

# Pioneering the Quest for Economic-Environmental-Equilibrium Point for Sustainable Growth

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**Abstract:** *In order to achieve sustainable growth in the economic-environmental ecosystem, the rational utilization of natural resources of the world is necessary. The article/research paper presents an evolutionary dimension to equilibrium-based economics. Dynamic flux and stationary state in contemporary macro dynamics and macro static economics provide inadequate explanations for economic problems of the world; hence, a mechanism of macro-constancy at the equilibrium state is proposed. An integrated conceptual framework based on innovative econometric modelling and structural reforms for sustainable economic growth is highlighted in the paper. The theoretical framework is a combination of the classical, neo-classical and Keynesian economic thought to view the world economy with the vision of attaining perfect equilibrium between economic growth and environmental disruption in order to create a sustainable ecosystem. The statistical framework is based on global economic data from various sources covering key econometric parameters, with the aim of formulating a new realistic indicator for economic growth and formulating of an econometric model based on these parameters. Holistic concepts of common ownership of the world's natural resources and of the global wealth pool created out of their prudent utilization are molded into an innovative wealth distribution model for equitable growth and social justice. The research seeks to guide global institutions in their mission of achieving sustainable development. It proposes mandatory participation and collaboration of global nations. The mission is to achieve Sustainable Growth through optimal utilization of Natural Resources at the economic-environmental equilibrium point.*

## Key Abbreviations

EEE: Economic-Environmental Equilibrium

GNRP: Gross Natural Resource Product

UGDP: Universal Gross Domestic Product

UGNRP: Universal Gross Natural Resource Product

## 1. Introduction

Economic activity is necessary for a progressive human society. Natural resources of the planet, both subsoil and supra-soil, constitute the DNA (building blocks) of economic activity; wealth is the outcome. Wealth created through optimal utilisation of natural resources must be distributed equally among all nations in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of poverty eradication, decent economic growth, reducing inequalities, sustainable communities, stronger global institutions, responsible consumption and production, and overall peace, justice and equality.

Predictive research on sustainable economic-environmental growth using forecast analysis techniques demands that variables for growth must be under the control of not just social entrepreneurs, but society as a whole. Prudent utilisation of resources and the redistribution of wealth created ensures sustainability, while social and environmental responsibility in business will help preserve our planet for future generations.

## 2. Objectives

### 1) Purpose of Research

It is observed that disruptive economic phenomena like recessions and depressions due to volatile cyclic situations adversely affect humanity across the world. A remedial solution to such economic upheavals is urgently sought.

Further study into their causes and effects reveals that the current economic indicator of economic growth, GDP, is

inadequate and inconsistent, not only in explaining the economic upheavals, but also in its very basic nature to define economic growth adequately. This research seeks to remove these inconsistencies and to redefine economic growth by proposing an alternative indicator: GNRP.

Furthermore, the research proposes a macro-constancy state of economic equilibrium necessary for sustainable growth, i.e. a balance between economic growth and resource utilization necessary for achieving that growth.

The following are the new economic concepts introduced in the paper:

- GNRP: Indicator of **potential** economic growth
- UGDP: Global pool of cumulative wealth productivity of nations
- UGNRP: Global pool of **potential** wealth productivity of nations

### 2) Research Notes

GNRP (Gross Natural Resource Product) is the valuation of the raw resources of an economy based on a common price mechanism. It is an aggregation of the quantity of natural resources multiplied by their (common) price.

UGDP (Universal Gross Domestic Product) is the sum of the GDP of all the nations of the world. It is calculated at the end of the economic cycle of world trade.

UGNRP (Universal Gross Natural Resource Product) is the sum of the GNRP of all the nations of the world. It is calculated at the beginning of the economic cycle of world trade.

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Business cycles are swings in total national output, income, and employment, causing widespread expansion or contraction in economic sectors.

Balance of Nature: The “balance of nature” is a theory that proposes that ecological systems are usually in a stable equilibrium. A small change in some particular parameter will be corrected by some negative feedback that will bring the parameter back to its original “point of balance” with the rest of the system.

Common-pool resource (CPR) is one that, if potential beneficiaries are excluded from using it, becomes too costly. Congestion or overuse causes rivalry for the resource, whereas a public good is both non-excludable and non-rivalrous

Common Pricing mechanism: The price is based on the Indices of Market Prices for Non-Fuel and Fuel Commodities, 2014-2017 (2005=100, in terms of U.S. dollars) for different units of quantity specifications

The outcome of the research process is:

- 1) Economic-Environmental Equilibrium (E3) econometric model
- 2) Wealth Redistribution model (WRM)

### 3. Methods

#### Brief Methodology

This study is an ongoing research process that aims to disrupt established norms that are inconsistent with global efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goals. The Research follows an Inductive/Deductive approach, as it supports Positivism and Phenomenology. The “Good Fit” between Social Reality and Theory that emerges is “Grounded in Reality”. It is, in principle, an Inductive Approach that builds up a theory and explores data without a predetermined framework.

Type of Research: It is an exploratory type of research using secondary data from a panel data framework.

Research Approach: This research applies an “Experimental” approach, wherein a simple model with few equations and variables is applied initially. The model is based on a priori theoretical grounds, but it is not rigid. It combines a priori theoretical considerations with empirical observations to extract maximum information from data.

Research Design: A mixed-methods design is used by integrating both qualitative and quantitative research designs to be more fixed and deductive. Descriptive quantitative research design is used to measure variables and describe relationships between them, and to describe characteristics, averages, summations and trends.

Sampling Method: Non-probability sampling method is used to collect samples selected in a non-random way without any research bias.

Data Collection Methods: Secondary data from reliable government surveys and global economic databases, which

are open source, is used. Analysis of this raw data expands the scope of the research. It is reliable as the results can be consistently reproduced, and valid as it measures the prescribed concepts.

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria: Only 64 of 189 nations are considered, as they contribute to 96 % of the data to be measured (World GDP) consistently. Economic data irrelevant to the concept under study are excluded.

Data Analysis Strategies: Quantitative data analysis, like inferential statistics using statistical analysis, is used to summarise sample data, make estimates, and test hypotheses. Qualitative data analysis of the information and ideas in detail to interpret meanings and identify patterns and extract the most relevant parts. Thematic analysis of the content of the data is organised to identify key themes.

**Variables and hypotheses are defined in advance before data collection.**

#### Variables

GDP, Population, Agriculture revenue, Mineral output, Mineral pricing

#### Hypotheses/Assumptions

The following assumptions form the basis of this research:

- 1) Common Ownership of Resources  
Natural resources are freely and abundantly provided to mankind by the benevolent planet. As such, nations cannot claim ownership of resources, and mankind is merely a custodian of these resources for its own progress.
- 2) Cumulative Wealth pool  
Natural resources are the common property of mankind. All of mankind has equal proprietary rights to the entire wealth pool created out of the utilization of natural resources for economic growth.
- 3) Common Pricing mechanism  
Natural resources at the extraction stage must be priced at the same level irrespective of scarcity/abundance, geographic & demographic limitations, quality & texture, and such other differentiating parameters. This will ensure the elimination of economic fluctuations caused by profit-based dynamic pricing and reinforce the quest for an equilibrium mechanism. Pricing differentiation may be applied only to finished products based on their utility to mankind.

#### Objectives of the Research

- 1) To propose GNRP (Gross Natural Resource Product) as an alternative to GDP
- 2) Wealth Redistribution Model- a new econometric model for sustainable growth
- 3) Predict E3 (Economic-Environmental Equilibrium) point of macroconstancy

Two-step methodology to achieve the objectives:

#### Step 1: Database analysis

- 1) Macroeconomic data of 64 top GDP nations of the world from various sources over a period of 05 years from 2010 to 2014 is considered.

- 2) A database of four key variables: GDP, population, agricultural income, and quantity of natural resources (minerals) extracted annually is sourced.
- 3) A common pricing mechanism for determining the annual mineral value of a nation is applied to achieve macro stability.
- 4) Commonality of measurement units is tabulated to maintain consistency in the physical measurement of minerals extracted annually using a factor method.
- 5) The population of nations is used as a multiplicative factor, as these are internal consumers contributing to the economic growth (GDP) of a nation.
- 6) GNRP (Wealth Potential) of a nation based on valuation of mineral resources at source using common price mechanism, agriculture income and population factor is calculated using a logical common sense mathematical formula.

#### Step 2: Predictive analysis

- 1) Forecast analysis is used for predicting economic growth for the year 2022 in GDP and GNRP terms. GDP indicates growth achieved by a post-economic business cycle. GNRP is a potential growth achievable before the economic business cycle.
- 2) UGDP and UGNRP are cumulative GDP and GNRP concepts. They are used to determine the excess growth achieved over the mean cumulative growth.
- 3) Excess growth (GDP - mean UGDP) is ploughed back into the GNRP value of that nation for the next business cycle. This will **restrict the usage** of natural resources in the next business cycle for higher profit-based growth.
- 4) Thus, we achieve dual objectives of restricting excess wealth creation by conserving natural resources utilization at the **E3 point of macroconstancy**.

#### Databases used in the paper: Nations and their Economic data

- 1) GDP data of 64 Nations for period 2010-2014 and for 2017.
- 2) Database of Minerals Extracted during this period (2010-2014)

- 3) Agriculture Income during this period (2010-2014)
- 4) Population size during this period (2010-2014)

#### Research Phenomenon Observed

A study of the top sixty-four nations based on their GDP (in USD bn) over a period of 5 years (2010-2014) and the contribution of these 64 nations to the cumulative value of world GDP for the year 2017 is appended and tabulated below:

| SN | Country Name       | Cumulative | SN | Country Name    | Cumulative |
|----|--------------------|------------|----|-----------------|------------|
| 1  | United States      | 951.41     | 17 | Turkey          | 50.08      |
| 2  | China              | 474.33     | 18 | Indonesia       | 49.09      |
| 3  | Japan              | 332.97     | 19 | Switzerland     | 38.70      |
| 4  | Germany            | 217.69     | 20 | Saudi Arabia    | 38.68      |
| 5  | France             | 165.43     | 21 | Sweden          | 31.78      |
| 6  | United Kingdom     | 157.70     | 22 | Belgium         | 30.45      |
| 7  | Brazil             | 138.86     | 23 | Poland          | 30.18      |
| 8  | Italy              | 129.42     | 24 | Iran            | 29.83      |
| 9  | Russian Federation | 112.44     | 25 | Argentina       | 29.11      |
| 10 | India              | 105.23     | 26 | Norway          | 28.44      |
| 11 | Canada             | 102.33     | 27 | Nigeria         | 24.95      |
| 12 | Spain              | 84.92      | 28 | Austria         | 24.91      |
| 13 | Australia          | 80.26      | 29 | Thailand        | 22.18      |
| 14 | Korea, Rep.        | 71.39      | 30 | South Africa    | 22.02      |
| 15 | Mexico             | 68.64      | 31 | Venezuela       | 21.50      |
| 16 | Netherlands        | 51.63      | 32 | UAE             | 20.63      |
| 33 | Denmark            | 20.10      | 49 | Iraq            | 11.23      |
| 34 | Colombia           | 19.84      | 50 | Kazakhstan      | 11.22      |
| 35 | Malaysia           | 17.31      | 51 | Romania         | 10.83      |
| 36 | Greece             | 16.39      | 52 | Peru            | 10.35      |
| 37 | Singapore          | 16.04      | 53 | New Zealand     | 10.04      |
| 38 | Finland            | 15.72      | 54 | Qatar           | 9.82       |
| 39 | Israel             | 15.63      | 55 | Ukraine         | 9.09       |
| 40 | Hong Kong          | 15.21      | 56 | Kuwait          | 8.86       |
| 41 | Egypt              | 15.17      | 57 | Vietnam         | 8.71       |
| 42 | Chile              | 14.50      | 58 | Bangladesh      | 8.03       |
| 43 | Ireland            | 14.19      | 59 | Hungary         | 8.02       |
| 44 | Portugal           | 13.99      | 60 | Angola          | 6.29       |
| 45 | Philippines        | 13.99      | 61 | Morocco         | 6.02       |
| 46 | Czech Republic     | 12.65      | 62 | Puerto Rico     | 5.99       |
| 47 | Pakistan           | 12.59      | 63 | Slovak Republic | 5.69       |
| 48 | Algeria            | 11.31      | 64 | Ecuador         | 4.97       |

#### World GDP and Share of top 64 nations (Year 2017)

| Aggregate Economy Unit | Cumulative GDP (USD bn) | Percentage of World GDP |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>TOP 64 nations</b>  | <b>74,577</b>           | <b>95.63 %</b>          |
| World GDP (UGDP)       | 77,988                  |                         |

Source: IMF Statistics.com

#### Cumulative GDP (UGDP) of top 64 Nations (2010-2014)

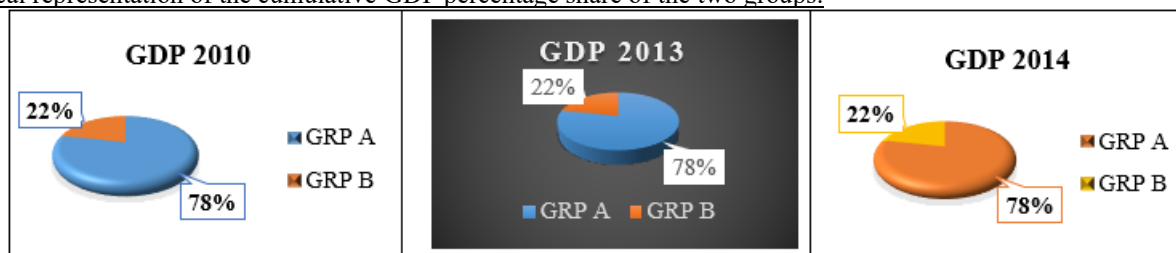
| GDP               | 2010          | 2011           | 2012           | 2013           | 2014           |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Group A total (a) | 49107722      | 54265329       | 55434045       | 56764807       | 57649003       |
| Group B total (b) | 13609781      | 15383729       | 15683587       | 16258550       | 16201625       |
| UGDP (a + b)      | 62717503      | 69649058       | 71117633       | 73023357       | 73850628       |
| <b>Mean UGDP</b>  | <b>979961</b> | <b>1088267</b> | <b>1111213</b> | <b>1140990</b> | <b>1153916</b> |

Note: The 64 nations are divided into two distinct groups A & B, as follows:

Group A consists of 15 nations whose GDPs exceed the mean UGDP

Group B consists of 49 nations whose GDP is less than the mean UGDP

#### Graphical representation of the cumulative GDP percentage share of the two groups:



Observation of Anomalous Facts:

- Group A nations ALWAYS achieve economic growth above the mean UGDP
- Group B nations NEVER achieve GDP growth equal to the mean UGDP
- The proportionate share of UGDP for A & B groups is always **22:78**

Inference:

- 1) GDP in its current form is a grossly inadequate indicator of economic growth.
- 2) Currently, GDP indicates economic achievement in terms of wealth created *after* any economic business cycle, which is an irreversible process. This leads to a gap between factual and manipulated data at the global level.
- 3) Hence the need to redefine economic growth as “**Wealth Potential**” instead of “**Wealth Created**” by assigning value to natural resources at the extraction level *before entering* the pre-economic business cycle stage.
- 4) Further investigation into this irrational distribution of the UGDP of these 64 nations is necessary to study the phenomenon in detail.

**4. Methodology/ Approach**

The Conceptual Framework for deriving the following is presented below

Part 1: Calculate GNRP of a nation (Basic Statistical method)  
Part 2: Wealth Redistribution Model (WRM- Econometric Model)

Part 3: E3 Point of macroconstancy (Forecast analysis)

**Part 1: Calculate GNRP of a nation (Basic Statistical method)**

GNRP of a nation is the new proposed indicator of its Wealth Potential. GNRP is the mathematical product of the Land Revenue of a nation and its population.

Land Revenue is the sum of Agricultural and Mineral revenue, while the Population parameter is adjusted for a conversion factor to simplify mathematical calculations.

GNRP of any nation is primarily based on the Valuation of its natural resources (both supra-soil and subsoil) at the extraction stage *before* they enter the business cycle for human economic activity production and consumption.

The main stages involved in calculating the GNRP of a nation are

- 1) Calculating Mineral Value of a nation
- 2) Obtaining Agriculture Income and Population Data
- 3) Deriving GNRP using a simple mathematical formula

The following database is used to derive the GNRP of a nation:

- 1) Mineral resources – quantity extracted
- 2) Agriculture Income
- 3) Population of a nation

*Note:* To achieve commonality in quantifying values, the research uses

- 1) Common Price mechanism
- 2) Conversion factor for normalizing units of measurement

**Stage 1:** To calculate GNRP, it is necessary to understand the Mineral Value of a Nation. It is the simple product of the quantity of minerals extracted and the common price established. The conversion factor is used to normalize the units of physical measurement.

The steps involved are:

- Step 1. To establish the Conversion factor
- Step 2. To calculate the mineral value for the commodity
- Step 3. To arrive at the aggregate value of all minerals for a particular nation

**Step 1: Conversion factor**

It is observed that the measuring unit for quantity and price for most minerals differ. There should be commonality in measuring the production and the pricing of minerals. A conversion factor is used to achieve this commonality.

**Difference in Measuring Units for Quantity and Price of Minerals**

| Mineral                   | Unit of Physical Quantity  | Price   | Unit of Pricing |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Alumina                   | thousand metric tons       | 283.1   | USD/T           |
| Diamond                   | thousand carats            | 1400.0  | USD/carat       |
| Anthracite Coal           | thousand metric tons       | 42.6    | USD/T           |
| Zirconium                 | metric tons                | 75000.0 | USD/T           |
| Talc (Pyrophyllite)       | thousand metric tons       | 167.0   | USD/mT          |
| Natural gasoline (butane) | million 42-gallon barrels  | 8.1     | USD/MMBtu       |
| Gold                      | metric tons                | 1223.7  | USD/oz.         |
| Steel, crude              | thousand metric tons       | 300.0   | USD/mT          |
| Liquefied petroleum gas   | thousand 42-gallon barrels | 100.2   | USD/bbl.        |
| Ferrocromium              | metric tons                | 2480.0  | USD/T           |
| Uranium                   | metric tons                | 25.7    | USD/lbs.        |

**Step 2: Mineral Value of Commodities (Economic Value of minerals)**

The economic value for a particular commodity (mineral) is calculated as a simple mathematical product of quantity extracted and its common price, with the conversion factor

factored in to neutralize the difference in units of measurement.

*Consider the following example of **Crude Steel** for 4 nations over 3 time periods*

## Economic Value of Mineral Crude Steel

| Commodity | Crude Steel |                                |                     |                   |                            |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
|           | Economy     | Production Unit<br>thousand mT | Avg price<br>USD/mT | Conversion Factor | Mineral Value<br>(US\$ mn) |
| 2012      | Bahrain     | 950                            | 300.00              | 1000              | 285.00                     |
| 2013      |             | 970                            |                     |                   | 291.00                     |
| 2014      |             | 970                            |                     |                   | 291.00                     |
| Year      | Economy     | thousand mT                    | USD/mT              | CF                | (US\$ mn)                  |
| 2012      | Zimbabwe    | 15                             | 300.00              | 1000              | 4.50                       |
| 2013      |             | 15                             |                     |                   | 4.50                       |
| 2014      |             | 15                             |                     |                   | 4.50                       |
| Year      | Economy     | thousand mT                    | USD/mT              | CF                | (US\$ mn)                  |
| 2012      | China       | 723,880                        | 300.00              | 1000              | 217164.00                  |
| 2013      |             | 779,040                        |                     |                   | 233712.00                  |
| 2014      |             | 822,300                        |                     |                   | 246690.00                  |
| Year      | Economy     | million mT                     | USD/mT              | CF                | (US\$ mn)                  |
| 2012      | USA         | 88.7                           | 545.00              | 1000000           | 48341.50                   |
| 2013      |             | 86.9                           |                     |                   | 47360.50                   |
| 2014      |             | 88.2                           |                     |                   | 48069.00                   |

**Step 3. Total Aggregate Mineral Value of a nation**

The economic value of all minerals for a given nation is calculated as below:

- 1) Obtain the Quantity of Production (extraction) of all minerals
- 2) Establish a Common Price and Conversion factor for each mineral
- 3) Calculate Economic value: Quantity x Common Price x Conversion Factor

Aggregate Mineral Value of 6 Afro-Asian nations (*in USD mn*) is tabulated below:

| Total Mineral Value | 2012     | 2013     | 2014     |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Australia           | 234806   | 226740   | No data  |
| Bahrain             | 17523    | 16889    | 16766    |
| China               | 34635730 | 39740951 | 36818464 |
| Japan               | 430174   | 345223   | 323331   |
| South Africa        | 7315218  | 8195571  | No data  |
| Zimbabwe            | 19582    | 17455    | 9991     |

**Stage 2** involves obtaining annual macroeconomic data about agricultural income and Population for a nation.

**Stage 3: GNRP: Proposed Economic Indicator of Growth Potential**

GNRP is a simple mathematical product of the Land Revenue and the Population, adjusted for a conversion factor for simplicity of mathematical calculation purpose.

*The value of population factor is 0.001 (population in mn/1000).*

Thus, the formula for GNRP calculation is:

$$\text{GNRP (USD mn)} = \text{Land Revenue (USD mn)} * \text{Population (mn)} * 0.001$$

where

GNRP: Gross Natural Resource Product (USD mn)

Land Revenue: Sum of Agriculture and Mineral revenue (USD mn)

Population: value in million

Population Factor: 0.001

Note: GNRP values for China and South Africa for 2010-2014 is given below:

## GNRP Calculation for China (2010-2014)

| China | Mineral  | Agriculture | Land Revenue | Population | Pop Factor | GNRP          |
|-------|----------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| 2010  | 34787250 | 581401      | 35368652     | 1337.71    | 0.001      | 47312822      |
| 2011  | 41075086 | 714433      | 41789519     | 1344.13    | 0.001      | 56170547      |
| 2012  | 34635730 | 806399      | 35442129     | 1350.70    | 0.001      | 47871506      |
| 2013  | 39740951 | 893010      | 40633961     | 1357.38    | 0.001      | 55155726      |
| 2014  | 36818464 | 949694      | 37768158     | 1364.27    | 0.001      | 51525965      |
|       | a        | b           | c = a + b    | d          | e          | z = c * d * e |

## GNRP Calculation for South Africa (2009-2013)

| South Africa | Mineral | Agriculture | Land Revenue | Population | Pop Factor | GNRP          |
|--------------|---------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| 2009         | 7372700 | 8843        | 7381543      | 50.26      | 0.001      | 295936        |
| 2010         | 8431704 | 9870        | 8441574      | 50.98      | 0.001      | 375349        |
| 2011         | 8307003 | 10563       | 8317565      | 51.73      | 0.001      | 416419        |
| 2012         | 7315218 | 9539        | 7324757      | 52.51      | 0.001      | 396328        |
| 2013         | 8195571 | 8552        | 8204124      | 53.31      | 0.001      | 366624        |
|              | a       | b           | c = a + b    | d          | e          | z = c * d * e |

**Part 2: Wealth Redistribution Model (WRM): Working of the Econometric Model**

Wealth inequality among nations is a global phenomenon leading to growing economic problems like poverty and

underdevelopment of nations. It is also well understood and accepted that the real issue with wealth inequality is the distribution of wealth, not its creation.

Using this universal acceptance in good faith, this research proposes an innovative dynamic econometric model to redefine the distribution of wealth created out of human economic activity among the nations of the world.

This Wealth Redistribution Model (WRM) proposes to reduce inequality and promote social justice among the nations of the world using a two-fold mechanism:

- Reduction is the usage of natural resources, thereby promoting sustainable economic growth that is need-based and not greed or profit-based
- Distribution of any excess wealth created out of favorable economic activity back into the next economic cycle to reduce excessive cyclic profits.

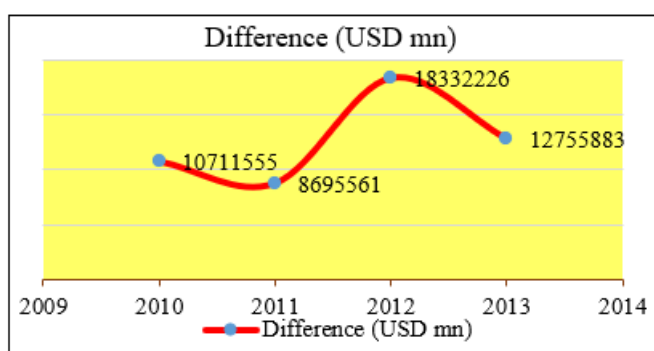
The WRM mechanism follows the following cyclic steps:

- Calculating the Cumulative Economic Potential of Nations (UGNRP)
- UGNRP is compared with Cumulative Wealth Created (UGDP)
- GDP of each nation is compared with the mean UGDP.
- If  $GDP > \text{mean UGDP}$ , the excess is added to GNP in the next business cycle
- Fewer resources are utilized in the next business cycle.
- Again, UGNRP is compared with UGDP in the next cycle.
- Steps 2 to 5 are repeated till both values are equal. i.e.  $UGDP = UGNRP$

**This is the Economic-Environmental Equilibrium (E3) Point**

Comparison between UGNRP and UGDP of 64 Nations

| YEAR                   | 2010     | 2011     | 2012     | 2013     |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| UGNRP (US\$ mn)        | 52007958 | 60955507 | 52787419 | 60269486 |
| UGDP (Current US\$ mn) | 62719513 | 69651069 | 71119645 | 73025370 |
| Difference (US\$ mn)   | 10711555 | 8695561  | 18332226 | 12755883 |



Graph of Difference between UGDP and UGNRP

#### Inference

- Any state of the world economy wherein UGDP does not match UGNRP signifies a state of disequilibrium.
- For the world economy to reach a state of equilibrium, both these values need to be the same consistently over a period of time.
- This is the state of **macro-constancy**; the equilibrium point at which sustainable growth for both planet and mankind is attainable.

#### Conclusion

- The ideal equilibrium is the stage where  $UGDP = UGNRP$ .
- It is proposed to devise a methodology by which the difference between UGDP and UGNRP is **zero**.

#### Part 3: E3 Point of Economic Macroconstancy using Forecast analysis

Economic-Environmental Equilibrium is achieved under perfect "market clearance conditions", when factors of production (natural resources utilized) equal the wealth produced, i.e. when  $UGDP \text{ equals } UGNRP$

- The Economic-Environmental Equilibrium point can be achieved in two ways:
  - Preventing cyclic fluctuations using the Wealth Distribution model
  - Common ownership of natural resources and UGDP
- Sustainable Growth is proposed to be achieved in two ways:
  - Optimal utilization of natural resources through the proposed WRM
  - Sufficing growth based on the Malthusian principle of minimum growth

#### Stage 1: Achieving the Equilibrium Point using Forecast Analysis

To achieve the EEE point for sustainable growth, the following steps are proposed:

- Pre-determine the value of UGNRP to be achieved.
- Target the deadline for achieving this predetermined value of UGNRP.
- Control and regulate utilization of natural resources to evaluate the UGNRP value.
- At the targeted timeline, economic aggregates must be equal i.e.  $UGDP = UGNRP$

#### Stage 2: Operationalising the EEE Point through Forecast Analysis

"Forecast Analysis" as a tool is proposed to be employed in two stages:

- Step 1: An intermediate "preparatory" stage (year 2017)
- Step 2: The terminal "implementation" stage (year 2022)

#### Forecasting the Aggregate Economic Growth (UGDP) Value

GDP forecast by [StatisticsTimes.com](https://www.statistics-times.com) for 2017 and 2022. The GDP values (nominal and PPP) projected for the world economy are as follows:

World GDP (nominal and PPP) – year 2017

| World economy (UGDP) | GDP Nominal (USD bn) |        | GDP PPP (USD bn) |         |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------|------------------|---------|
|                      | 2017                 | 2022   | 2017             | 2022    |
|                      | 77,988               | 99,956 | 126,688          | 168,202 |

#### GDP forecast for the 64-nation Aggregate level based on the share of world GDP

The nominal GDP forecast at the aggregate level of the economy for the world and the cumulative aggregate of the GDP values forecast for the 64 sample nations for the years 2017 and 2022 are tabulated below:

World and 64-nation Aggregate UGDP (forecast)

| Aggregation Level of Economy | GDP (USD bn) |        |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------|
|                              | 2017         | 2022   |
| Cumulative 64                | 74,577       | 95,287 |
| World (UGDP)                 | 77,988       | 99,956 |

Source: StatisticsTimes.com

UGNRP (O and R) and UGDP values

| YEAR | UGNRP (O) | UGNRP (R) | UGDP     |
|------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 2010 | 52005948  | 52005948  | 62717503 |
| 2011 | 60953496  | 95361804  | 69649058 |
| 2012 | 52785407  | 90726738  | 71117633 |
| 2013 | 60267473  | 99033324  | 73023357 |
| 2014 | 56432279  | 96082237  | 73850628 |

Note: all values in USD mn

## 5. Observation

It is observed that the cumulative GDP value for the 64 nations for the period 2010-2014 is 95.63 % of the world's UGDP. For the research, the cumulative GDP forecast for the 64 nations is also considered as 95.63 % of the projected World GDP value for 2017 and 2022, respectively.

GDP forecast table

| Economy       | 2017 GDP | % of Total | 2022 GDP | % of Total |
|---------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|
| World         | 77,988   |            | 99,956   |            |
| Cumulative 64 | 74,577   | 95.63      | 95,287   | 95.33      |

Note: UGNRP (O) is the original cumulative GNR values of the 64 nations before using the WRM working for ploughing back excess wealth into successive years' GNR values. UGNRP (R) is the revised value after adding excess GDP values.

### Achieving Forecast Value

The forecast of nominal GDP for the world economy is made for the years 2017 and 2022. The growth rate achieved in the years 2017 and 2022 is calculated over the base year 2014. The UGDP values and the growth rate achieved is tabulated as follows:

UGDP values for the 64 nations for 2017 and 2022

| YEAR            | UGDP     | Growth Rate |
|-----------------|----------|-------------|
| 2014            | 73850628 | base year   |
| 2017 (forecast) | 74579924 | 1.0099      |
| 2022 (forecast) | 95587923 | 1.2943      |

GDP Forecast of Top 3 Economies

|               | 2023      | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      | 2027      |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| China         | 32,529.20 | 34,705.70 | 36,988.50 | 39,427.30 | 42,050.20 |
| United States | 26,185.20 | 27,057.20 | 28,045.30 | 29,165.50 | 30,281.50 |
| India         | 12,813.10 | 13,972.90 | 15,196.80 | 16,497.40 | 17,854.70 |

GDP, current prices, PPP, billion \$US

### Stage 3: Concept of Zero Difference

The final aim of the research is to achieve zero difference between UGDP and UGNRP values. This **most critical stage** is proposed to be achieved in the year 2022.

### Working module: Calculating Projected Values of UGDP and UGNRP

| Projected for 2022 (USD mn) |          | Projected for 2022 (USD mn) |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Projected UGDP 2022         | 95287011 | Projected UGDP              | 95287011 |
| Current UGDP 2014           | 73850628 | Projected UGNRP             | 72812695 |
| Rate of Growth              | 29.0%    |                             |          |
| Current UGNRP 2014          | 56432279 |                             |          |
| Projected UGNRP 2022        | 72812695 |                             |          |

### Stage 4: Achieving Zero difference: Methodology adopted

- 1) E3 Point is operationally possible when UGDP equals UGNRP, i.e. when there is **zero difference** between the two values.
- 2) For the year 2022, either UGDP or UGNRP must be a fixed value
- 3) Zero difference (UGNRP – UGDP) is achieved by two different methods.

**Method 1:** UGNRP value in 2022 must equal the projected UGDP value. Economic growth (UGDP) is planned first.

**Method 2:** UGDP in 2022 must be equal to the projected UGNRP value. UGNRP value is determined first by planning the natural resource allocation.

### Detailed working of the two methods follows

**Method 1:** UGNRP value equals the projected UGDP value

| Year | UGDP (USD bn) | Year | UGDP (USD bn) |
|------|---------------|------|---------------|
| 2010 | 62718         | 2017 | 74577         |
| 2011 | 69649         | 2018 |               |
| 2012 | 71118         | 2019 |               |
| 2013 | 73023         | 2020 |               |
| 2014 | 73851         | 2021 |               |
| 2015 |               | 2022 | 95287         |
| 2016 |               |      |               |

**Method 2:** UGDP value equals the projected UGNRP value

| YEAR | UGNRP (USD bn) | YEAR | UGNRP (USD bn) |
|------|----------------|------|----------------|
| 2010 | 52006          | 2017 | 97027          |
| 2011 | 95362          | 2018 |                |
| 2012 | 90727          | 2019 |                |
| 2013 | 99033          | 2020 |                |
| 2014 | 96082          | 2021 |                |
| 2015 |                | 2022 | 72813          |
| 2016 |                |      |                |

## 6. Results

In order to plan for achieving the Economic-Environmental Equilibrium point in the year 2022, two possible scenarios under which the “Projected” values are fixed, while the “Planned” values are to be manipulated, are presented below: Scenario 1: UGNRP value in 2022 must equal the projected UGDP value. UGDP values are fixed; natural resource allocation is controlled periodically.

**Projected UGDP = 95287011 USD mn. = Planned UGNRP**

Scenario 2: UGDP in year 2022 must be equal to the projected UGNRP value. UGNRP value is fixed; economic activity is controlled periodically.

**Projected UGNRP = 72812695 USD mn. = Planned UGDP**

## Conclusion

It is easier to control and manipulate the allocation of natural resources than to control the economic activity at micro or macro level.

### Working Model for Forecasting UGDP values

| Trend of UGDP                                          |             | Trend: UGDP |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| YEAR                                                   | UGDP        | Year        | (USD mn) |
| 2010                                                   | 62717503    | 2010        | 62717503 |
| 2011                                                   | 69649058    | 2011        | 69649058 |
| 2012                                                   | 71117633    | 2012        | 71117633 |
| 2013                                                   | 73023357    | 2013        | 73023357 |
| 2014                                                   | 73850628    | 2014        | 73850628 |
| YEAR                                                   | UGDP        | 2015        | 74093727 |
| 2014                                                   | 73850628    | 2016        | 74215276 |
| 2017                                                   | 74579924    | 2017        | 74579924 |
| Growth Rate                                            | 1.0099      | 2018        | 78198087 |
| 2022                                                   | 95587923    | 2019        | 79284952 |
| Growth Rate                                            | 1.2943      | 2020        | 81096393 |
|                                                        |             | 2021        | 84719276 |
|                                                        |             | 2022        | 95587923 |
| Working for Predicting UGDP Yearwise based on Forecast |             |             |          |
| 0.336625095                                            | 0.003291761 | 1.003291761 | 74093727 |
| 0.504937642                                            | 0.004937642 | 1.004937642 | 74215276 |
| 1.009875284                                            | 0.009875284 | 1.009875284 | 74579924 |
|                                                        | 0.058868272 | 1.058868272 | 78198087 |
|                                                        | 0.073585340 | 1.073585340 | 79284952 |
|                                                        | 0.098113786 | 1.098113786 | 81096393 |
|                                                        | 0.147170679 | 1.147170679 | 84719276 |
| 1.294341358                                            | 0.294341358 | 1.294341358 | 95587923 |

Note: Trend Analysis of UGDP and UGNRP can be utilized to determine the various checkpoints for the coming years from 2017 based on the projected growth rate.

## 7. Discussion

### Planning Equilibrium Growth

UGDP values (actual, forecast, and calculated) for each year for a twelve-year period from 2010 till 2022 is given below.

### Final UGDP values

| UGDP Values |          |      |          |
|-------------|----------|------|----------|
| Year        | (USD mn) | Year | (USD mn) |
| 2010        | 62717503 | 2017 | 74579924 |
| 2011        | 69649058 | 2018 | 78198087 |
| 2012        | 71117633 | 2019 | 79284952 |
| 2013        | 73023357 | 2020 | 81096393 |
| 2014        | 73850628 | 2021 | 84719276 |
| 2015        | 74093727 | 2022 | 95587923 |
| 2016        | 74215276 |      |          |

### Plan of Action

The graphs give us an idea of the UGDP value at periodic intervals. All that needs to be done is to ensure that the UGNRP values at the corresponding intervals match the UGDP values. The close match of UGNRP value with UGDP value will ensure that the “zero difference” mission is well on course.

## 8. Conclusions

The outcome of this empirical research is threefold:

### 1) New economic concepts:

- GNRP: Economic growth potential indicator based on natural resource evaluation
- UGDP: Cumulative wealth productivity of nations
- UGNRP: Cumulative resource-based valuation of nations

### 2) New Mechanisms:

- Common Pricing Mechanism
- Conversion factor for physical measurement parity

### 3) New Innovative Systems:

- Economic-Environmental Equilibrium point of macro-constancy
- Wealth Redistribution model

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