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Addressing Barriers to Integrate Social Sustainability in Construction Industry

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The social, ecological, and financial scopes of sustainability are all influenced considerably by construction operations. Regardless of the fact that there is significant literature on financial and ecological sustainability, diminutive was done to investigate social sustainability in the building industry. In light of this, the goal of this research is to look at the major barriers to social sustainability in the Sri Lankan construction industry. The findings of this study may fill in the information gap about the barriers to social sustainability, and improve social sustainability practices in the construction industry. Expert interviews were performed using a complete literature review and a qualitative research technique. The findings were analysed using content analysis. The findings show three major barriers, namely, thelack of awareness of the concept, deficiency of government support, and stakeholders' conflicts of interest and divergent points of view. Sub-barriers were then discussed under each main barrier. Further, the solutions to overcome these barriers were discussed briefly to improve the social sustainability in the Sri Lankan construction industry.

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