

Viet nam's efforts in building sustainable economic development in the post-pandemic period

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Abstract:

The Covid-19 has created a hard year for the global economy and Vietnam's economy. It has negatively and largely impacted on Vietnam's economy, especially the tourism, services, value chain, input materials, etc. resulting in reduction of Vietnam's GDP growth. This study aims at reviewing Vietnam's challenges and opportunities and its policies and efforts to achieve sustainable economic growth in the context of facing a new normal post-pandemic.

The study finds out that: The post-pandemic context is characterized by the uncertainty of the world economic development accompanied by the major power competition that has expanded not only in political, economic and security sectors but also in the fight against the pandemic. These events happen on top of the lasting issue of climate change. Thus, this context has caused concerns of a long period of slow global economic recovery that would inhibits the efforts to build a sustainable economic growth and development.

Within that context, Vietnam has to overcome long-term and immediate challenges relating to rising unemployment, vulnerabilities of enterprises, especially small and medium enterprises. Vietnam, however, has certain advantages such as receiving more investments due to the shifting of investment locations away from China by Japanese, American and European enterprises.

Given these challenges and opportunities, Vietnam's policy has targeted at: i) controlling the breakout of Covid-19; ii) focusing at supporting MSMEs, unemployed, iii) digital transformation; iv) green economy; v) taking advantages of its networks of FTAs, for instance Economic Partnership Agreements with Japan, Free Trade Agreement with South Korea, and the recently signed Vietnam-EU FTA.