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The *Contemporary Issues in Entrepreneurship Research*-Emerald Book Series aims to provide a platform for leading edge research that reflects contemporary themes of interest to the entrepreneurship discipline. The volumes of this series are proposed and edited by established scholars drawn from the membership of the Institute of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ISBE) community. All contributions are double blind peer reviewed by subject experts from the discipline.

The eighth volume in the series, *Entrepreneurship and the Sustainable Development Goals* edited by Nikolaos Apostolopoulos, Haya Al-Dajani, Diane Holt, Paul Jones and Robert Newbery draws together studies considering entrepreneurial behaviour and the sustainable development goals (SDGs). The requirement for responsible entrepreneurial behaviour is a global necessity given the finite planetary resources, globalisation trends and ongoing economic growth. The need for the small business community to embrace and comply with the SDGs is essential in both the developed and developing world. However, this area of research remains nascent and there is a need to capture and reflect on best practice. Thus, there is a need for ongoing evidence to inform this debate drawn from differing global contexts. This volume is an attempt to supplement and enhance this evidence base with studies drawn from several different countries. The evidence presented highlights the global nature of the growth of sustainable entrepreneurship within the small business community.

This volume is structured into three sections. The first section considers studies of social change and entrepreneurship through the lens of the United Nations SDGs. The second section examines organisational practices and innovation towards the United Nations SDGs. The final section explores entrepreneurship, gender equality and empowerment towards the UN SDGs.

To conclude this introduction some thanks to the many contributors. To the guest editors, especially the lead guest editor Dr Nikolaos Apostolopoulos for leading and managing the entire process. To the authors and reviewers for all their efforts, time and diligence in taking this volume to a successful completion. To the Emerald production team, for their efforts in taking the volume through the production processes by the required deadlines. To ISBE, in supporting the development of the volume and its promotion.

In line with the objectives of the series, this volume contributes a new peer-reviewed body of evidence which provides fresh insights and perspectives and informs, and further engages the entrepreneurship discipline.

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