

ABSTRACT

Sustainable Development in Trinidad and Tobago: The Impact of the International Financial Institutions

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As demonstrated by comparison with a proposed model for sustainable development, the premises and operationalization of the institutions' philosophy do not augur well for the meaningful incorporation of social and environmental factors of development. As such, Trinidad and Tobago is shown to fall short in the pursuit of a humane, equitable and truly sustainable development path.

Keywords

Development in Trinidad and Tobago; International Financial Institutions; Sustainable development; Washington Consensus Model.