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RE: Domestication of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

I hereby express my interest in being part of the department of demography at the University of Vienna. Since 2016, I am currently at Tübingen University pursuing a Ph.D. in political science (international relations). My research focuses on the root causes of African irregular migration. I am currently in the fourth year of my doctoral course and hope to complete by 2020.

The international community has moved from Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) to Sustainable development Goals (SDGs). However, we are yet to see a shift in the archetype of development work to overcome the challenges highlighted in the implementation of MDGs. I have published work on the domestication of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). I this article I propose a digitalized way of downscaling and measuring SDGs. This is to enable development actors at local levels and the international community at large, to be able to effectively monitor and evaluate the achievement of the goals. On this note, I would want to develop an executable digital framework that can be used to monitor the achievement of SDGs' goals and indicators by different development actors.

This call for proposals on the Economics of Digitization offered by The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) would provide me with a good opportunity to build this project. This would require strong teamwork of specialists from diverse backgrounds. I will take this opportunity to identify other-like minded people who we can work together.

Yours sincerely,
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