

The Role of Financial Management in Sustainable Development

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Abstract: This research paper explores the pivotal role of financial management in advancing sustainable development goals. It delves into the integration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria in investment decisions, the emergence of sustainable financing mechanisms, and the implementation of risk management strategies to address sustainability-related risks. Through case studies and empirical analysis, it highlights the impact of financial management practices on sustainable development outcomes. Additionally, it discusses the challenges and opportunities in promoting sustainable financial management and provides policy recommendations for fostering a conducive environment. This paper contributes to the understanding of how financial management can drive sustainable development initiatives.

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