

INNOVATION MANAGEMENT IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: THE ROLE OF INDUSTRIALIZATION STRATEGY

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Abstract: This research paper delves into the crucial role of industrialization strategies in the economic development of Morocco. The study uses a combination of historical analysis, economic theories, and empirical data to examine the interplay between various industrialization models – namely Import Substitution Industrialization (ISI), Export-Oriented Industrialization (EOI), and Strategic Industrialization – and their impacts on economic growth. The analysis underscores the significance of industrialization in fostering job creation, enhancing technological innovation, and driving GDP growth. Moreover, the research highlights the importance of developing a skilled workforce to effectively implement these industrialization strategies, as human capital plays a pivotal role in sustaining growth. By identifying successful case studies from comparable economies, this paper offers a framework for Morocco to adapt and innovate its industrial policies, ensuring a more resilient economic future. The research identifies key drivers of industrialization, such as technological advancements, access to capital, and government policies, while conducting an econometric analysis of Morocco's industrial landscape, explicitly focusing on extractive industries, manufacturing, and electricity production. Results indicate that while manufacturing industries significantly contribute to economic development, extractive industries show limited impact, and electricity production does not considerably influence growth rates. This paper emphasizes the need for tailored industrialization strategies aligning with Morocco's unique socio-economic context to promote sustainable economic growth. The findings serve as a vital resource for policymakers and stakeholders, advocating for context-specific approaches that harness the potential of industrialization to overcome developmental challenges. Ultimately, this research contributes to the broader discourse on industrialization within development economics, offering valuable insights for improving economic resilience in Morocco and similar developing nations.

Keywords: econometric analysis, economic resilience, industrial policy, manufacturing industries, types of industrialization.

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1. Introduction. Industrialization is widely acknowledged as a vital economic growth and development catalyst, particularly in developing countries such as Morocco. Formulating and implementing effective industrialization strategies becomes essential as these nations work to address structural challenges, poverty, and inequality while pursuing sustainable development. The significance of industrialization lies in its capacity to diversify economies, create jobs, foster technological innovation, and improve global competitiveness.

However, the methods and outcomes of industrialization have sparked considerable debate, leading to various controversial and divergent hypotheses within development economics. A key area of discussion centers on the roles of different industrialization models, including Import Substitution Industrialization (ISI), Export-Oriented Industrialization (EOI), and Strategic Industrialization, in shaping economic results. Critics of ISI argue that protectionist policies may hinder technological progress and long-term competitiveness, while proponents emphasize its potential to nurture emerging industries. Conversely, EOI has been lauded for enhancing export competitiveness but criticized for making economies vulnerable to external shocks. These competing viewpoints highlight the complexity of designing industrialization strategies tailored to the unique socio-economic contexts of developing countries. This study aims to investigate the dynamics of industrialization strategies within the context of Morocco's economic development. The research identifies key factors shaping industrialization by examining historical trends, financial theories, and empirical evidence and assesses their implications for Morocco's economic growth. The main objective of this work is to analyze the effectiveness of various industrialization models in Morocco and evaluate how different sectors – such as manufacturing, extractive industries, and energy production – contribute to sustainable development. This study addresses controversial questions, such as how government policies, technological progress, and capital access influence industrialization success.

The originality of this paper lies in its focus on Morocco. This country offers a unique case study due to its hybrid industrialization strategy combining ISI and EOI elements. Furthermore, this research contributes to the current theoretical and practical frameworks by providing new econometric evidence on the relationship between industrialization and economic development in Morocco. These findings can inform policymakers and stakeholders about the challenges and opportunities associated with industrialization in developing countries.

The structure of this paper is as follows: the literature on industrialization strategies and economic development. After outlines the research methodology, including the econometric model employed for analysis. Then we examines the results and their implications for Morocco's industrialization strategy. Finally, we provides concluding remarks, policy recommendations, and suggestions for future research. This study aims to enhance our understanding of how customized industrialization strategies can promote economic resilience, thereby contributing to Morocco's long-term growth and development in a globalized landscape.

2. Literature review.

The relationship between industrialization strategies and economic development is of crucial importance, especially in the context of developing countries. Thomas (Thomas, 2023) examines how industrial policies can stimulate employment growth in India. The author emphasizes that well-designed strategies can significantly increase employment rates, which are essential for economic development. By analyzing various approaches adopted by Indian states, Thomas provides recommendations on optimizing the impact of government interventions to promote job creation.

Similarly, Yuni, Makhetha and Lelimo (Yuni et al., 2023) highlight the correlation between industrialization and economic growth, demonstrating that industrialization is a critical driver of development, particularly in the context of Lesotho. They identify specific challenges and opportunities related to industrialization, which can serve as a reference for other developing countries. Their research shows that tailored industrial policies can contribute to sustainable economic development.

In a complementary analysis, Irwin (Irwin, 2021) discusses the rise and fall of import substitution as a key industrial strategy, exploring its implications for developing countries. This examination reveals how import substitution can lead to both initial economic growth and subsequent challenges, underscoring the importance of adaptive and responsive industrial policies that align with the unique circumstances of each country. By reflecting on historical cases, Irwin provides insights that can inform current policy debates on effective industrialization strategies.

Forero and Tena-Junguito (Forero & Tena-Junguito, 2024) further contribute to this discussion by exploring industrialization as an engine of growth in Latin America over a century (1913–2013). Their research outlines the historical trajectory of industrial policies in the region and examines the long-term economic impacts. By analyzing a century of industrial development, the authors provide valuable lessons on the successes and failures of different strategies, contributing to a deeper understanding of how industrialization can drive sustainable economic growth in various contexts.

Moreover, Artekin (Artekin, 2024) tests the Environmental Kuznets Curve hypothesis in the context of industrial development, focusing on France. This study explores the interplay between industrial growth and environmental quality, offering insights into how sustainable practices can be integrated into industrialization

strategies. The findings suggest that well-managed industrial policies not only support economic development but also promote environmental sustainability, which is vital for achieving long-term growth.

Another fundamental aspect of industrialization is the integration of various economic sectors. In the work of Muyambiri (Muyambiri, 2023), the author demonstrates the importance of an integrated approach that links agriculture, industry, and services to promote economic growth. The study highlights policies that foster this synergy, emphasizing that the interaction between these sectors can enhance economic resilience and improve development outcomes.

Various aspects of industrialization and related social issues are disclosed in (Tielietov & Letunovska, 2014), which analyzes the economic efficiency of measures related to the socialization of business processes at enterprises, the synergistic effect of industrialization and economic and social transformations.

Fluctuations in oil prices represent another challenge for economic development, as indicated by Triantoro (Triantoro et al., 2023). This article analyzes how variations in commodity prices can influence economic growth, particularly for resource-dependent countries. The authors stress that economies must diversify and adopt industrial strategies considering these risks to reduce vulnerability to external shocks.

Finally, Radicic, Borovic and Trivic (Radicic et al., 2023) address the productivity issue. The authors explore European productivity disparities, emphasizing that effective industrialization strategies can help narrow these gaps. Understanding productivity dynamics is essential for formulating policies that encourage innovation and efficiency, which is crucial for long-term economic development.

Overall, this literature review highlights the importance of an integrated approach in developing industrialization strategies. The studies analyzed demonstrate that well-designed industrial policies can catalyze economic growth while promoting sustainability, which is essential for developing countries. The insights provided by this research offer valuable guidance for policymakers seeking to create effective and inclusive industrialization strategies.

Hypotheses of the investigation:

- industrialization positively impacts economic growth and development;
- the manufacturing industry significantly contributes to economic development in Morocco;
- extractive industries have a limited impact on overall economic development compared to other sectors.

This paper addresses gaps in the literature and empirical evidence by analyzing the current state of industrialization in Morocco and assessing the effectiveness of various industrialization strategies. The analysis seeks to deliver meaningful insights into the challenges and opportunities encountered in Morocco's industrialization process while also providing policy recommendations for achieving sustainable economic development.

3. Methodology and research methods.

This research is situated within the field of development economics, emphasizing industrialization strategies and their impact on economic growth, particularly in Morocco. Data sources were selected based on their relevance, credibility, and ability to provide historical and current information on industrialization in Morocco. Specific datasets from the High Commission for Planning (HCP) were prioritized for their focus on industrial production indices and economic growth rates across various sectors, ensuring a detailed and localized analysis. The analysis involved quantitative and qualitative techniques to provide a holistic understanding of the research problem. Summary statistics illustrate industrial production indices and economic growth rate trends. Multiple linear regression analyses examined the relationship between industrial sectors and overall economic growth. This method allowed for assessing the significance of various factors influencing financial performance. Qualitative insights were gathered from policy documents and interviews with industry experts, providing context to the quantitative results and enriching the analysis with real-world perspectives.

Despite rigorous efforts to maintain methodological integrity, this study acknowledges several limitations. Access to specific databases may be limited, which could influence the depth of the analysis. Inaccuracies in data reporting can lead to measurement errors, affecting the reliability of the results. The complex nature of economic development processes means that establishing causal relationships can be challenging, which might affect the interpretation of findings.

Table 1 presents the descriptive indicators of the mean and standard deviation of the industrial production index changes for three sectors of activity. Figure 1 presents the evolution of the production index by industry between 2015 and 2022 and the growth rate over 8 years (2015 to 2022) in Morocco, as shown in Figure 2.

Table 1. Descriptive Statistics of Index Evaluation, en millions dhs

Year		Extractive industries	Manufacturing industries	Electricity production and distribution	Economic growth rate
2015	Mean	99,500	109,150	130,150	4,350
	Standard deviation	11,1125	3,2151	6,3522	0,9327
2016	Mean	101,850	110,650	132,825	0,525
	Standard deviation	7,9316	3,9854	8,8361	0,6850
2017	Mean	122,375	113,025	136,450	5,050

	Standard deviation	17,2082	4,3254	10,3455	0,7853
2018	Mean	127,650	116,575	145,375	3,050
	Standard deviation	7,7363	4,6893	11,9131	0,1732
2019	Mean	132,075	113,150	128,600	2,900
	Standard deviation	5,3984	4,4792	4,6555	0,7071
2020	Mean	138,725	106,075	123,425	-7,125
	Standard deviation	10,4356	11,3726	9,6607	6,0263
2021	Mean	141,550	113,175	131,600	8,125
	Standard deviation	7,3055	6,4236	8,2708	5,0009
2022	Mean	115,200	114,100	131,975	1,100
	Standard deviation	7,5175	5,6974	6,8941	0,8287
Total	Mean	122,366	111,988	132,550	2,247
	Standard deviation	17,3973	6,1348	9,7343	4,9304

Source: High Commission for Planning (HCP)

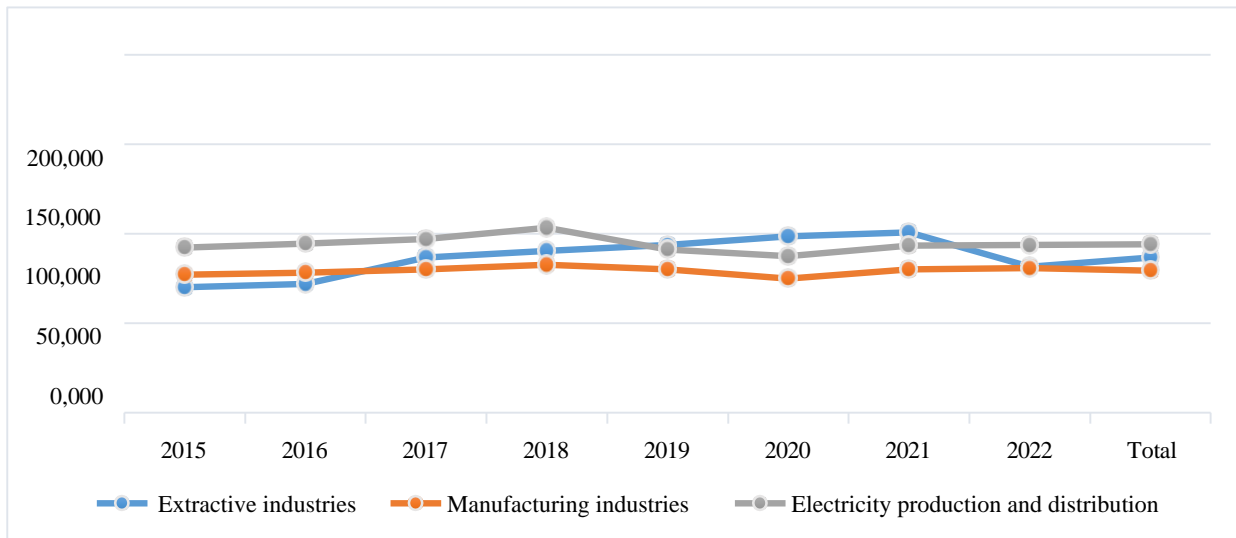


Figure 1. Evolution of the production index by sector between 2015 and 2022, en millions dhs
Sources: developed by the authors based on (High Commission for Planning (HCP))

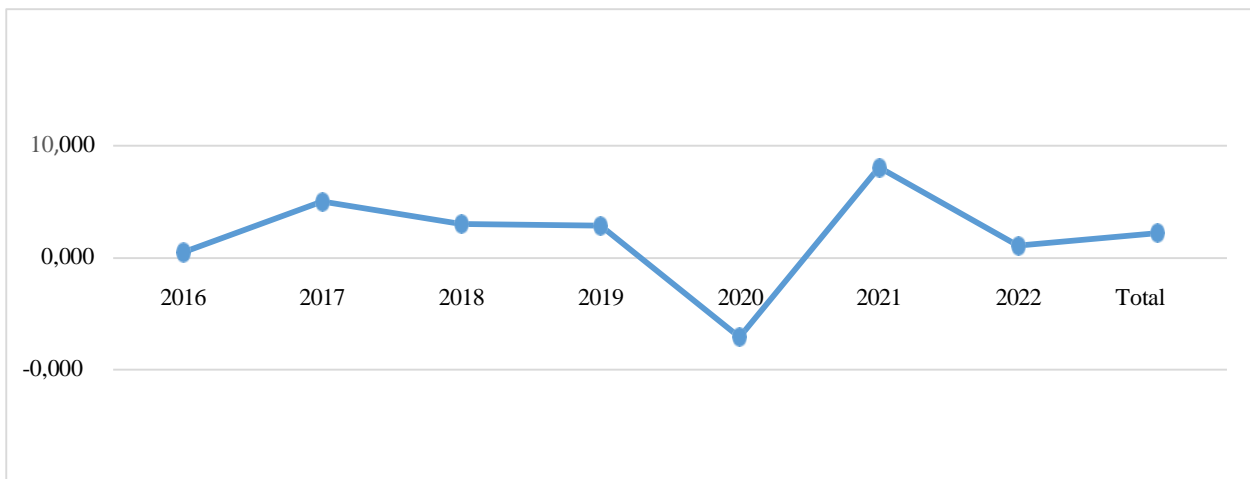


Figure 2. Economic growth rate between 2015 and 2022 (en millions dhs)
Sources: developed by the authors based on (High Commission for Planning (HCP))

4. Results.

The analysis assessed the impact of various industrial sectors on Morocco's economic growth rate, explicitly focusing on electricity production and distribution, manufacturing industries, and extractive industries. By applying a linear regression model, we sought to determine whether the relationship between these variables and economic growth is statistically significant. The regression results are presented in Table 2, which focuses on the Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) to assess the model's overall validity. The linear regression analysis yielded the following results (Table 2).

Table 2. ANOVA results for the Regression Model Explaining the Economic Growth Rate

ANOVA (a)					
Model	Sum of squares	ddl	Mean square	F	Sig.
Regression	213,237	3	71,079	3,683	0,024 ^b
Student's t-test	540,322	28	19,297		
1 Total	753,560	31			

a. Dependent variable: Economic Growth Rate

b. Predictors: (Constant), Electricity Production and Distribution, Manufacturing Industries, Extractive Industries

Sources: calculated by the authors (High Commission for Planning (HCP))

The ANOVA analysis (Table 2) indicates that the regression model is statistically significant, with a p-value of 0.024, less than the conventional threshold of 0.05. This suggests that the overall model fits the data well and that at least one of the industrial sectors contributes significantly to explaining variations in the economic growth rate.

The software used for the regression and ANOVA analysis was IBM SPSS 26, ensuring accuracy in the statistical computation. This software allowed for a comprehensive examination of the relationship between the industrial sectors and economic growth, providing insights into which sectors have the most substantial influence on economic performance. Expanding on this, the significant F-value (3.683) also reinforces that the model's explanatory variables collectively contribute to explaining changes in Morocco's economic growth rate. Further analysis of the regression coefficients (presented in the next section) will allow us to identify the specific impact of each industry sector.

Table 3. Indicators of Multiple Regression Analysis

Dependent variable: (Economic Growth Rate)		
R	0.532	
R ²	0.283	
R ² ajusté	0.206	
Standard error of estimation	4.392	
Constant	-50.386	
	Coefficient Bêta (β)	Signification : (P value)
Extractive Industries	-0.107	0.516
Manufacturing Industries	0.382	0.025*
Production and Distribution of Electricity	0.327	0.055

*The coefficient is significant at the 0.05 significance level

Sources: calculated by the authors (High Commission for Planning (HCP))

The detailed results of the multiple regression analysis are presented in Table 3 above. The analysis of the coefficient of determination R² allows us to estimate the explanatory power of the explanatory variables in the model. The result shows that these variables have a very moderate explanatory power on the dependent variable, reaching 28%, with an R² = 0.283. This result suggests that the three explanatory variables chosen in our model are insufficient to predict the variation in the dependent variable, which is the economic growth rate.

- Hypothesis Analysis (H1): The extractive industry positively influences the country's economic growth rate. The results for the first hypothesis H1 indicate that there is no significant influence relationship between extractive industries (mining) and economic growth, as we have a significance value that greatly exceeds the maximum error threshold of 0.05. This result leads us to reject our first hypothesis and conclude that extractive industries do not play a major role in economic development.

- Hypothesis Analysis (H2): The manufacturing industry contributes positively to the country's economic development. The analysis of the second hypothesis H2 gives significant results, with a significance value below the accepted error threshold of 0.05 and a positive standard Beta coefficient, reflecting a moderate influence of 0.382. This means that the manufacturing industry contributes moderately to the country's economic growth; in other words, every unit increase in the development of manufacturing industries implies an improvement in economic growth by 38%.

- Hypothesis Analysis (H3): Electricity production impacts economic growth. The analysis of the effect of electricity production on economic growth yields a non-significant result, with a p-value just exceeding the maximum error threshold of 0.05, specifically a significance value of 0.055. This result leads us to reject our third hypothesis, even though the risk threshold is low, and thus we can say that electricity production does not significantly influence the country's economic development.

5. Discussion.

This study's results highlight the manufacturing industry's pivotal role in economic growth in Morocco. The Beta coefficient of 0.382 reflects a solid positive relationship between the sector and overall financial performance. Their research demonstrated that the manufacturing sector is crucial for economic expansion, job creation, and technological progress, which are critical for long-term financial sustainability. In Morocco, this finding suggests that policymakers should prioritize and enhance support for the manufacturing sector through incentives, infrastructure development, and research and development (R&D) investments to improve productivity and competitiveness.

Despite the significant role of manufacturing, the results indicate that extractive industries do not have a meaningful impact on economic growth in Morocco, aligning with the conclusions in Muyambiri (Muyambiri, 2023). This finding resonates with other studies that highlight the limitations of extractive industries in driving sustainable economic growth. For instance, a comparative analysis of several resource-rich countries reveals that those heavily reliant on extractive sectors often experience slower growth due to a lack of diversification (Corden & Neary, 1982; Auty, 1993). Muyambiri's work further underscores the urgent need for economic diversification, cautioning against over-reliance on these industries. This is particularly relevant for Morocco, where focusing too heavily on natural resources could hinder sustainable economic development. The findings suggest that Morocco would benefit from implementing a more integrated industrial strategy, as recommended by Muyambiri, emphasizing diversification into value-added industries. Such strategies could mitigate vulnerabilities to global commodity price fluctuations, as evidenced by the experiences of countries like Norway, which successfully transitioned from oil dependence to a more diversified economy (Gylfason, 2001).

Conversely, the finding that electricity production does not significantly affect economic growth is intriguing and contrasts sharply with much of the existing literature. For example, Kalyoncu, Gursoy and Gocen (Kalyoncu et al., 2013) assert that while electricity production is often correlated with economic growth, this relationship can vary based on specific conditions, such as infrastructure quality and market efficiency. Their analysis of Armenia illustrates that energy production's influence on growth could be limited or insignificant if underlying factors are inadequate. Applying this framework to Morocco implies that while electricity production is fundamental to economic development, the country may not fully capitalize on its potential due to infrastructural constraints or inefficiencies in energy distribution. This aligns with other studies that suggest investments in energy infrastructure are crucial for enhancing the sector's contribution to economic growth (World Bank, 2010; IEA, 2021). Policymakers should thus prioritize improving energy infrastructure, promoting sustainable and reliable electricity production systems, and addressing existing inefficiencies to unlock the sector's full potential.

The comparative analysis of these sectors reveals key insights for Morocco's future industrial policy. The significance of the manufacturing sector points to the need for policies that foster innovation and productivity. At the same time, the limited impact of extractive industries and electricity production highlights the complexities of relying on natural resources and energy as growth drivers. A more nuanced approach is needed, one that not only develops these sectors but also focuses on supporting infrastructure, technological innovation, and diversification to ensure long-term economic resilience.

6. Conclusions.

This study has explored the crucial role of industrialization strategy in Morocco's economic development, highlighting the interactions between various sectors and their impact on economic growth. The findings support the hypothesis that a proactive approach to industrialization, coupled with innovative management, can significantly enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of the Moroccan economy.

By analyzing the collected data and integrating theoretical perspectives from existing literature, this research emphasizes the importance of sectoral diversification and investment in innovation to stimulate economic growth. Moreover, the results reveal important implications for policymakers, who must develop industrial policies promoting innovation and fostering cooperation between the public and private sectors. However, it is essential to recognize the limitations of this study, particularly concerning the scope of the data and the constantly evolving economic context. Future research could further investigate the external factors influencing industrialization in Morocco and examine the experiences of other developing countries to draw applicable lessons.

In conclusion, this research contributes significantly to understanding the dynamics of industrialization and its impact on economic development. It also paves the way for new reflections on the strategies to strengthen the Moroccan economy's competitiveness in a changing global landscape.

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УПРАВЛІННЯ ІННОВАЦІЯМИ В ЕКОНОМІЧНОМУ РОЗВИТКУ: РОЛЬ СТРАТЕГІЇ ІНДУСТРІАЛІЗАЦІЇ

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Ця наукова робота заглиблюється у вирішальну роль стратегій індустріалізації в економічному розвитку Марокко. Дослідження використовує поєднання історичного аналізу, економічних теорій та емпіричних даних для вивчення взаємодії між різними моделями індустріалізації, а саме: імпортозаміщуючою індустріалізацією (ІЗІ), експортоорієнтованою індустріалізацією (ЕОІ) та стратегічною індустріалізацією, а також їхнього впливу на економічне зростання. Аналіз підкреслює важливість індустріалізації для створення нових робочих місць, посилення технологічних інновацій та стимулювання зростання ВВП.

Крім того, дослідження підкреслює важливість розвитку кваліфікованої робочої сили для ефективної реалізації цих стратегій індустріалізації, оскільки людський капітал відіграє ключову роль у підтримці зростання. Виявляючи успішні приклади з порівнянних економік, цей документ пропонує Марокко основу для адаптації та інновацій у його промисловій політиці, що забезпечить більш стійке економічне майбутнє.

Дослідження визначає ключові фактори індустріалізації, такі як технологічний прогрес, доступ до капіталу та державна політика, а також проводить економетричний аналіз промислового ландшафту Марокко, приділяючи особливу увагу видобувним галузям, переробній промисловості та виробництву електроенергії. Результати показують, що в той час як переробна промисловість робить значний внесок в економічний розвиток, видобувна промисловість демонструє обмежений вплив, а виробництво електроенергії не має значного впливу на темпи зростання. Ця робота підкреслює необхідність розробки спеціальних стратегій індустріалізації, що відповідають унікальному соціально-економічному контексту Марокко, для сприяння сталому економічному зростанню. Висновки дослідження слугують важливим ресурсом для політиків та зацікавлених сторін, які виступають за контекстно-орієнтовані підходи, що використовують потенціал індустріалізації для подолання викликів розвитку. Зрештою, це дослідження робить внесок у ширший дискурс про індустріалізацію в рамках економіки розвитку, пропонуючи цінну інформацію для підвищення економічної стійкості Марокко та інших країн, що розвиваються.

Ключові слова: економетричний аналіз, економічна стійкість, промислова політика, обробна промисловість, типи індустріалізації.