

# The Sustainability of Sustainable Development Measurement

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Sustainable development measurement is an important exploration field in socio-economic statistics, which has been attached great importance by society for 30 years. In 2010, “The Commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress” (CMEPSP), headed by J.E. Stiglitz, A. Sen and J.P. Fitoussi, published a report entitled “Mis-measuring Our Lives: Why GDP Doesn’t Add Up” (“SSF Report” for short). It systematically reviews and summarizes methods of economic measurement, classical GDP issues, well-being measurement and sustainable development measurement become its three main contents. Relevant research has presented a splendid sight. Nevertheless, we can not blindly follow existing measurement methods. This paper queries sustainability of sustainable development measurement itself, mainly involving two fundamental issues of “necessity” and “feasibility”.

This paper includes the following four sections: reflections on concept premises of sustainable development; reflections on concept premises of sustainable development measurement; criticism of four kinds of sustainable development measurement methods; further discussion on methodology of sustainable development measurement.