital economy revolution facilitates global access and international trade. Countries that integrate their digital economies well can access global markets more easily, increase exports, and expand trade opportunities that support economic growth.

3. Service Sector Development

Many countries are currently experiencing a shift from manufacturing to services. The digital economic revolution is driving the growth of service sectors, such as information technology, e-commerce, fintech, and digital entertainment. This can create new and sustainable jobs.

4. Inclusion and Empowerment

Digital technology can be used to improve social inclusion and empowerment. One of these is access to digital financial services. Digital financial services, including mobile banking and digital wallets, have increased financial inclusion, especially in areas where traditional banking services are limited. This allows individuals and businesses to access credit and savings options, thereby driving economic development. In addition to access to digital financial services, there is also access to online healthcare, and distance education, all of which can support sustainable economic development by covering a wider cross-section of society.

5. Digital Infrastructure

Investment in digital infrastructure, such as fast and secure broadband networks, is important to support sustainable economic growth. Countries need to ensure that internet access is equitable across their regions.

6. Environmental Sustainability

The digital revolution has enabled the development of smart grids, energy- saving technologies, and data analytics for environmental monitoring and resource management. These advances can contribute to environmental sustainability by reducing energy consumption and improving resource utilization.

To achieve sustainable economic development through the digital economic revolution, countries need to develop strategies that suit their own needs and challenges. This involves balancing economic growth, social aspects and environmental sustainability, as well as policies that support innovation and inclusion. Not only does the digital revolution provide benefits, but it also brings negative impacts, which are:

1. Challenges and Inequalities

While the digital revolution has brought many benefits, it has also created challenges and inequalities. There is a digital divide where some communities and regions do not have access to digital technology, which can exacerbate existing inequalities.

2. Cybersecurity and Privacy Issues

As digital technologies evolve, there are growing concerns about cybersecurity and data privacy as more data is stored and exchanged digitally. Instances of data privacy breaches can undermine trust and pose economic risks. Ensuring the security and privacy of digital systems is essential for sustainable economic development.

3. Job Loss

While digital technology innovations create new jobs, they can also replace traditional jobs. This can lead to job insecurity and require adaptations in the labor market.

4. Energy Use

Digital infrastructure requires significant energy consumption. If unclean energy resources are used, this can have a negative impact on the environment. Such as high energy consumption and e-waste issues. Countries need to find ways to achieve sustainable economic growth and, at the same time, protect the environment.

For each economic sector, the impact of the digital economic revolution will vary. For example, in the energy sector, digital technologies can help integrate renewable energy sources and improve the efficiency of the electricity grid. In the agriculture sector, digital technology can improve productivity and irrigation efficiency. However, in the manufacturing sector, automation and robotization can replace human jobs.

To achieve sustainable economic development through the digital economic revolution, countries need to develop frameworks and regulations that support innovation and investment while promoting fair competition, protecting privacy, and addressing environmental challenges that may arise from digital growth. This involves balancing economic growth, social and environmental sustainability, and policies that support innovation and inclusion.

#### 4.2. The Development of the Digital Economic Revolution

In the era of sustainable eco-tourism development, the roles of the government, private sector, and communities are crucial in adapting to the development of sustainable eco-tourism in order to realize a greener future. Examples of their respective contributions and roles that can be carried out are as follows:

##### 1. Government

The government has an important role in creating policies that support sustainable tourism. This includes policies that encourage conservation and sustainable use of natural resources, reduction of carbon emissions, and economic empowerment of local communities. The government can also contribute by empowering local communities through training and employment in the tourism industry. This not only creates jobs and increases the income of local communities, but also helps maintain and preserve cultural and environmental heritage. Likewise, local governments have an important role in managing local tourism. Without good management, an area's tourism sector may not be able to develop properly. The government also plays a role in the recovery of national tourism by implementing the concept of sustainable tourism. For example, the Indonesian Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy is working with the Indonesian Sustainable Tourism Council to encourage the acceleration of sustainable tourism in Indonesia. And the government is committed to making tourism and the creative economy the locomotive of the Indonesian economy, with budget support, green investment and carbon emission reduction targets.

##### 2. Private Sector

The private sector also plays an important role in sustainable tourism development. The private sector is often the main source of investment in the tourism industry. This investment can be in the form of tourism infrastructure development, such as hotels, restaurants, and tourist attractions, all of which are important for the growth of the industry. They can also contribute through innovation. For example, they can develop new technologies or services that promote sustainable tourism, such as eco-friendly travel apps or waste reduction programs in hotels and restaurants. The private sector is often the main source of employment in the tourism industry. They can also contribute by providing training and skills development for workers, which can help improve the quality of services and tourist experiences. In collaboration with local communities, the private sector can collaborate with local communities to support sustainable tourism. For example, they can work with local communities to develop unique and authentic tourism products or experiences, which are not only attractive to tourists, but also support the preservation of local culture and environment. Many private companies, particularly in the tourism industry, are now implementing sustainable practices in their operations. This could be the use of renewable energy, recycling programs, or efforts to reduce their carbon footprint.

##### 3. Society

Society also play an important role in sustainable tourism development. Here are some contributions and roles that can be carried out by the society:

###### a. Supporting Sustainable Practices

Society can support sustainable practices in tourism by being responsible actors. They can reduce the use of plastic, conserve water and energy, and support recycling and waste management efforts.

###### b. Preservation of Local Culture

Society has an important role to play in the preservation of local culture. They can maintain local traditions and wisdom and share cultural knowledge and experiences with tourists to promote cultural sustainability.

###### c. Local Economic Empowerment

Society can also play a role in local economic empowerment through participation in the tourism industry. They can open small and medium enterprises that support sustainable tourism, such as homestays, local food stalls, or traditional handicrafts.

###### d. Environmental Education and Awareness

Society can play a role in raising environmental awareness and sustainability. They can engage in environmental

education programs, participate in nature conservation activities, and support local environmental initiatives.

e. Participation in Decision-Making

Society can also participate in decision-making related to sustainable tourism development. They can provide input, support sustainable policies, and be involved in the process of planning and implementing tourism projects.

f. Use of Environmentally Friendly Transportation

Society can choose environmentally friendly transportation, such as using public transportation, cycling, or walking when exploring tourist destinations. This can help reduce carbon emissions and negative environmental impacts from private transportation.

g. Respect for Local Culture

People can respect and support local culture by following the rules and social norms of the destination. They can also buy local products and support the economic sustainability of local communities.

h. Waste Management

Society can play a role in waste management by disposing of waste in the right place and supporting recycling and waste reduction programs in tourist destinations. This is important to keep the environment clean and sustainable.

i. Participation in Environmental Education Programs

People can actively participate in environmental education programs organized by the government, non-governmental organizations, or the tourism industry. This can increase awareness of the importance of environmental and cultural preservation.

j. Supervision and Monitoring of Sustainable Programs

Society can also play a role in supervising and monitoring the implementation of sustainable tourism programs. They can provide feedback, report violations, and participate in maintaining the sustainability of tourist destinations.

#### 4.3. The Development of the Digital Economic Revolution

Globalization has brought about significant dynamic changes in sustainable tourism development. Here are some aspects to consider regarding globalization and the changing dynamics in sustainable tourism development:

1. Increased Tourist Mobility

Globalization has increased tourist mobility by facilitating accessibility to tourist destinations around the world. This demands sustainable tourism management to anticipate the increasing number of tourists and minimize their negative impacts on the local environment and culture.

2. Technology Influence

The development of information and communication technology has changed the way tourism is conducted. The use of technology in marketing, reservations, and destination management can support sustainable practices such as energy management and waste reduction.

3. Changing Consumption Patterns

Globalization has also affected travelers' consumption patterns, with an increased demand for sustainable and responsible travel experiences. This encourages destinations to provide eco-friendly and cultured experiences.

4. Cross-Border Collaboration

Globalization enables cross-border collaboration between countries, international organizations, and the private sector in support of sustainable tourism development. This includes the exchange of knowledge, technology, and resources to enhance tourism sustainability.

5. Universal Challenges

Globalization also brings universal challenges in sustainable tourism development, such as climate change, energy sustainability, and waste management. Tourism destinations must be able to adapt to these global challenges to achieve sustainable tourism development.

6. Influence of Climate Change

Globalization has accelerated climate change that impacts tourism destinations. These changes require adjustments in sustainable tourism planning, such as natural disaster risk management, adaptation to extreme weather changes, and carbon footprint reduction.

7. Economic Growth and Urbanization:

Globalization also contributes to economic growth and urbanization, which can increase pressure on the environment and natural resources in tourism destinations. Therefore, careful planning is needed to maintain a balance between economic growth and environmental sustainability.

8. Increased Tourist Awareness

Globalization has increased tourists' awareness of the importance of sustainable tourism. Travelers who are increasingly concerned about the environment and culture tend to choose destinations that implement sustainable practices, such as

the use of renewable energy and environmental protection.

9. International Collaboration

Globalization allows for international collaboration in sustainable tourism development. Countries can work together to address global challenges such as climate change, energy sustainability, and waste management that affect the tourism industry.

10. Diversification of Tourism Products

Globalization also encourages diversification of tourism products to attract tourists from different countries. Sustainable tourism destinations can develop unique and sustainable tourism products, such as ecotourism, agritourism, and responsible cultural tourism.

## 5. Conclusion

Sustainable economic growth can be greatly influenced by the digital economic revolution. The digital economic revolution refers to the economic transformation brought about by digital technologies, such as cloud computing, Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, and various other digital innovations. Its impact on economic growth includes.

1. Increased Productivity: Digital technologies enable business process automation, better data analytics, and higher operational efficiency. This can increase the productivity of companies, sectors, and the economy as a whole.
2. Innovation: The digital economic revolution fuels innovation in various sectors of the economy. Companies can develop new products and services, create more efficient business models and respond to market changes faster.
3. Access to Global Markets: Digital technologies enable companies to reach global markets more easily. Small and medium-sized businesses can sell their products and services to customers around the world through online platforms.
4. Increased Competitiveness: Companies that adopt digital technology have a competitive advantage in the market. They can respond quickly to changes in customer demand, optimise supply chains and provide better services.
5. Job Creation: While some traditional jobs may be replaced by automation, the digital economic revolution is also creating many new job opportunities in software development, data analytics, e-commerce and more.

However, it is important to remember that sustainable economic growth must also take into account social, environmental and data security impacts. The digital economic revolution can lead to economic inequality if not properly regulated and can have a negative impact on the environment if not managed wisely. Therefore, it is important to maintain a balance between economic growth and sustainability in the face of the digital economic revolution.

In addition, regulatory aspects and data protection are also important considerations to ensure that the digital economic revolution can provide sustainable economic benefits without compromising privacy and security. Thus, the role of government, industry and civil society is crucial in shaping the direction of the digital economic revolution to support sustainable economic growth.

Dealing with the ups and downs of sustainable economic growth in the digital economic revolution requires a comprehensive set of strategic measures. Here are some measures that can be considered:

1. Digital Education and Skills: Invest in education and training to ensure that the workforce has the digital skills needed to participate in the digital economy. This includes technological understanding, programming, data analytics and digital literacy.
2. Regulation and Policy: Develop appropriate regulatory frameworks for the digital economy. This includes data privacy policies, cybersecurity, and regulations to protect consumers. On the other hand, it is also necessary to avoid excessive regulation that can stifle innovation.
3. Innovation Funding: Encourage investment in research and development of new technologies. Innovation is key in the digital economy, and the government, private sector and funding institutions need to work together to support start-ups and innovative projects.
4. Universal Internet Access: Ensure that everyone has affordable and reliable access to the internet. Fast and affordable internet access is the foundation of the digital economy.
5. Consumer Protection: Protect consumers from fraud and abuse in the digital economy. This includes personal data protection and strict e-commerce regulations.
6. Sustainable Economic Growth: Aligned with sustainable economic growth, ensure that the digital economy integrates sustainability principles. This includes energy efficiency, wise use of resources, and investing in technologies that support sustainable goals.
7. Public-Private Partnerships: Encourage partnerships between the public and private sectors in developing digital infrastructure and innovation. This can help accelerate the growth of the digital economy.
8. Multistakeholder Approach: Engage a wide range of stakeholders, including governments, companies, civil society and academia, in decision-making and planning for the digital economy.
9. Consider Social Impact: Digital economic growth also needs to consider social impacts such as inequality and disrupted employment. There needs to be a plan that involves support for affected workers and training programmes to address inequalities.



10. Economic Innovation: The digital economy can also be an opportunity to develop new, more sustainable business models, such as the sharing and circular economy.
11. Community Education: Empower people with an understanding of the benefits and risks of the digital economy so that they can make informed decisions.

Also, keep in mind that the digital economy is not static and is evolving rapidly, therefore, adaptation and flexibility in responding to change is key. These measures should be tailored to local needs and conditions, but the basic principles remain relevant to deal with the ups and downs of sustainable economic growth in the digital economic revolution.

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