

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I am very delighted to bring you the 2019 Summer Issue of the JSDA. In this Issue, there are eight solid articles that have been divided into three categories: 1) NATURAL SYSTEMS/ECOSYSTEMS SUSTAINABILITY 2) HOUSING PROJECTS PLANNING SUSTAINABILITY 3) POLITICS/REGIONAL GOVERNANCE and INSECURITY. In the first category, the authors address matters pertaining to the "effects of macronutrients deficiency on the seedlings of *Mansonia altissim*: A Chev. SEEDLINGS", "Relationship between Land Use Type, Tree Species Structure and Regeneration of Watershed of Ijaye Forest Reserves in Southwestern Nigeria" and "Water Governance and Water Management Systems for Sustainable Development in Tekeze River Basin." The three articles in this category are well researched and shed a great deal of light on conditions of natural resources and the impacts of humans on them

The second category of papers deal with the following matters: "Risk Management in Public Private Partnership Housing Projects: A Case Study Approach" and "Preventing and Mitigating Risks in Public Private Partnerships (PPP) Housing Projects in Abuja, Nigeria." The implications of public and private policies are examined in this category.

In the third category, the reader is exposed to four articles which deal with: "State Failure and Nature of State Formulation in the Horn of Africa"; "Assessing the Obstacles of Regional Integration and Sustainable Development in the Horn of Africa: The Case of Intergovernmental Authority on Development" and "Has the Giant gone to Sleep? Insecurity and Sustainable Development in the North East, Nigeria." A political economic approach to sustainable development discussion is undertaken by the authors in this category.

I hope our readership find these articles interesting and that they contribute to the understanding of the sustainable development and sustainability questions confronting African societies.

We appreciate the support of the global academic community and most especially the loyalty of our readership.

Sincerely,

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