

**Integrating Sustainable Development into Briefing and Design
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LIST OF ACRONYMS

BRE	Building Research Agency
BREEAM	Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method
CERES	Coalition for the Environmentally Responsible Economies
CSD	Council on Sustainable Development
CSIR	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
CICA	Confederation of International Contractors' Associations
DFID	Department for International Development
GBC	Green Buildings Challenge
GBTool	Green Building Tool
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEAR	Growth, Employment and Redistribution
DEAT	Department of Environment and Tourism
DFID	Department for International Development
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
GDI	Gender related development index
GEM	Gender empowerment measure
GRI	Global Reporting Initiative
HDI	Human Development Index
HPI -1	Human Poverty Index 1 (for developing countries)
HPI -2	Human Poverty Index 2 (for industrialized countries)
HSRC	Human Sciences Research Council
ILO	International Labour Organisations
IISD	International Institute for Sustainable Development
ISEW	Index of Sustainable Economic Welfare
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
RDP	Reconstruction and Development Programme
SBAT	Sustainable Building Assessment Tool
SOE	State of the Environment Report
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNCD	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environmental Programme
USGBC	United States Green Building Council
WCED	International Union for the Conservation of Natures
WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development

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This study proposes a specification for an assessment tool that integrates sustainable development into briefing and design processes of buildings in developing countries.

The building and construction industry have a significant role to play in supporting sustainable development in developing countries. However until the implications of sustainable development for the building and construction industry in developing countries are understood and interpreted into a plan of action, little progress can be made.

The research proposal aims to make a contribution to knowledge within the field of sustainable development and building and construction in developing countries. The study suggests that an effective way of beginning to integrate sustainable development into building and construction is to make sustainable development an explicit goal during the briefing and design process of the building. The study develops a specification for assessment tool that enables the goal of sustainable development to be interpreted into building and construction objectives and shows how this can be used in the briefing and design processes of buildings.

The study is based on both a qualitative and quantitative approach. Through critical review of literature and inductive analysis key concepts pertaining to sustainability, sustainable development, developing country contexts, assessment frameworks, and building and construction are defined. These are compared and analysed to formulate a specification for an assessment tool. In order to test and validate findings the specification is compared with an existing building assessment tool, the Sustainable Building Assessment Tool.

All hypothesis developed by the study are successfully demonstrated and the study is successful in proposing a specification for an assessment tool that integrates sustainable development into briefing and design processes of buildings in developing countries.

Key words: Sustainable development, sustainability, developing countries, assessment tools, building, construction, briefing, design.