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QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

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1. Sustainable development can be measured at the macro-level, but it can only be achieved through actions at the micro-level. (Chapter 2)
2. Sets of numbers tell stories. (Chapter 3)
3. Duly accounting for non-optimality can create wonders. (Chapter 4)
4. It is possible to take a method mainly used in one field of economics, twist it a little and then apply it to a completely different field. (Chapters 4 & 5)
5. A good education and a decent level of health are essential, not only for a country's economic development. (Chapters 4, 5 & 6)
6. Dynamic is complicated, but static may be bland.
7. The concept of sustainable development relates to all aspects of life.
8. Economic and econometric theories are very elegant; this does not hold for their empirical application.
9. Theoretical research is fun, but to have a policy impact economic research must be empirically based, realizable and politically relevant.
10. Ich kann, weil ich will, was ich muss. *Immanuel Kant*