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If there is one area of economic development which needs to be addressed in the developing countries, it is the industrial sector. The history of performance in the industrial sectors of developing countries has been very discouraging although some countries like India, Pakistan, South Korea and South Africa appear to be doing much better than most countries of the developing world.

The integration of policy into the strategies for enabling industrial development and the subsequent positive results of the impact on sustainable development is an important topic. This book lays down the fundamentals related to “the extent to which recent changes in industrial, environmental and technology policies have been more closely aligned to industrial development with the aims of sustainable development” in seven developing countries. The book examines the policies that are germane to promoting the expansion of the manufacturing sector.

In the first chapter, the editors, Ralph A. Luken and Paul Hesp, delve into explaining the concept of sustainability by examining the ideas surrounding sustainable development strategies. The remaining chapters with the exception of the last chapter which offers a conclusion on the progress and prospects of sustainability are devoted entirely to the discussion on country reports on the following topics about sustainability in Chile, China, The Czech Republic, Pakistan, Tunisia, Turkey and Zimbabwe:

1. Broad Trends in Sustainability Development
2. The Manufacturing Sector and Sustainable Development
3. Policies and Measures for the Development of Manufacturing
4. Policies, measures and institutions of (industrial) environmental management
5. Efforts directed at technology transfer, particularly environmentally sound technologies
6. Experience with integrated policies and programs
7. Major obstacles to enhancing the contribution of manufacturing to sustainable development and
8. Priorities for future action

This book provides a window into how the manufacturing sector can be managed in order to enhance the sustainable development needed in the developing countries. The case studies are very revealing and offer opportunities to understand how to improve industrial activities in these

countries so as to create a win-win situation. There are lessons for other developing countries of the world. This book is highly recommended for sustainable development courses and it is highly recommended for libraries.

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