

Preface

The impacts of climate change are already being felt on every continent, and according to the IPCC, the world's greenhouse gas emissions are continuing to increase. On January 1, 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development officially came into force. There are 12 of the 17 SDGs that involve taking action on climate change. For sustainable development to be achieved, it is crucial to harmonize three interconnected core elements: economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental protection.

In this book, we provide scientific basis for a number of modern approaches and state-of-the-art methods of monitoring both the environment and social behavior and human expectations toward the protection of environment. The authors of the papers discuss these issues from different research perspectives, from physics to social sciences, and they point out the challenges and future scenarios based on the results of scientific activities.

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