

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF: FALL 2020

My Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I am particularly delighted to bring you this Issue of the JOURNAL OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (JSDA). The fact that we are publishing this issue very late is because we are working under a very stressful and difficult conditions. The Coronavirus outbreak in the United States and around the world has been quite devastating to institutions and people. We have had to devise new ways of working so as to avoid being infected with the virus. As a result of avoiding people and having to work remotely, we have had to overcome many problems. All and all, we are happy that we can continue to serve scholars around the world who want to get the research out and we are certain that our readership is happy that we are able to continue to function properly under the very difficult circumstances presented by the pandemic.

In this issue of the JSDA, the authors tackle matters concerning: 1) agricultural development with respect to cocoa exports; value chains for improvement and stronger agricultural sector 2) Economic development with respect to economics of integrated pest management and pesticides use decision making process among cowpea farmers in Kano State of Nigeria; econometrics evaluation of on-farm maize production, storage systems, marketable surplus and postharvest losses among smallholder rural farmers in Abuja, Nigeria; enterprise risk management and financial sustainability: evidence from Nigerian listed consumer goods firms and; situation of socioeconomic rights of farmworkers in the cut flower production in Northwest Ethiopia 3) women and development with respect to: empowering Zimbabwean women prisoners' rights to health and equivalence of care in the prison system, using FORUM THEATRE and; rural poverty among women in Nigeria 4) Regional development with regard to regional integration in Africa: the case of intergovernmental authority on development (IGAD). This issue contains a commentary focused on the subject of "tackling the intersectionality of drug offences, gender based violence and victimization in the South African Criminal Justice System: Leveraging for greater implementation of the Tokyo Rules within Sustainable Development Agenda. It is truly an enlightening and illuminating examination of the efforts to implement the "Tokyo Rules within a Sustainable Development Agenda."

The theoretical and case study approaches of examining sustainable development matters in Africa provide "windows of opportunity" to provide lasting and overarching solutions to the perennial problems of development in specific countries of Africa and across the continent of Africa through intergovernmental, governmental, and non-governmental organizations.

We hope that the articles in this issue will fill the void in the literature on sustainable development and provide practical methods of wrestling with development concerns in Africa.

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