

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Colleagues and Friends:

It is my pleasure to bring you the Summer 2018 Issue of the *JOURNAL OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (JSDA)*. The research works on the sustainable development and the sustainability of the economic, socio-cultural and environmental systems of communities across the world continue to gather momentum. Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are increasingly expanding their competencies and abilities to offer guidance, assistance and encouragement to entities engaging in sustainable development activities across the world. The United Nations' sustainable development goals (SDGs) are ambitious milestones for the global communities to continue to aspire to achieve. If the world is to reverse the decline in all aspects of economic, environmental and cultural measures, it has to focus on methods of achieving the stated sustainable development goals.

In this issue of the JSDA, the authors of the articles have taken on the task of addressing the following matters that are central to sustainable development and sustainability issues: 1) Access to public transport and the significance of infrastructure to the growth and development of communities; 2) The urban environment and the opportunities it offers. The "push and pull" factors of migration are examined in detail in this piece. Globally, the urban environment is expanding exponentially at the expense of the rural environment; 3) The pathway to sustainable development must be understood in order to guide growth. This particular article is quite timely and provides an excellent discussion on the subject; 4) China's engagement in the development experiment is tackled in this article; 5) Urban agriculture is gaining ground in many parts of the world. It is imperative that it be taken seriously if the world has to meet the demands for food; 6) Another article discusses the significance of sustainable agriculture in feeding the expanding world population. The question of other landuse activities taking away land from agriculture is addressed; 7) Diversity equals stability is an ecological principle which is used in the context of unity of a society in an article in this issue. It connotes that there is strength in diversity; 8) The question of inadequacy of housing is tackled in this article. Land use issue is critical in as far as the provision of space for residential development is concerned. Adequate and affordable housing is a matter of domestic and international concern that the United Nations is attempting to address through its urban agenda initiative; 9) Conservation and the role of Wetlands in Avian Protection; 10) Sustainable housing satisfaction determinants; 11) Africa's Quest for Sustainable Development in the Era of Globalization; 12) The Drivers of Human Development.

The articles in this issue, like those previous issues of the JSDA add to the breath of literature which explain and lay down the ground work for dealing with the complexity of sustainable development. We are grateful for the work of our authors and the loyalty of our readership.

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