

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It is my distinct pleasure, once again, to bring our readership a new issue of the *JOURNAL OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (JSDA)*. The selection of the papers for this issue is partially influenced by a piece titled: "What to expect from a publisher" excerpted from the *CHRONICLE PRODUCTIVITY GUIDE TO WRITING and PUBLISHING*. The piece appeared in the February 1, 2019 issue of the *CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION*. Attempts were made to answer questions that confront editors in their decision making process of selecting a writing project. One of the questions that caught my eye as I was reading the piece was: "What does it mean when an editor is interested?"

For me, as an editor, to be interested in a manuscript submitted for possible publication in the *JSDA*, the paper must get the approval of two reviewers and the paper must address the concerns that are at the center of the themes of the *JSDA*: 1) *SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT* and 2) *SUSTAINABILITY*. Most of the papers submitted to the *JSDA* for consideration for possible publication often focus on matters germane to the authors' disciplines. It behooves me to give the authors of accepted papers the guidance needed in order to make their papers central to the themes of the *JSDA*. The papers that immediately get my attention are those that address one or both themes of the *JSDA* throughout the paper.

The articles in this issue have done exactly that. They have addressed one or both themes of the *JSDA* in all sections of the articles. The readers of the articles would discover that the papers cover the following areas: 1) Environment/Infrastructure 2) Resource Management/University 3) Politics/Governance 4) Planning/Housing 5) Agriculture and 6) Health. This supports the argument that I have always made that in order to address sustainable development and sustainability concerns, the approach must be integrated, holistic, interdisciplinary, and multidisciplinary.

The articles in this issue add new ideas and dimensions to the already existing ones on the themes of the *JSDA*. It is my hope that the *JSDA* readership would find these articles informative and instructive in the activities that it engages in.

Sincerely,

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