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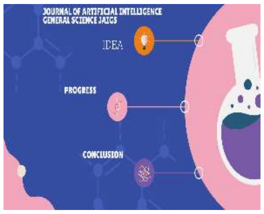

Integrating Sustainable Design Principles into Construction Practices: A Comprehensive Review

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ABSTRACT

The global push for sustainable development has placed significant pressure on the construction industry to prioritize sustainable practices. However, navigating the complexities of sustainability in construction presents challenges, given the multitude of variables and the lack of a unified evaluation framework. In this study, we conducted an extensive literature review to redefine sustainable construction and identify existing evaluation frameworks. Our findings led to the development of a conceptual framework that incorporates specific indicators and criteria across sociocultural, economic, technical, and environmental dimensions. This framework offers a structured approach to assess the sustainability of construction practices. Recommendations for its implementation are also provided.

Introduction:

The population explosion coupled with industrialization and rapid urbanization during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries exacerbated the exploitation of natural resources and environmental degradation. The 1972 United Nations conference on Human Environment in Stockholm marked a pivotal moment in recognizing the global interplay between environment and development. Subsequently, the 1987 Brundtland Report defined sustainable development and underscored the interconnectedness of social, economic, and environmental dimensions.

Initially, sustainable development focused on conserving natural resources amid concerns of their finite availability and potential depletion. The Johannesburg Summit of the United Nations introduced the 'three-pillar' concept—People, Planet, and Prosperity/Profit—emphasizing the need to balance social and economic development with environmental protection.

Various scholars have highlighted technology's pivotal role in sustainable development alongside addressing social, economic, and environmental dimensions. They argue for adaptable technological solutions aligned with specific contexts and the broader impacts on society and the environment.

Construction activities exert significant strain on natural ecosystems and disrupt sustainable habitats. Technology plays a crucial role in mitigating the environmental impacts of construction, including resource depletion, waste generation, greenhouse gas emissions, and pollution. The construction sector's massive consumption of sand and its substantial contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and waste underscore the urgency of adopting sustainable practices.

Methodology

Addressing these challenges, this paper proposes a conceptual framework for sustainable construction. This framework aims to guide the selection and evaluation of construction practices, materials, methods, and techniques to align with the objectives of sustainable development. Recommendations for implementing this framework are also provided.

We conducted a semi-systematic literature review to explore the multifaceted aspects of sustainable construction and address the following research questions:

- What constitutes sustainable construction?

- What specific objectives, indicators, and criteria determine the sustainability of construction practices, and how can their suitability in sustainable construction be assessed?

Our methodology began with a foundational literature review on sustainable development to contextualize our study. We then expanded this review to encompass diverse perspectives on sustainability and various frameworks for evaluating sustainability in construction. To guide our literature selection, we considered the four dimensions of sustainable development: social, economic, technological, and environmental.

Using keywords such as "conceptual framework," "sustainability aspects," and the four dimensions of sustainability, we identified relevant research papers. This process facilitated the creation of Table 1, where we synthesized our findings, formulated a definition for sustainable construction, and delineated sub objectives.

Subsequently, we identified indicators for each sub objective by examining literature related to their respective definitions, their interrelations, and their impact on sustainable construction. Definitions for each indicator were derived from our literature review, and we determined assessment strategies, whether qualitative or quantitative.

Furthermore, we identified criteria for these indicators by reviewing literature relevant to each indicator and sub objective, using keywords aligned with their respective definitions. This process ensured a comprehensive understanding of the indicators and their assessment criteria.

Overall, our methodology involved a systematic approach to synthesizing diverse literature sources, allowing us to develop a comprehensive framework for understanding and evaluating sustainable construction practices.

Sustainability aspects in construction

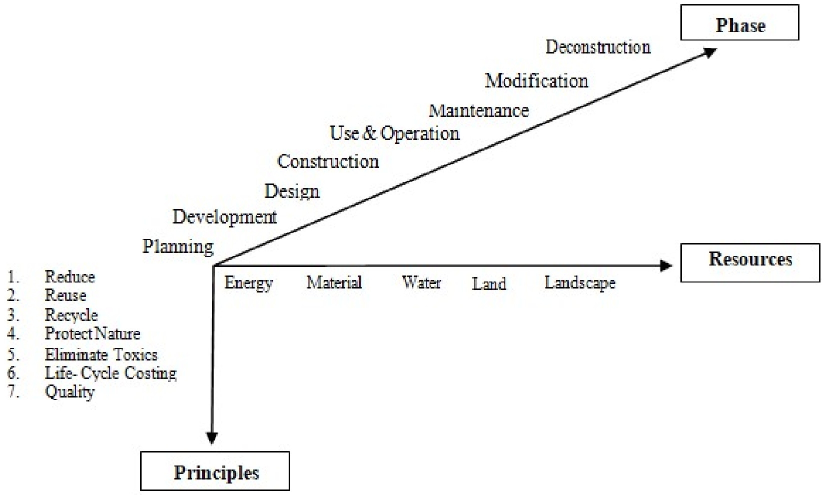
The significance of sustainability within the construction industry has been steadily increasing since the early 1990s. Initially coined by Hill et al. [18], the term "sustainable construction" was introduced to highlight the construction sector's responsibility in achieving sustainability goals. Initially, the focus was primarily on mitigating environmental impacts, emphasizing resource optimization and waste minimization [9, 19–29]. This early conceptualization was rooted in the "cradle to grave" approach, aligning with the principles of sustainable development [22, 23]. Over time, researchers expanded their focus to include socioeconomic factors alongside environmental concerns [3, 18, 30–59]. They recognized the pivotal role of technology in ensuring construction practices are both economically viable and socially acceptable, highlighting the importance of innovative technological solutions [60–65].

Table 1 provides a succinct overview of various researchers' approaches to sustainability within the construction sector, along with conceptual frameworks. The literature selected for this review was identified using the methodology outlined in the previous section. It underscores the unique perspective of sustainable construction as a pathway towards sustainable development, with a keen emphasis on the four pillars of sustainability: social, economic, technological, and environmental. Additionally, the emphasis on recycling and reuse emerges as a defining characteristic of sustainable construction.

This recognition points towards a paradigm shift from the linear "cradle to grave" model to the circular "cradle to cradle" approach. Sustainable construction (SC) can thus be understood as an approach/practice rooted in the "cradle to cradle" concept. It is characterized by its social acceptability, economic feasibility, technological reliability, and environmental friendliness, all of which contribute to the overarching goal of sustainable development.

Comparative study on selected frameworks

Fig. 1 Framework for sustainable construction (Source: Kibert [20])



A comparative study was undertaken to evaluate the selected frameworks concerning their inclusivity in addressing the objectives of sustainable construction, as well as the emphasis placed on each aspect (social, economic, technological, and environmental). Additionally, the suitability of these frameworks in addressing the research objectives was assessed.

Kibert [19, 20] proposed a model aimed at fostering a more environmentally sustainable built environment within construction projects and industries. This model prioritizes sustainability criteria such as resource preservation, environmental preservation, and the creation of a healthy environment, rather than traditional metrics like performance, quality, and cost. Kibert outlines four key categories for sustainable construction issues: resources, environmental health, design, and environmental effects.

Technical criteria, including embodied energy content, greenhouse gas emissions, and toxicity levels, are identified for material and product selection. In response to practical challenges in applying these criteria, Kibert proposes seven principles—conservation, reuse, renewable/recyclable materials, environmental protection, nontoxicity, life-cycle costing, and quality—addressing the complexities of sustainable construction while considering resource usage (land, energy, water, materials, and biota). He also presents a model (Fig. 1) featuring three axes—principles, resources, and phases—that highlight the interconnectedness of these principles, resources, and different construction phases (from planning to deconstruction). This conceptual framework serves as a guide for implementing sustainability principles across various stages of construction.

While Kibert's model offers comprehensive guidelines for environmental sustainability, particularly in resource selection and application throughout project phases (from inception to disposal), it lacks focus on other sustainability aspects such as social, economic, and technological considerations. However, the incorporation of life-cycle cost considerations may partially address economic sustainability concerns.

Hill et al. [18, 60] proposed a practical framework applicable to construction projects and industries to achieve sustainable construction outcomes. Their framework advocates for environmental assessment (EA) during the planning/design stage and the implementation of an environmental management system (EMS) during the construction stage. EA, synonymous with sustainability assessment in this context, identifies potential impacts, evaluates alternatives, devises mitigation measures, and formulates compensation plans and monitoring programs for residual impacts. This framework is guided by principles under four sustainability pillars: social, economic, biophysical, and technical. Social sustainability principles encompass enhancing quality of life, poverty alleviation, cultural diversity preservation, and ensuring a safe working environment. Economic sustainability principles focus on financial affordability, employment creation, responsible supplier selection, and investment in social and human capital. Technical sustainability principles emphasize structural durability, functional reliability, serviceability, and infrastructure integration. Environmental sustainability principles include minimizing resource extraction, maximizing resource reuse/recycling, pollution reduction, and ecological diversity preservation.

While Hill et al.'s framework offers a robust approach to sustainability assessment, encompassing a wide range of social, economic, technological, and environmental considerations, its primary focus remains on environmental sustainability. However, the inclusion of economic principles, such as full-cost accounting and real-cost pricing, contributes to addressing economic sustainability aspects to some extent.

This process entails three key steps. Firstly, Step 1 involves identifying and defining functions, where primary functions articulate project objectives based on client expectations. In Step 2, functions are categorized into basic and secondary functions. The basic function represents the primary purpose for which the project or building is designed, while secondary functions provide supporting roles and can be further subdivided to enhance evaluation. Step 3 entails establishing relationships between functions using FAST (Function Analysis System Technique) models.

In the context of implementing sustainable construction, this process divides the ultimate objective into level one functions encompassing environmental, social, and economic principles. These are then broken down into level two functions and further into sublevel functions detailing methods to achieve them. Key stakeholder participation, particularly those experienced in sustainable construction and value management, is crucial for successful framework implementation. However, Ali M et al. identified this as a significant limitation, emphasizing the additional time and cost required for efficient implementation.

While the framework's strength lies in its comprehensive coverage of environmental principles and achieving consensus across various functions and methods towards sustainable construction goals, it falls short in adequately addressing technological aspects. Although sustainability principles touch upon technological considerations such as durability and constructability (economic factors), they overlook direct mentions of fundamental strength or performance characteristics. Similarly, under economic principles, factors like project duration directly influencing costs are not explicitly addressed. Additionally, certain sublevel functions, such as ensuring quality, may be better suited under social principles due to the subjective nature of quality perception. However, aspects like adaptability (related to social considerations) and constructability (linked to technological aspects) could be re-evaluated under economic considerations with appropriate guidelines.

Nair [63] presented a conceptual framework aimed at evaluating sustainable-affordable construction practices, with equal emphasis on socio-cultural, economic, technological, and environmental factors of sustainability. Within each of these dimensions, various criteria were identified to delineate specific requirements for achieving sustainability.

For socio-cultural factors, criteria such as acceptance, awareness, and enabling self-help were highlighted. Economic sustainability considerations encompassed factors like infrastructure, accessibility to materials or labor, unskilled labor, and material efficiency. Technological sustainability criteria included attributes such as strength, durability, and reliability. Under environmental factors, criteria such as energy efficiency, waste management, and reusability/renewability were outlined.

While the framework appears comprehensive in its integration of the four sustainability dimensions, further refinements are necessary to address potential duplications, missing criteria, and criteria misplacement. For instance, the inclusion of unskilled labor under economic sustainability and enabling self-help under socio-cultural factors may lead to duplications and thus warrants appropriate identification and placement. Moreover, the absence of considerations for life cycle costs and related criteria, which directly contribute to economic sustainability, requires attention. Criteria such as reliability, typically categorized under technological factors, may be more appropriately placed under socio-cultural factors due to their subjective nature. Similarly, material efficiency, often associated with economic factors, could find better placement under environmental factors to align with resource optimization objectives.

Additionally, the framework's proposition of equal significance for each sustainability aspect may not always align with real-world scenarios. Thus, suggesting the framework's applicability necessitates proposing greater flexibility to tailor to situational demands.

Goh et al. [53] introduced a conceptual maturity model for assessing sustainable construction, aiming to evaluate the strengths, weaknesses, external opportunities, and threats related to the current performance of construction projects or industries in the context of sustainable development. The model serves as a baseline to gauge the evolution of sustainable development maturity within the construction sector.

Five domains are outlined in this model, serving as key metrics: performance (focusing on sustainability aspects), management capability and capacity (ensuring effectiveness and efficiency of implementation), culture (securing community support), long-term framework and development (continuously assessing and integrating sustainability features), and research and development (keeping pace with current trends). Each domain is further subdivided into subfactors, with a 5-point measurement scale assigned to assess maturity levels. These levels range from initial to optimal (level 1 to 5), indicating the maturity index of sustainable construction, with level 5 representing the highest maturity status.

While the performance domain directly aligns with the objectives of this review, the other four domains pertain to the implementation of sustainable construction. Therefore, detailed evaluation within the performance domain is conducted concerning the aims of this paper. Goh et al. evaluate performance based on nine main principles of sustainable construction, covering aspects such as resource and materials consumption, environmental impact, quality of comfort, energy efficiency, design process, life cycle costing, functional applicability, lifespan, and heritage and cultural preservation. Subfactors are identified within each principle to measure sustainable competitiveness.

Despite the apparent comprehensiveness of these principles, systematic grouping could have improved to avoid duplication and ensure the inclusion of all relevant criteria. Some principles overlap in addressing environmental and social aspects, while others lack consideration for economic and technological factors. However, the other domains of the maturity model address factors related to social and economic sustainability, such as attitude, awareness, and financial capability.

This review identifies commonalities among the selected frameworks in terms of indicator identification aligned with sustainable development principles. However, drawbacks like duplication and misplacement of criteria were observed. While recent frameworks tend to be more integrative, focusing on non-technical and non-environmental aspects of sustainability, further modifications are required to enhance comprehensiveness. This study proposes a comprehensive conceptual framework with systematic grouping of indicators and criteria to address the basic objectives of sustainable construction without duplication.

Proposed framework for sustainable construction

The objectives of sustainable construction are attainable through the careful consideration of subobjectives within sociocultural sustainability, economic sustainability, technological sustainability, and environmental sustainability (refer to Fig. 2).

Sociocultural sustainability (SCS) plays a pivotal role in construction, particularly evident in infrastructure development aimed at fostering healthy living and social well-being. Numerous researchers have underscored the importance of SCS in construction [59, 66–74]. Given the direct correlation between infrastructure affordability, quality of life, and environmental conditions, the significance of economic sustainability (ECS) and environmental sustainability (ENVS) becomes apparent. The affordability of viable technological solutions also heavily influences the selection of environmentally friendly alternatives, highlighting the importance of technological sustainability (TCS) in sustainable construction.

To ensure a coherent and structured framework while avoiding redundancy in criteria and indicators, this research adopts the approach proposed by Keeney [75, 76] and Van der Lei et al. [77], which involves creating an objective hierarchy model for sustainable construction. Subobjectives, indicators, and criteria are delineated in accordance with this methodology.

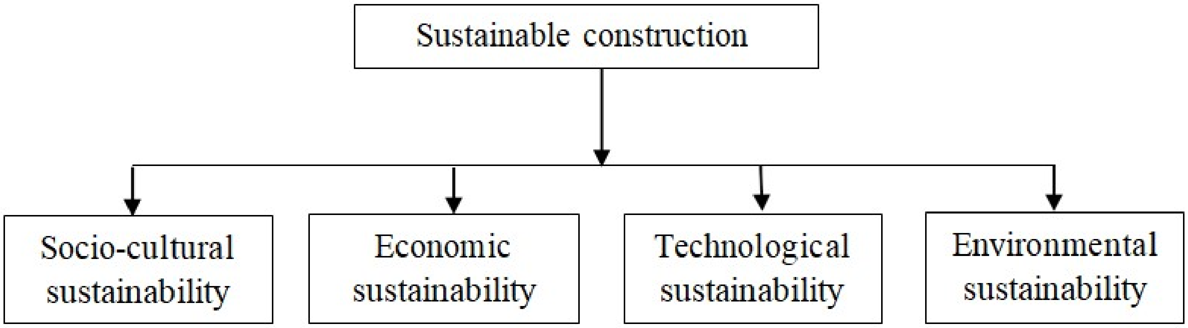


Fig. 2 Sustainable construction – Sub objectives

Sociocultural sustainability encompasses activities or developments aimed at enhancing people's well-being while preserving specific social relations, customs, structures, and values, as noted by Chiu, R. L [78]. The cultural and social dimensions of a society are intertwined, exerting a profound influence on community development. The social acceptance of construction throughout its lifecycle significantly impacts sustainability, highlighting the importance of community participation, awareness, adaptability, satisfaction, and social benefit as fundamental indicators for evaluating sociocultural sustainability. Valdes-Vasquez et al. [79] underscore the critical role of sociocultural sustainability from the planning stage of construction.

Indicators of Sociocultural Sustainability:

- Community Participation: This indicator measures the degree to which community involvement improves sociocultural sustainability in construction practices by creating local employment opportunities and fostering community confidence. It can be assessed based on the potential of technological options to utilize local resources, particularly those that require the participation of unskilled laborers and local infrastructure.

- Awareness: Awareness, identified as a key driver in promoting sustainable construction practices by Serpell et al. [80], is qualitatively measured based on the popularity of technological options and varies among individuals. Practical awareness and knowledge-based awareness serve as basic criteria for assessing this indicator.

- Adaptability/Flexibility: Qualitatively measured, adaptability refers to the flexibility of technological options to meet changing user needs. Loftness et al. [81] advocate for a shift from 'tight-fit design to generous design' in pursuit of sustainability. Criteria for this indicator include adaptability to varying topographical conditions, architectural styles, and compatibility with traditional/local practices.

- Satisfaction: Satisfaction with a technological option is gauged by stakeholders' contentment, including beneficiaries and the workforce. Petrovic [83] and Zuo et al. [14] consider quality of life as integral to social sustainability. Factors influencing satisfaction include reliability, safety, comfort, and the option's utility for different age groups, encompassing aspects like physical comfort, ventilation, lighting, privacy, and acoustic comfort.

- Social Costs/Benefits: This indicator assesses a technological option's potential to deliver additional benefits beyond its intended objectives. Policy initiatives often promote sustainable practices through monetary incentives, emphasizing the significance of equitable resource distribution and social cost consideration in advancing sustainable construction practices.

Economic sustainability in construction refers to the affordability of technological options that meet specified requirements without compromising other sustainability aspects. Innovative technologies are often proposed with cost reduction in mind, making life cycle cost a significant indicator for sustainable construction [21, 45, 84]. The selection of technological options also considers factors such as resource feasibility and construction speed, emphasizing the importance of life cycle cost, resource feasibility, and process duration as key indicators for assessing economic sustainability in construction.

Indicators of Economic Sustainability:

- Life Cycle Cost: Life cycle cost encompasses the total expenses incurred throughout the process, from inception to disposal. It includes initial costs (such as raw material collection, transportation, and processing), operational costs (including maintenance expenses), environmental costs (related to safe disposal and emissions), and residual value (reuse/recycling potential). Optimizing life cycle costs is paramount for economic sustainability.

- Feasibility of Resources: This indicator evaluates the potential of technological options to access necessary resources. Accessibility to resources, including infrastructure, materials, and labor, influences the affordability of sustainable construction. Technological options requiring minimal infrastructure and basic resources, as noted by Nair, D. G [63], contribute to economic sustainability if these resources are readily available.

- Process Duration: Time and cost performance are intertwined, making process duration a significant indicator in economic sustainability evaluation. It represents the total time required for a technological option to complete all necessary steps and processes to become functional.

Technological sustainability in construction entails the adoption of environmentally friendly and economically feasible technological options that meet the minimum mandatory requirements. It is defined by the ability of construction practices/materials to perform according to specified functional requirements, including strength and durability.

Indicators of Technological Sustainability:

- Strength: This indicator assesses a technological option's ability to meet the basic strength parameters specified by standards, tailored to local circumstances.

- Durability: Durability refers to a material/technological option's capacity to withstand weathering, chemical attack, or other environmental factors over its functional lifetime, without requiring unforeseen maintenance or repair.

Environmental sustainability in construction is achieved through a cyclical building process, emphasizing resource efficiency and environmental quality. Key indicators for measuring environmental sustainability include environmental quality and resource efficiency.

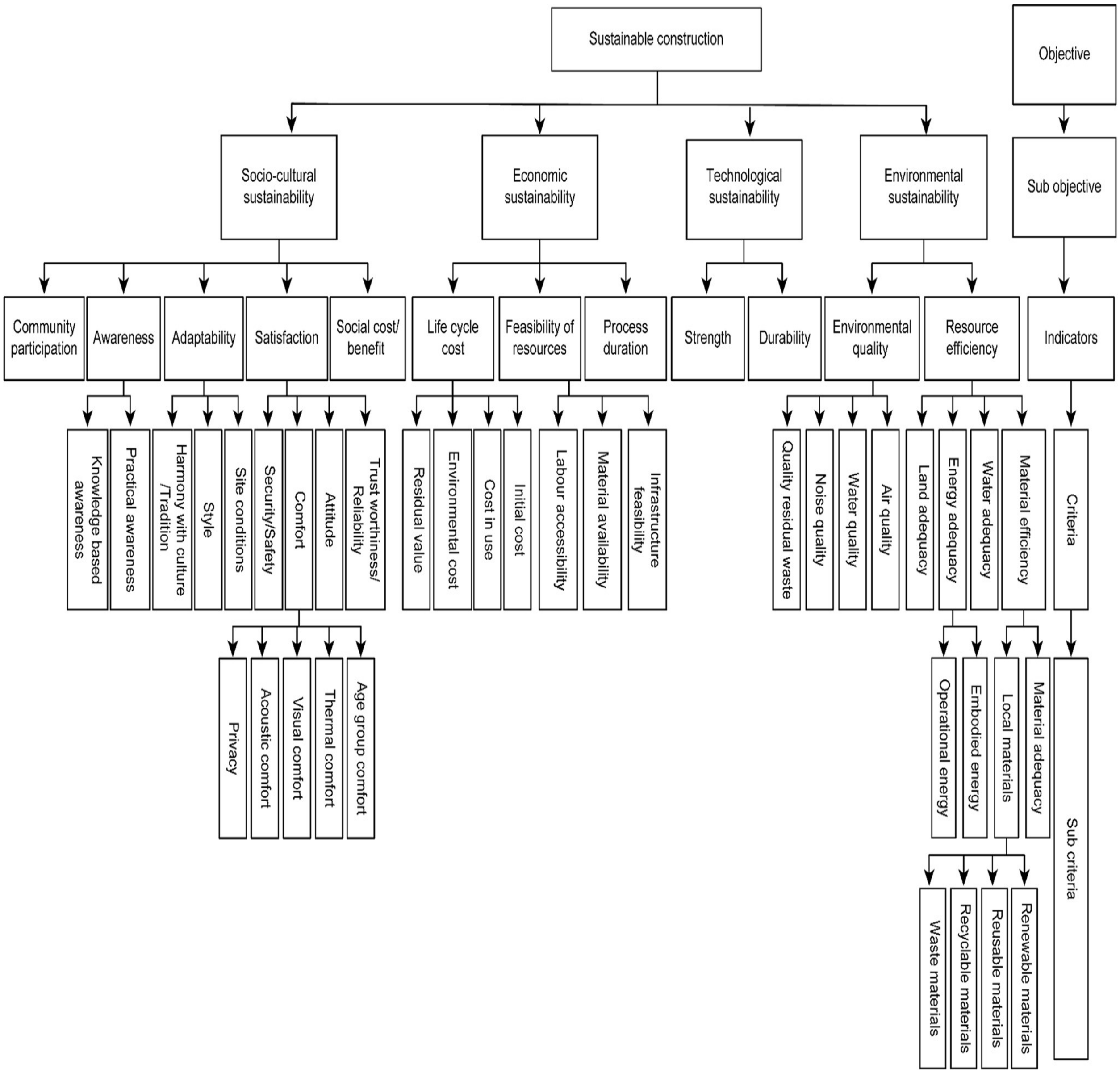
Indicators of Environmental Sustainability:

- Environmental Quality: This indicator evaluates the quality of air, water, noise, and the quantity of residual waste generated by adopting specific technological practices.

- Resource Efficiency: Resource efficiency focuses on reducing the use of energy, water, materials, and land to minimize environmental impact. Energy efficiency is measured by the total energy requirement, considering embodied energy and operational energy. Material efficiency assesses material adequacy and the utilization of local materials, aiming to limit material quantity while meeting strength and durability requirements. Land adequacy measures the extent of physical land destruction directly related to a technological option/building process, considering its impact on natural topography, water table levels, and climate change.

This conceptual framework for sustainable construction emphasizes the importance of technological and environmental sustainability indicators in achieving overall sustainability goals.

Recommendations for the application of the proposed framework



The proposed conceptual framework for evaluating the sustainability of construction practices encompasses various indicators and criteria reflecting multidimensional characteristics aligned with the objectives of sustainable construction. It suggests a blend of qualitative and quantitative indicators, acknowledging their respective contributions to sustainable development. While certain indicators may not always be prioritized depending on immediate circumstances, they still hold significance and cannot be entirely disregarded.

Sociocultural sustainability is notably influenced by individual preferences, making qualitative evaluation appropriate for this aspect. Conversely, technological sustainability indicators can be quantitatively measured. Economic and environmental sustainability assessments benefit from a mixed approach. Process duration and most life cycle cost criteria, except residual value, lend themselves to quantitative evaluation. However, the majority of economic sustainability indicators and criteria, along with quality residual waste under environmental quality, are best assessed qualitatively due to their dependency on location, workforce skills, and efficiency.

Qualitative analysis can grade various criteria based on quantitative values, with normalization performed against specified standards. For instance, indicators meeting or exceeding specified requirements are considered equivalent to standard values, while those falling below standards are normalized accordingly. A simple additive weighting system can generate a sustainability index, with weights assigned based on the number of indicators within each objective. Stakeholders retain flexibility in adjusting weightage to align with the sustainable construction objective and situational demands.

The sustainability index (SI) for each objective is calculated as follows:

$$ SI = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{n} x_{ij} \times w_{j} $$

Where 'N' is the number of indicators, 'n' is the number of criteria, w_{j} is the weight of each criterion, and x_{ij} is the normalized score of the criterion.

Upon deriving sustainability indices for each objective, stakeholders can make informed decisions regarding the selection or assessment of construction practices conducive to sustainable construction. Evaluation methods may involve structured questionnaire surveys to align with stakeholder preferences and ensure comprehensive analysis.

Conclusion

This study underscores the importance of adopting a cradle-to-cradle perspective, acknowledging interconnectedness, and fulfilling the four objectives of sustainable construction as key aspects of its novelty. The conceptual framework proposed for sustainable construction represents a comprehensive compilation of specifications, featuring indicators, criteria, and subcriteria under each sustainability pillar, all without redundancy. This framework stands poised to aid stakeholders in the selection and ex-ante evaluation of existing construction practices suitable for sustainability. Its inherent flexibility allows for adaptation to diverse situational demands within the bounds of sustainability, making it universally applicable.

While the framework presented is currently conceptual, its practical application and testing are imperative. Its strength lies in the clear distinction and separation of indicators into sociocultural, economic, technical, and environmental categories, thereby minimizing overlap and interconnectedness often observed in other frameworks. The next phase of this research involves operationalizing, validating, and implementing the proposed framework to assess the sustainability of construction practices, thereby advancing its utility and efficacy in real-world contexts.

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