Sustainability Insights on Twitter (X): the role of Innovation and technology in shaping the future.

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ABSTRACT

The article investigates the representation of sustainability on social media, focusing on how discussions about the topic influence public opinion and business practices. The research conducts a case study on tweets from Twitter (X), utilizing methodologies to understand how sustainability is mentioned and which terms are associated with it. The empirical results reveal that discussions center around three main areas: future visions, which address emerging trends; environmental issues, emphasizing the impact of practices and technologies on the environment; and innovation, highlighting new approaches to tackle environmental challenges.The study justifies its relevance by the growing importance of sustainability in social, economic, and environmental spheres, as well as the role of social media in disseminating sustainable concepts. The results of the tweet analysis aim to provide insights into emerging trends and how these discussions can impact corporate strategies and policy formulation. From this perspective, concludes that social media serves as a strategic tool for organizations, enabling them to connect with the public and promote their sustainability initiatives while also helping to shape public perception of the topic.

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INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the term "sustainability" has become increasingly prominent in business positioning, despite its broad definition (Goodland, 1995). Sustainability refers to the use of goods and services that meet basic needs and enhance quality of life, while minimizing the use of natural resources and toxic materials and reducing emissions of waste and pollutants throughout the product or service life cycle, without compromising the needs of future generations (Tanimoto, 2013).

According to Silvestre and Ţîrcă (2019), achieving sustainability across its three pillars—economic, social, and environmental—requires debating, understanding, and applying additional frameworks in various sectors, particularly in business, which has received significant focus. In this context, sustainability and economic viability have become central challenges for companies striving to position themselves in the market. Ghazinoory et al.

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(2020) argue that the economic viability of many companies often does not align with sustainable practices.

It is worth noting that the term "sustainable" has been the subject of research in various studies that utilize data mining from social media to address sustainability. For example, Ozcan et al. (2021) examined Twitter (X) to investigate the trends and gather ideas related to "idea" and "sustainability". Zafar et al. (2021) investigated how social media can influence sustainable attitudes, this research group demonstrated that the social media plays a significant role in shaping users' lifestyles, influencing their decisions regarding sustainability. In this context, the number of posts on these topics has been increasing, indicating a rise in awareness and engagement among users about sustainable practices.

In this scenario, social media has become a crucial platform for discussing sustainability-related topics, allowing companies to project their narratives and positions on sustainability. Platforms like Twitter (X) can provide valuable insights and metrics that help companies develop more effective marketing strategies focused on public opinion. Additionally, social media are used as a tool to disseminate information, establish connections, promote brand sustainability, and increase awareness, as noted by Kirchner et al. (2022).

Considering the impact of sustainability discussions on social media and their influence on public opinion, this article conducts a case study of tweets on Twitter (X) to examine how sustainability is represented, analyzing key patterns and co-occurrences associated with the term. Using methodologies like *Content Analysis* and *Human-Assisted Content Analysis*, this study aims to answer the following specific questions: (1) How is sustainability mentioned in tweets?; and (2) What are the main terms related to sustainability, and how are these terms associated with sustainability and its insights?

In view of that, this research is justified by the growing importance of sustainability in social, economic, and environmental domains, as well as by the role of social media platforms, particularly Twitter (X), in spreading and discussing sustainable concepts and practices. In a world where environmental concerns and the demand for more sustainable business practices are on the rise, it is crucial to develop strategies that consider public perceptions of sustainability.

Furthermore, the *Content Analysi*s of tweets offers a rich and dynamic view of emerging trends and themes related to sustainability. This perspective is essential not only for academics and researchers, but also for companies and policymakers seeking to align their practices with contemporary social and environmental expectations.

The hypothesis of this research is that the discussion of sustainability in tweets reflects not only growing concern about ecological and social issues but also broader public awareness and engagement with sustainable practices and solutions. Additionally, the analysis is expected to reveal how different themes contribute to the promotion of agendas that encourage corporate and sustainable practices.

As more people adopt sustainable stances on social media, this case study offers insights into how these topics can foster significant engagement in various areas related to the representation of sustainability on social platforms. As the sustainability agenda evolves, it also becomes a factor that adds credibility to organizations. In an environment where new challenges arise for companies, whether positive or negative, social media becomes a strategic tool in addressing these challenges due to the extensive network connections among users (Alsehani et al., 2023). Finally, this study aims to reflect on how public tweets about sustainability not only demonstrate engagement but also provide valuable insights into the future, technology, and innovations. By focusing on the most recurrent terms in posts, the study opens a discussion about emerging trends in sustainable technologies and innovation opportunities, as reflected in the public opinion expressed in tweets. This provides companies and researchers with a solid foundation for strategic positioning, considering contemporary expectations and market dynamics. This study emphasizes the crucial role that social media plays at a time when it is becoming clear that these platforms are necessary for companies looking to take advantage of sustainability possibilities and challenges.

Navigating Sustainability and Innovation: Bridging Present Actions with Future Goals for a Sustainable Future

Sustainability refers to the capacity to meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, while sustainable development represents an active process aimed at achieving this capacity. Although often used interchangeably, these terms possess distinct nuances that are crucial for understanding the complexity and scope of promoting balanced and responsible development (Ruggerio, 2021).

Simultaneously, sustainability encompasses the responsible use of resources, ensuring that present needs are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, as highlighted by Goodland (1995). This concept extends to practices that minimize the exploitation of natural resources and reduce the emission of pollutants. Tanimoto (2013)

elaborates on this by emphasizing the importance of sustainable practices that aim to decrease the environmental footprint of human activities, thereby promoting a balance between development and environmental preservation.

On one hand, sustainability is defined as a management model that aims for returns (profit) while promoting economic development, also considering social and environmental aspects (Elkington, 1999). On the other hand, sustainable development is part of a process of change where resource use, investment allocation, technological advancement, and institutional reforms align to enhance current and future potential, aiming to meet human needs and aspirations (Brundtland, 1987).

Some authors emphasize that the definition of sustainability addresses three interconnected pillars: economic prosperity, environmental quality, and social equity (Adams, 2006). In line with this view, others consider sustainability to consist of three main factors: economic, environmental, and cultural (Alsehani et al., 2023). Furthermore, cultural diversity is highlighted as an essential dimension of sustainability, being necessary and important for humanity and biodiversity, promoted through science and higher education (Kates et al., 2003). Pizzi et al. (2022) support this new dimension and mention that intercultural differences between countries can present challenges in transitioning to more sustainable practices, representing a central topic for policymakers interested in developing more sustainable policies.

The industrial sector has shown increasing interest in environmentally sustainable practices. Mikulčić et al. (2017) discuss new technologies and solutions that have positive environmental impacts, such as new methods for water and wastewater treatment, air and soil quality control, and biofuel production. Given the complexity of the term sustainability, achieving its goals also presents challenges, marked by significant events such as the establishment of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) in 1995 and the creation of Agenda 21, a global action plan for sustainable development.

The goals and principles of sustainability must be shared collaboratively among individuals, organizations, and society for a sustainable future (Lindsey, 2011). Recent studies indicate that the term sustainability has gained prominence, appearing in contexts such as environmental protection, climate crisis, and sustainable economic development, receiving increasing global attention from government agencies, academics, professionals, international organizations, and businesses (Ballestar et al., 2020; Olawumi et al., 2018; Liu, 2009).

In 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were established based on the "plan to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all," emphasizing 17 goals, such as eradicating

poverty, zero hunger, health and well-being, quality education, gender equality, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, decent work and economic growth, industry, innovation and infrastructure, reduced inequalities, sustainable cities and communities, responsible consumption and production, climate action, life below water, life on land, peace, justice, and strong institutions (ONU, 2016).

In this context, implementing sustainable practices (reducing energy, water, and material consumption, recycling) and the SDGs represents both a challenge and an opportunity for businesses. Transitioning to sustainable business practices requires innovation focused on ambitious goals and represents a paradigm shift with new values and philosophies to meet the demands of the current business context (Venturelli et al., 2022; Bigliardi and Filippelli, 2022). Technology plays a crucial role in eco-organizational management, with operational processes or the development of new, more ecological products and processes, such as eco-products and eco-processes (Ch'ngn et al., 2024; Tumelero et al., 2019).

Currently, examples of new technologies focused on sustainability include the exploration of technologies aimed at reducing fossil fuels, adoption of electric vehicles, sustainable energy, reduction of CO_2 emissions, and natural fertilizers (Silvestre and Ţîrcă, 2019). The industrial sector, in particular, has demonstrated increasing interest in environmentally sustainable practices. Mikulčić et al. (2017) discuss new technologies and solutions that generate positive environmental impacts, such as new methods for water and wastewater treatment, air and soil quality control, and biofuel production.

Innovation and sustainability are recent terms that, when placed side by side, seek to achieve the goals of sustainability (Bigliardi and Filippelli, 2022; Zartha et al., 2022). Integrating the dimension of sustainability into innovation requires a different set of knowledge and skills compared to traditional innovation models (Marchi and Grandinetti, 2013).

Incorporating actions and innovations that protect the planet and ensure satisfactory sustainable development is crucial for humanity's future. These innovations, in addition to benefiting the planet, contribute to the social image of companies in an increasingly competitive market. Companies and communities need to align their goals and decisions with the impact of their activities on the environment (Joyce and Paquin, 2016). This strategy not only promotes these products but also demonstrates the company's commitment to sustainability, enhancing its competitiveness in the global market and aligning with international requirements and regulations related to sustainable development (Lew and Park, 2020).

Strategic planning, informed decision-making, and future vision are essential tools for achieving a sustainable future. These actions, directed towards cities, businesses, and

organizations worldwide, are crucial for overcoming the challenges presented along this path. In academia, some authors already propose promising solutions, such as green building technologies (Meena et al., 2022) and functional sustainable cities, as well as tools for evaluating future scenarios from a sustainability perspective (Faure et al., 2017).

The future presents a complex challenge as it depends on the actions and directions we take in the present. The idea of a sustainable future has been discussed for some time, since the Brundtland Report (1987), "Our Common Future," which defined a common future as "meeting our economic, social, and environmental needs while allowing future generations to meet their own." Implementing sustainable practices and integrating sustainability into business innovation are challenges that require coordinated efforts from all sectors of society. The actions taken today will shape the current society and future generations. It is impossible to discuss sustainable development without considering future generations. Gasparatos et al. (2008) emphasize the importance of including intergenerational and intragenerational equity issues when referring to sustainable development, ensuring that future generations inherit a healthy planet.

Companies that adopt these practices not only contribute to environmental preservation but also enhance their competitiveness and align with global demands for social and environmental responsibility. The use of new technologies, such as electric vehicles and renewable energies, along with promoting sustainable products on social media, demonstrates a growing commitment to sustainability. The pursuit of a sustainable future is an ongoing process that depends on present actions and requires global collaboration among individuals, businesses, and governments to ensure a healthy planet for future generations.

The Role of Twitter in Promoting Sustainability

Integrating sustainability into organizational strategies is increasingly recognized as both a key positioning criterion and a means to engage with the public (Alsehani et al., 2023; Silvestre & Ţîrcă, 2019). Despite the urgent need for sustainable development, progress is often slow due to inherent challenges (Soderstrom & Weber, 2020). To address this, promoting sustainability through social media communication is crucial (Alsehani et al., 2023).

In our globalized and technology-driven era, digital platforms are pivotal in shaping organizational sustainability dynamics. Organizations use social media to disseminate information, build connections, and engage with their audiences, thereby influencing

perceptions and decision-making processes (Alsehani et al., 2023). Communicating sustainability efforts through these platforms signals a company's commitment to environmental and social issues, enhancing its public image.

Sustainability reports reflect an organization's dedication to addressing social issues, thereby fostering positive relationships with stakeholders (Reilly & Larya, 2018). Social media professionals play a crucial role in refining business processes, improving management efficiency, and enhancing organizational reputation (Crammond et al., 2018). Companies frequently utilize social media to establish connections, raise public awareness, and gather customer insights. Jurado et al. (2018) note that Twitter (X) is a prominent platform for promoting sustainability and fulfilling various organizational objectives.

Alsehani et al. (2023) highlight Twitter (X) as the most influential social media platform for achieving sustainability performance. Their research underscores the growing interest among companies in integrating sustainability into their daily operations and utilizing sustainability reports to communicate their efforts to stakeholders. Social media has become an essential component for organizational success, with companies expected to leverage these platforms to implement sustainable practices for future growth.

A case study focusing on the representation of sustainability on Twitter (X) aims to analyze how the concept is portrayed in tweets, identify frequently associated terms, and assess their prominence (Alsehani et al., 2023). This study emphasizes the importance of extracting consumer insights and innovation strategies from social media data, with Twitter (X) serving as a significant source of such information (Ozcan et al., 2021; Krishnamurthy et al., 2008).

The vast data available on social media offers new opportunities for gathering insights on consumers, trends, companies, and technologies through text mining techniques. However, the quality of this data is crucial for accurate analysis (Ozcan et al., 2021). As organizations increasingly align with sustainability due to social and environmental concerns, platforms like Twitter (X) become vital tools for addressing both positive and negative challenges associated with these issues (Alsehani et al., 2023).

Moreover, organizations have increasingly embraced sustainability due to rising social and ecological concerns. This trend highlights the role of social media as a driving force in resolving sustainability challenges, given the extensive network of connections among users (Alsehani et al., 2023). The use of social media facilitates information sharing, connection building, and engagement, which in turn influences sustainability perceptions and actions (Alsehani et al., 2023).

Despite its challenges, such as concerns over bots and fluctuating user numbers, Twitter (X) remains a crucial platform for promoting sustainability and shaping organizational narratives (Statista, 2024). The platform's significant user base and its role in disseminating sustainability messages underscore its importance in the broader context of social media and sustainability (Goritz et al., 2019; Orminski, 2021; Zafar et al., 2021; Pérez Curiel, 2017).

METHODOLOGICAL PATHS

This case study examines 17.202 tweets about sustainability published between December 11, 2023, and March 11, 2024, using data mining and *Content Analysis* techniques to uncover trends and patterns based on public perceptions. The methodology focused on two main objectives: identifying how sustainability is referenced in tweets and analyzing significant terms related to sustainability, as well as their interrelationships.

The study utilized Twitter (X) as the primary platform for data collection, leveraging its real-time and extensive usage to gather current opinions and discussions. Thus, the content was methodically grouped into topics and subcategories using Laurence Bardin's (1977) guidelines for *Content Analysis*. This methodological approach enabled a detailed examination of both explicit and implicit content within the tweets. This categorization made it possible to identify patterns and trends in discussions about sustainability.

A systematic, multi-faceted approach was employed to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the recurrences emerging in the case study. Data collection involved identifying relevant keywords, of which the most frequently occurring were "future," "environmental," and "innovation," closely associated with sustainability. These keywords served as the foundation for categorizing the tweets, providing a structured basis for the *Human-Assisted Content Analysis*[3].

The dataset was then cleaned and preprocessed to focus on substantive discussions. Using 'SentiOne'[4] software, a large dataset of tweets containing these keywords was retrieved over a

[3] Textual content can be analyzed and interpreted using a technique called "*Human-Aided Content Analysis*," which blends automated data processing methods with human judgment. This method makes use of computer tools to arrange, classify, and measure data—such as text from social media—but it still depends on human judgment to decipher subjective components, contextual importance, and subtle meanings that algorithms could overlook.

[4] Monitor online discussions that impact your brand using an AI-based online listening and data analysis engine to uncover relevant insights.

specified period. And for categorization analysis, ‘Python’ was used as the programming language to enable the scraping of the gathered content, facilitating data analysis. ‘Python’[5] was chosen for its capabilities in scientific computing, supporting the research with data visualization and application development (McKinney, 2018).

During the categorization phase, tweets were sorted into three primary categories: "Future", "Environmental" and "Innovation" based on the frequency and context of the keywords. This categorization provided a structured framework for both qualitative and quantitative analyses. The qualitative analysis explored the nuances of discussions, including sentiments and specific themes within each category. Complementing this was a quantitative analysis that evaluated the volume of tweets per category and the frequency of keywords, offering insights into the emphasis areas and prevalence of the sustainability debate.

To ensure the reliability and consistency of the analysis, a sample comprising 15% of tweets from each category was used to calculate *Cohen's Kappa coefficient*. This statistic measures the level of agreement between evaluators and is crucial for validating the categorization criteria. The target Kappa coefficient was 0.7, which is considered a good level of agreement, ensuring robust and objective findings.

While comprehensive, this study is not without limitations, which present opportunities for further research. The analysis was constrained to a three-month period, limiting the temporal scope of the findings. Furthermore, the exclusive focus on Twitter (X) excludes potentially valuable data from other social media platforms, which could provide a more diverse understanding of public perceptions. Future research could benefit from a more inclusive approach, incorporating multiple platforms to offer a broader comparative analysis.

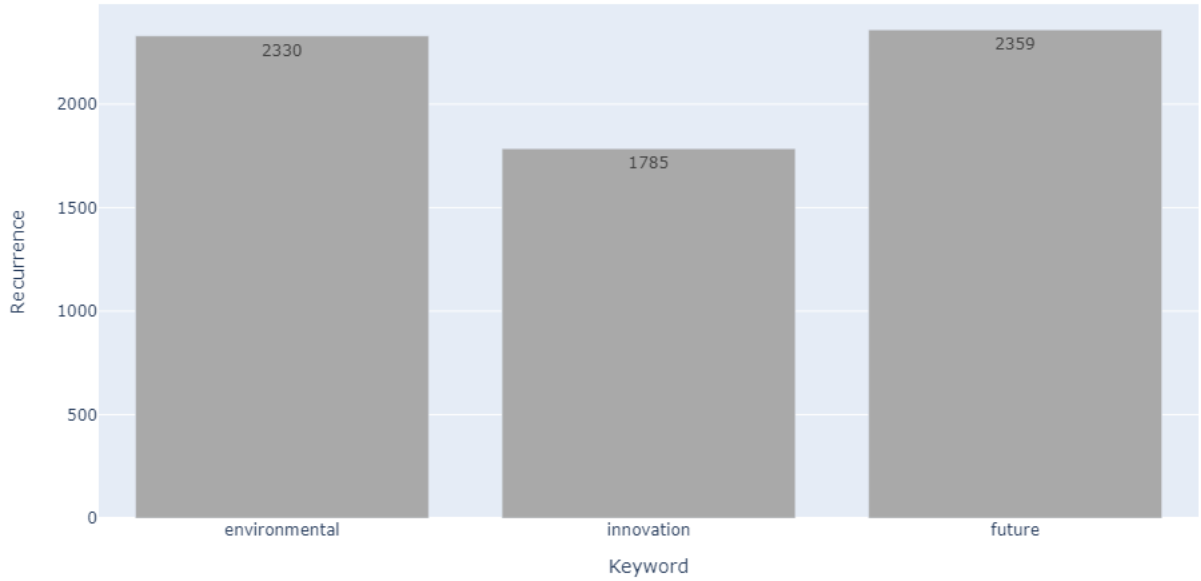
EMPIRICAL RESULTS

In general, the "Future" category (2.359 tweets, 13.73%) focuses on long-term visions and emerging trends related to sustainability (Graphic 1). The "Environmental" category (2.330 tweets, 13.56%) emphasizes the direct impact of practices and technologies on the environment, addressing issues such as waste management, the use of renewable energy, and the reduction of pollutant emissions. The "Innovation" category (1.785 tweets, 10.39%)

[5] To facilitate the analysis of this data, the Python programming language was utilized, enabling the scraping of the collected content.

highlights the exploration of new technologies and innovative approaches to address environmental challenges and promote sustainability.

Graphic 1 - Content mining: most recurring keywords related to sustainability



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The analysis of these categories reveals different perspectives and emphases in the tweets analyzed, showcasing how sustainability is viewed and discussed across various contexts and sectors. Some tweets focus on sustainability from a narrow environmental perspective, while others incorporate economic and social aspects (Table 1).

Table 1 - Keywords that gave rise to thematic subcategories

Future	Environmental	Innovation
This category focuses on the long-term vision and preparation for a sustainable future. It includes	Centered on practices and technologies that directly impact the environment, this category addresses the	This category explores the role of emerging technologies and new approaches in solving

discussions about the importance of education, sustainable urban planning, collective action, and technological innovation as essential elements to ensure a greener tomorrow.	urgency of actions against climate change and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. It also encompasses the use of renewable energy, waste management, and natural resource conservation.	environmental challenges. It includes discussions on artificial intelligence, blockchain, and other innovations that promote efficiency and sustainability, as well as highlighting strategic partnerships to drive sustainable practices.

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The most recurrent keywords give rise to thematic categories according to the themes, which are respectively worked on in the following subchapters. This division was made to make the research more didactic, and with the aim of making the dialogues between them clear.

Additionally, the data analysis reveals a trend towards a forward-looking vision where environmental sustainability and innovation are frequently discussed and interrelated on social platforms, highlighting the crucial role of technology and sustainable practices in this transformative process. Tweets showcase initiatives in various sectors, from agriculture and fashion to renewable energy and technology, indicating growing awareness and concrete actions to promote sustainability.

This recurring integration of sustainable practices with innovation and the emerging dialogue about the future represents a trend not only to meet public expectations but also as an opportunity for businesses. However, divergences appear in tweets regarding the application and actual effectiveness of these sustainable practices and technologies, contributing to a more nuanced understanding of sustainable vision, practices, and education.

The analysis of these results underscores that one of the key contributions of this research is clarifying that sustainability and its insights are viewed in various ways, ranging from environmental aspects like emission reductions to technological innovations and corporate strategies. The findings indicate a diverse trend concerning the overall theme of sustainability, highlighting different approaches and interpretations.

In the contemporary business landscape, companies' positioning on sustainability and the future is increasingly critical for the success and relevance of their brands. The tweets illustrate that companies use the platform to announce and promote themselves by adopting innovative technologies and eco-friendly practices to reduce their environmental impact and promote a greener future.

Consequently, the analysis of these categories has highlighted recurring trends and patterns in discussions about sustainability on Twitter (X), offering valuable insights into public perception. Understanding these discussions is crucial for developing sustainable practices, informing future policies, awareness campaigns, and initiatives, ensuring alignment with societal concerns and interests, and promoting a greener and more sustainable future.

Visions for a Sustainable Future: Trends and Practices Shaping a Greener World

In our dataset, the term "future" (13.73%) was most frequently associated with "sustainable," following closely behind the adjective "sustainable" itself. According to our analysis of Twitter (X), this term appeared in various contexts, including education: “(...) the importance of educating the youngest for a world filled with love, sustainability, solidarity, and development. Only in this way can we achieve a better future.” It was also mentioned in sustainability management reports: “(...) examines how group sustainability units operate within corporate structures, what makes them successful, and how they plan to develop in the future. (...)” Additionally, it appeared in posts concerning climate action and sustainable solutions for the future.

The frequent appearance of "future" in tweets means a strong concern with creating a sustainable future. This reflects the understanding that the future carries costs, and present actions can mediate these values. Furthermore, the notion of the future often includes the potential for improvements for both humanity and the environment. From this perspective, tweets can be used to discuss the importance of implementing sustainable measures immediately to ensure a prosperous future for coming generations.

With the future as a focal point, there is a noticeable trend towards emphasizing awareness and education to prepare future generations for environmental challenges. This opens avenues for discussions on future policies and urban planning aimed at creating sustainable cities, highlighting concerns about the impacts of climate change and environmental regulations.

Additionally, the category of "Future" underscores the growing importance of collective action and community engagement related to environmental sustainability. This aspect emphasizes the crucial role of these actions in promoting a greener future. The analysis includes long-term views and emerging trends, stressing how current practices can contribute to sustainable development in the future.

A notable example of corporate positioning on sustainability with a future-oriented focus is the energy sector. Tweets reveal a trend where companies announce investments in solar and wind energy projects. This move not only helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also positions these companies as leaders in innovation and environmental responsibility. Companies like Timberland, with their initiative to use bio-sourced resins and sustainable production, demonstrate that it is possible to combine style with environmental consciousness (Table 2).

Table 2 - Search for data mining focused: future

Examples of future-focused collected tweets (X)[6]
Timberland's new concept store mannequins: pioneering sustainability in style! Crafted from bio-sourced resin and production waste, they're a step towards a greener **future**
"Don't wait for tomorrow's sun to shine! Raiden Solar lights bring the **future** to your doorstep. Illuminate your path to sustainability today. #SolarEnergy #BrighterFuture"
The **Future** Of Modular Kitchen Trends. As modern technology progresses and lifestyles change, modular kitchen ideas promise to combine functionality, aesthetics, and sustainability.
As we gather at PeopleDialogueFestival24, let's envision a **future** where technology serves humanity. From AI-driven <u>sustainability</u> solutions to blockchain ensuring transparency.#PeopleDialogueFestival24
"Celebrating #InternationalWomensDay by honoring women leaders in water sustainability like Kate Fritz CEO of Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, COO Loren Mayor of @WWF, and many more. Here's to making waves for our planet's **future**."
As we gather at PeopleDialogueFestival24, let's envision a **future** where technology serves humanity. From AI-driven sustainability solutions to blockchain ensuring transparency.

[6] All tweets in the results section have been preserved in the same way they were written by their users.

"Solar energy continues transforming our region as we strive for a green energy **future**. Join us in celebrating the power of the sun and the benefits of renewable energy and sustainability. #solarappreciationday #SDGS"
Our insights and experiences from #COP28 have given us a clear call to action: it's time to accelerate our journey to sustainability. This path isn't just about shifting away from fossil fuels – it's about protecting our planet's **future**.
World Sustainability Conference 2024 is coming up! Mark your calendars for November 1, 2024, and be part of shaping a sustainable **future**.
Great conversations on innovation, sustainability, and the **future** of smart buildings with George Oliver, Global CEO of Johnson Controls.

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Moreover, another relevant aspect is the recognition of companies that are making significant changes by adopting and announcing awards and certifications. For instance, awards for the best solar energy company not only highlight industry leaders but also encourage other organizations to follow suit. This also aligns with the trend of announcing participation in conferences and events on sustainability and innovation, such as the importance of dialogue and collaboration in building a sustainable future (#PeopleDialogueFestival24).

The importance of education and awareness in promoting a sustainable future is also highlighted. Tweets emphasize the relevance of educational initiatives and sustainable practices, as demonstrated by events like UNESCO COP28 and sustainability rankings of Philippine universities. Regardless of the sector or region, there is a consensus on the importance of achieving sustainability goals, such as reducing carbon emissions and promoting a greener economy.

The concept of the future is strongly linked to technological innovations and emerging trends, such as 5G and artificial intelligence, and their application across various sectors. Tweets illustrate how sustainability and innovation are poised to shape the future of business and technology, reflecting a consensus that the future should be built on sustainable practices. Sustainability is seen as crucial for ensuring the long-term viability of communities and the planet.

Some forecasts focus on specific technologies, such as 5G and AI, while others address the future more broadly, considering economic and political changes. Views may vary regarding

the pace and nature of anticipated changes. For example, there is optimism about technological advances and the increased integration of sustainable practices, whereas some opinions are more skeptical, questioning the feasibility of ambitious goals and the capacity of emerging technologies to solve complex problems.

Technological innovation, including AI, blockchain, and space solutions, is seen as a driving force capable of transforming sustainability and efficiency across various industries. Tweets from this perspective contribute to a broader discussion on sustainable development and innovation, with a focus on carbon capture technologies and efforts to create eco-friendly urban transportation solutions, such as Kerb's cabs in Dublin.

However, sustainability cannot be achieved in isolation; it must include considerations of social justice and equity. The tone of tweets varies significantly: while those about innovation generally adopt an optimistic and futuristic tone, environmental tweets may be more urgent or alarmist. Discussions about the climate crisis, for instance, tend to be more pressing compared to the optimistic portrayal of blockchain technology's potential.

This analysis reveals a common narrative that recognizes education, innovation, and governance as essential pillars for building a sustainable future. Divergences primarily lie in specific focuses and approaches, while convergences highlight the importance of coordinated and informed action to address global environmental and climate challenges. There is a strong emphasis on leadership in sustainability, as exemplified by the appointment of Trent Hartill as co-chair of the GSSI Steering Board, and discussions on governance in solar energy projects and agricultural innovation.

Various tweets also address education as a fundamental pillar for sustainability, promoting the integration of sustainable practices into school curricula and urban leadership training. Views on a sustainable future range from optimism about emerging technologies to concerns about current practices, with some tweets celebrating innovations like tidal energy and recycled fashion, and others calling for structural changes, such as degrowth and increased transparency in agricultural supply chains.

In summary, the integration of the concepts of "future" and "sustainable" in sustainability dialogues reveals insights into the awareness of the need to prepare the present to ensure a greener and more prosperous tomorrow. The analysis of tweets demonstrates a strong commitment to creating sustainable solutions, reflecting a concern for the actions that will shape future generations. The emphasis on education, technological innovation, and collective action not only highlights the urgent need to address current environmental challenges but also reaffirms the vital role of businesses and communities in leading the transition to a sustainable

future. Through these actions and discussions, it is evident that the future of sustainability is being shaped by a combination of technological innovation, corporate responsibility, and social awareness.

Immediate Environmental Impact: How Practices and Technologies Influence Our Environment

The analyzed tweets underscore the urgent need for action to combat climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with a focus on environmental (13.56%) . They reflect an emphasis on promoting sustainable practices and utilizing renewable energy, aligning with efforts for future sustainable development.

There is a consensus that actions are necessary to mitigate climate change and preserve the environment. Technological innovations, such as those that save fuel and reduce CO_2 emissions, are frequently mentioned, exemplified by companies like Sennebogen and refineries like Dangote. Corporate strategies are also highlighted, with companies such as Spadel and DonoComm committed to reducing their environmental impact.

A significant divergence is observed in the approach to environmental sustainability. Some advocate for global solutions, while others prefer local initiatives. The complexity of the environmental impact of various practices is a point of ongoing debate. For instance, some tweets advocate for creating preserved spaces to reconnect with nature, whereas others emphasize the development of smart cities and advanced waste management.

Local and community initiatives also receive notable attention, including ecological events and corporate social responsibility actions such as sustainable tourism and waste management. The consensus among tweets is that action is required to mitigate climate change, with broad support for renewable energy and practices that reduce ecological footprints.

The collected data indicate that approaches to sustainability range from corporate efforts focused on efficiency to governmental initiatives that establish regulations and long-term goals. The degree of attention to environmental issues may vary between countries and sectors. Overall, tweets commend sustainable technologies and practices, discussing the adoption of electric vehicles, ecosystem protection, and the use of eco-friendly materials like bioplastics (Table 3).

Table 3 - Search for data mining focused: environmental

Examples of environmental-focused collected tweets (X)
"Climate change is real, and we must take action now. Let's make Davanagere a model for sustainability and **environmental** stewardship. #Vinay4Davanagere"
"The **environmental** and sustainability goals of our customers led us to the development of a series of 100% curbside recyclable shippers."
"Greenspace Cleaning Service, a leading provider of residential and commercial cleaning services across the US, announces its newest initiative aimed at promoting **environmental** sustainability and reducing carbon footprint."
"🌱 Dive into sustainability at Republic Services' award-winning Otay Compost Facility! Learn about solar-powered operations, **environmental** impact, cutting-edge technology. Open to members only. RSVP
"Vinay Kumar GB's commitment to environmental sustainability in Davanagere includes initiatives to promote eco-friendly practices such as waste reduction and water conservation. #Vinay4Davanagere"
"**Environmental** sustainability. Vinay Kumar GB will prioritize environmental conservation and sustainability efforts in Davanagere, including tree planting initiatives, waste management solutions, and promoting renewable energy sources. #Vinay4Davanagere"
"Let's recognise and amplify the voices of women leading the charge for **environmental** justice and sustainability. 🌏 Cheers to the women making waves in the fight for a greener, more equitable future!"
"On the **environmental** front, researchers have uncovered alarming data showing a significant increase in carbon emissions in recent years. The findings underscore the urgent need for global action to address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

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In addition, initiatives such as waste management, natural resource conservation, renewable energy promotion, and the use of eco-friendly technologies are frequently mentioned as ways to foster a greener economy. This contributes to the ripple effect of corporate initiatives aimed at promoting environmental sustainability and reducing carbon footprints, similar to the commitments of the companies mentioned in the combined text.

The commitment to sustainability is evidenced by initiatives ranging from the adoption of electric vehicles to promoting waste management and resource conservation. These data underscore the need for a collective effort towards a sustainable future, reflecting the complexity and diversity of approaches required to address environmental challenges.

In conclusion, the collected tweets reflect a growing concern about environmental impact and the urgent need for action to combat climate change. The discussion is divided between global and local solutions, highlighting both advanced technologies and community practices for sustainability. There is a general agreement on the importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adopting sustainable practices.

Innovations: New Technologies and Approaches for Solving Environmental Challenges

The analysis of tweets regarding innovation (10.39%) and sustainability underscores a significant corporate engagement with these critical issues. The integration of sustainable practices with technological innovation presents companies with opportunities to differentiate themselves in the marketplace, thereby enhancing their competitiveness. A notable trend is the growing emphasis on business partnerships aimed at fostering innovation and sustainability, as highlighted by phrases such as “this collaboration enhances our commitment to innovation and sustainability.”

Tweets frequently underscore the impact of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and advanced energy solutions, on improving efficiency and reducing environmental impact. These technologies are perceived as facilitators of more sustainable practices, promoting collaborations between businesses and academic institutions to advance innovative and sustainable approaches.

In the contemporary business environment, sustainability is not only a priority, but also a means for professionals to enhance their reputations. Platforms like Twitter (X) are increasingly used to showcase individual contributions and promote relevant events. For instance, the tweet “This award recognizes leaders making impactful contributions to supply chain efficiency and

innovation” highlights the significance of acknowledging substantial contributions to supply chain efficiency and innovation.

The emphasis on technical innovation creates space for conversations on the ways in which these breakthroughs might promote sustainability. Several tweets explore how renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind, can reduce reliance on fossil fuels and decrease greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, advancements in water treatment technologies are discussed as solutions to water scarcity and quality improvement, while energy efficiency across various sectors is examined to promote resource optimization and minimize energy consumption.

The tweets also reveal a network that intertwines sustainability with innovation and future-oriented thinking. Analyzing recurring themes such as "Future", "Environmental" and "Innovation" illustrates how their interconnections offer a comprehensive perspective on sustainability, integrating long-term viewpoints, direct environmental impacts, and innovative solutions.

Therefore, the integration of innovation with sustainability is vividly illustrated through various tweets that highlight advancements across different sectors. These examples underscore the significant impact of technology on improving both efficiency and environmental responsibility. The integration of innovation with sustainability is vividly illustrated through various tweets that highlight advancements across different sectors (Table 4).

Table 4 - Search for data mining focused: innovation

Examples of Innovation -focused collected tweets (X)
Future-Proofing Restrooms the Case for Automatic Sensor Faucets Among these in**novations**, automatic sensor tap stands out as a prime example of how simple upgrades can lead to significant benefits in terms of hygiene, efficiency, and sustainability.
Europe's automotive sector is focusing on sustainability and **innovation,** with a shift towards electric and autonomous vehicles. As a leading supplier of lithium iron phosphate, we have been working hard to provide our customers with high-quality, reliable energy storage solutions. Our commitment to **innovation** and sustainability drives us to continually improve our products service #lithiumironphosphate
Future-Proofing Restrooms the Case for Automatic Sensor Faucets Among these **innovations**, automatic sensor tap stands out as a prime example of how simple upgrades can lead to significant benefits in terms of hygiene, efficiency, and sustainability.

JA Solar Wins 'Best Solar Company Award' at Smart Energy 2024! 🏆 Recognized for **innovation**, quality, and sustainability, we're committed to a greener future with tailored PV solutions.
Riding the waves of the circular economy, where technology becomes a driving force in reducing waste and promoting sustainability. From recycling **innovations** to eco-design principles, the circular economy transforms how we produce, consume, and dispose of goods. As we embrace a more circular approach, technology becomes a key player in fostering a regenerative and environmentally conscious society.

Created by the author based on data analysis

There is a consensus on the necessity of innovation to achieve sustainability, whether through new technologies or management practices. However, while there is enthusiasm for innovations like blockchain and recycled fashion, there is also skepticism regarding their effectiveness and practical implementation.

Moreover, the intersection of technology and sustainable finance is prominently highlighted, with references to the Reef Chain in the context of decentralized finance (DeFi) demonstrating its transformative potential. Differences between local initiatives and large international projects are evident, as seen in the contrast between the efforts of Susquehanna University and major international projects like those undertaken by Dangote.

Innovation in composting technologies, such as the collaboration between BrewNature and Al-Kazem LLC, exemplifies advancements in agricultural sustainability. Similarly, technical cooperation between companies and governments, such as the partnership between Daikin and the government of Mandaue, represents significant efforts towards sustainable development.

Additionally, the use of artificial intelligence and digital technologies in data centers, along with innovations in software for industrial sustainability, such as SANDMAN®, exemplifies how technology is being leveraged to promote sustainable practices. A common narrative among the tweets is the necessity for innovation and collaboration to achieve sustainability goals, with technology often presented as a critical tool in this pursuit.

The diversity of topics discussed, ranging from digital technologies to sustainable manufacturing practices, reflects how innovation can be both a technical solution to environmental challenges and a market strategy to attract environmentally conscious consumers. Differences in the urgency of sustainability, as reflected in tweets about finance

and technology versus environmental concerns, highlight varying perceptions of sustainability among different stakeholders on the platform.

FINAL DISCUSSIONS

The analysis of tweets and the overarching themes of "Future", "Environmental" and "Innovation" categories reveal several key findings that enrich our understanding of sustainability discourses and practices. These findings emphasize the importance of integrating long-term visions, immediate environmental impacts, and technological innovations to foster a sustainable future.

The concept of sustainability is prominently featured in discussions across various contexts, including corporate strategies, environmental actions, and educational initiatives. Tweets often emphasize the urgency of adopting sustainable practices, the role of innovation in achieving sustainability goals, and the importance of preparing future generations for environmental challenges. The frequent association with terms like "Future," "Innovation," and "Environmental Impact" indicates a broad and multifaceted approach to discussing sustainability, highlighting both immediate actions and long-term visions.

Key terms identified include "Future," "Innovation," "Environmental Impact," "Education," "Technology," and "Collective Action." These terms are closely linked with sustainability, framing it as an integrated concept that encompasses proactive planning, technological advancement, and social responsibility. The association of these terms with sustainability insights reveals a comprehensive understanding that achieving a sustainable future requires a coordinated effort across different sectors, leveraging education, innovation, and community engagement.

Thus, in our dataset, the term "future" was frequently associated with "sustainable," second only to the adjective "sustainable" itself. This term appeared in various contexts on Twitter (X), including education, where it underscored the need for teaching younger generations about sustainability, solidarity, and development as crucial steps toward a better future.

Similarly, in sustainability management reports, it highlighted how corporate sustainability units operate within corporate structures and plan for future development. Tweets also referenced climate action and sustainable solutions, reflecting a broader concern for creating a sustainable future. The concept of "future" in these tweets suggests that the actions taken today

will determine the cost and quality of the future, emphasizing the need for immediate, sustainable actions to ensure prosperity for future generations.

There is a notable emphasis on awareness and education to prepare future generations for environmental challenges. This opens discussions on future policies and urban planning to create sustainable cities, addressing concerns about the impacts of climate change and environmental regulations. The "Future" category highlights the growing importance of collective action and community engagement in environmental sustainability, underscoring these actions' fundamental role in promoting a greener future. This long-term perspective and the analysis of emerging trends show how current practices can contribute to future sustainable development.

The tweets analyzed highlight the urgent need for actions to combat climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, focusing on environmental sustainability. There is a consensus on the need for measures to mitigate climate change and preserve the environment, with frequent mentions of fuel-saving innovations and CO_2 emission reductions, exemplified by companies like Sennebogen and Dangote. Corporate strategies are also emphasized, with companies committed to reducing their environmental impact.

The approaches to environmental sustainability vary, from global solutions to local initiatives, reflecting the complexity and ongoing debate on the environmental impact of different practices. Local and community initiatives, including ecological events and corporate social responsibility actions like sustainable tourism and waste management, are also highlighted. Overall, the data collected suggests that while there is broad support for renewable energies and practices that reduce the ecological footprint, the degree of attention to environmental issues varies across countries and sectors.

An analysis of tweets linking sustainability with innovation indicates a significant business race toward these issues. The choice of sustainable actions and goals, enabled by innovation, opens paths for market positioning, enhancing competitiveness. A notable trend is the focus on business partnerships aiming to promote both innovation and sustainability.

For example, tweets highlight the use of emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, blockchain, and innovative energy technologies, discussing how these can enhance efficiency and reduce environmental impact. These tweets also emphasize strategic partnerships between businesses and academic institutions, focusing on driving sustainable innovation.

The business environment not only positions itself concerning sustainability but also promotes professional development, with professionals using tweets to highlight their work or promote events and conferences. This analysis shows how innovation is being applied in different

sectors to promote sustainability, such as the use of automatic sensor faucets as a simple yet effective improvement for efficiency and hygiene.

In conclusion, the integration of "future" and "sustainable" concepts in sustainability dialogues reveals an awareness of the importance of preparing the present to ensure a greener and more prosperous tomorrow. Concerns about acts that would impact future generations are reflected in the tweet analysis, which shows a strong dedication to developing sustainable solutions.

The emphasis on education, technological innovation, and collective action not only highlights the urgent need to address current environmental challenges but also reaffirms the vital role of companies and communities in leading the transition to a sustainable future. These actions and discussions make it clear that the future of sustainability is being shaped by a combination of technological innovation, corporate responsibility, and social awareness.

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