

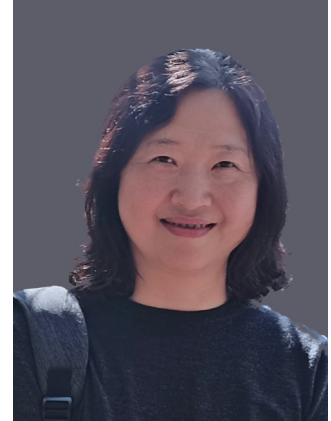


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ABSTRACT (NO MORE THAN 500 WORDS:)

The development of textile and garment (T&G) industrial parks in Ethiopia has yielded many promising results, yet numerous environmental management challenges persist. There is a crucial need for a set of evaluation indicators to guide the further green development of these parks. Scholars globally have established various quantitative evaluation indicator systems, but these do not accurately reflect the current state of Ethiopia's textile industry. This research introduces a quantitative evaluation system for the green development of Ethiopian T&G industrial parks, utilizing the Bayesian Best Worst Method (Bayesian BWM). This system is based on Ethiopian policy requirements and standards, as well as the green development needs of the textile industry, drawing from the eco-industrial park evaluation system of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and other key literature. The system comprises four criteria: park environmental management, energy usage, resource usage, and waste management, encompassing a total of 30 indicators. Using this system and actual data, the study quantitatively evaluates the Hawassa Industrial Park (HIP), the largest contributor to Ethiopia's T&G export proportion, thereby completing empirical research. The findings highlight the challenges in achieving Ethiopia's current environmental policy targets, primarily due to low transparency in park environmental management data and foreign exchange shortages. The study also notes that waste management practices require significant updates and improvements, and offers advice for accelerating green development in Ethiopian T&G industrial parks. Overall, this article presents a quantitative analysis based on ranking and adopts a top-down approach to establishing park indicator systems, tailored to Ethiopian national conditions and the textile and garment industry's current state. This methodology could be adapted for other countries and industries in developing their own evaluation indicator systems.