



REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Sustainable Digitalization: Access to Information and Information Preservation

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....✓.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	✓			
Techn. Quality	✓			
Clarity		✓		
Significance	✓			

Reviewer Name: Seaam Bin Masud

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

(To be published with the manuscript in the journal)

This paper provides a relevant exploration of sustainable digitalization with a strong emphasis on equitable access and stewardship of information resources over the long-term. The combination of policy insights, environmental considerations, and digital infrastructure makes this study a significant contribution to sustainability research.

Detailed Reviewer's Report

This manuscript covers a topic that is highly relevant and interdisciplinary, crossing over digital access, information preservation, and sustainability—one of the most important spaces in global discussions of digital transformation. The authors have successfully addressed policy, technological and social aspects of sustainable digitalization using a rigorous mixed-methods approach. The review of literature employed is substantial and systematic, referencing credible sources of literature. The findings are significant in particular, the identification of the gaps in infrastructure, policy, and environmental factors that hinder sustainable digital access and preservation practice. The recommendations made are practical and relevant to the nature of the study. This manuscript is publishable overall with the need for better clarity, specificity, and completeness in a number of areas.

Recommendations (Minor Revision):

- Identify the geographic location or demographic background of the survey and interview participants.
- Expand briefly in the recommendation section about the use of AI or emerging technologies (e.g., blockchain, automation of metadata).

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- Shave down redundant or overly broad sentences.
- Consider the formatting of the citations to be consistent, and remove duplicates in the references.