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Sustainable development demands research that will contribute to the primary, secondary, tertiary issues surrounding a change that will bring about a lasting solution to the economic, environmental, socio-political, and cultural problems of society. African governments search for lasting solutions to their countries' problems can be looked at from the stand point of scholars in the universities, non-governmental organizations, governmental organizations, think tanks, private agencies, and international organizations. The articles in this issue have come from all the sectors mentioned above. These perspectives on matters of Africa's natural resources, socio-political systems, and economic systems continue to inform the general public of the problems Africa faces but it must be stressed that the authors provide sound ideas about possible solutions, strategies, and methods towards making development more sustainable. It is clear from the articles that rigorous research must be conducted for development to take proper shape and root in African countries. For the ecosystems to sustain development, developers must design development plans with a clear understanding of the limits imposed by Africa's natural systems. The socio-cultural perspectives of African societies must be integral component of the plan for development in Africa.

It is often mentioned that Africa is well endowed with natural resources but it is also often mentioned how fragile the ecosystems of Africa are because of poor planning in efforts to harness the natural resources. Government policies, or lack there of, present added fragility to the stability of the natural resources. The articles in this issue are holistic in that they focus on a myriad of issues that confront Africa's development.

The authors of the articles in this issue of the *Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa (JSDA)* have addressed many issues confronting Africa and they have sowed the seeds for further works. We welcome your comments and challenge you to continue the debates on Africa's development matters.

Warm regards,



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