

An Overview on Grassroots Innovation and Experiences in Some Countries

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Grassroots innovations are community-based solutions which are provided to respond to the needs of the local community. Working with indigenous knowledge will be developed with people's interactions and environmental challenges. The grassroots innovations are easy and inexpensive, the motivation for this type of innovation is not profit or commercialization, but it is important to preserve the indigenous identity & culture. Grassroots innovations are usually informal, indigenous and carried out by ordinary people. The purpose of this paper is getting acquainted with grassroots innovations in other countries. In this study, we discuss about the grassroots innovations in India, Brazil and Argentina, which were primers of grassroots innovation movements, and have taken a brief look at the resemble innovations in Malaysia, China, South Africa, and England. Grassroots innovations are often formed to serve local goals and problems. The two subjects of "greenness" and "low cost" are the most important in this issue.

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