

Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

My Dear Colleagues and Friends:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to bring you the spring, 2020 Issue of the JOURNAL OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (JSDA). This Issue means a lot to the editorial management team because we worked very hard to get this Issue to our readership and researchers around the world under very difficult circumstances created by the COVID 19 pandemic. We are delighted to publish fifteen well researched papers and an excellent and timely commentary that sheds light upon a very serious prison condition in Africa that deserves attention and immediate solution and a lasting policy.

The papers have been divided into four categories: 1. ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE 2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 3. ENTREPRENEURSHIP, DIPLOMACY AND TECHNOLOGY and 4. COMMENTARY—HEALTH AND PRISON CONDITION. In the first category, there are nine papers which focus on the following topics: a) Assessment of Natural Regeneration of *Vitellaria paradoxa* C.F. Gaertn in Saki, Oyo State, Nigeria; b) Poultry Farmers Socio-Economic Characteristics and Production Limiting Factors in Southwest Nigeria; c) Effectiveness of Mechanical Scarification and Fertilizer Types on Seed Germination and Early Seedling Growth of *Chrysophyllum Albidum* G. Don; d) Sustainable Agricultural Solutions For Overcoming Climate Change: Adoption of Contract Farming As Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Oromia Regional State, Ethiopia; e) Effect Of Age of *Archachatina marginata* on Meat Biosafety and Carcass Yield; f) Effects of different Periods of Fermentation on Cooked Shea Butter Cake Meal on Performance, Apparent Nutrient Digestibility and Carcass Yield of Broiler Chicks; g) Effects of Climate Change; Global Warming on Sustainable Development and Socio-Economic Life of Ijebu-Ode Indigenes of Nigeria and h) The Potential of Biodiversity Utilization and Sustainable Development in Ghana and i) A Survey of Pattern and Determinants of Rural Households' Choice of Solid Waste Disposal Methods in Ogun State, Nigeria.



The second category consists of three papers which focus on the following topics: a) The Effects the Operations of Shell Petroleum Development Company on Socio-Economic Activities in Abia and Imo States of Nigeria; b) Relationship Marketing: A Sustainable Tool for Customer Satisfaction in the Nigerian Banking Industry; c) Effects of Small Scale Irrigation on Household Income and its Determinants: Implication for Sustainability of Rural Livelihoods, Empirical Evidences and Drought Prone Districts in the Central Rift Valley of Ethiopia

The third category consists of three papers: a) China as an Alternative to the Washington Consensus: Implications for African Sustainable Development; b) Effects of Entrepreneurship Education on the Career and Aspirations of Students of Tertiary Institutions in Anambra State, Nigeria 2014-2019 and c) Digital Health, Technology, and Digital Diplomacy: African Solutions for African Challenges

The fourth category consists of a commentary titled: Prison Staff Exposure to Pathogenic Disease and Occupational Health Research in African Prisons: A Neglected Area

Together, all the articles in this issue of the JSDA make up a highly informative and instructive work that will lead the cutting-edge investigative research about sustainable development and the sustainability of development projects in Africa. The editorial team believes that it has selected the absolute best papers for this Issue of the JSDA. We encourage scholars to link their research work to the themes of the journal in order to contribute to the development solutions across the continent of Africa.

We are grateful for the continued support of our readership in Africa and in many countries across the world.

Sincerely,

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