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WINTER 2019 LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Colleagues and Friends:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to bring you the Winter 2019 issue of the JSDA. This issue contains excellent articles which examine agriculture/environmental matters such as: Predictors of Ex-Ante Adoption of Precision Agriculture Technologies by Cocoa Farmers in Ghana; Sustainable Land Tenure and Food Security in Developing Economies: Empirical Evidence From Osun, Nigeria; Perceptions of Farmers on Contract Farming as a Response to Climate Change Adaptation in Ethiopia: Empirical Evidences from two Districts of Oromia Regional State; Levels of Contamination of Vegetables From Irrigated Farmland in Zaria, Nigeria; and Safety Practices on Building Construction Sites for Sustainable Development in Nigeria. A second set of articles in this issue deals with 1) matters concerning: How to use Performance and Theater Arts in HIV Interventions and HIV Programming in Sub-Saharan Africa and 2) First Ladies as Instantaneous Philanthropists. The third section of this issue consists of two papers entitled: Pursuit for Exchanging the Net Income and Sustainable Livelihood for Small holder Farmers: The Case of Contract Farming in Oroma Regional State, Ethiopia and Challenges of Managing Colonial



Heritage in a Post-Colonial Era: A Case Study of a Colonial Heritage in Harare, Zimbabwe.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of being the Editor-in-Chief of the <u>JSDA</u> is that I get to work with fifty to 70 potential authors of very good papers submitted for consideration for possible publication in the <u>JSDA</u> in each season (Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer). During the review process, I get to read the cutting edge papers submitted to the <u>JSDA</u>. I have met thousands of scholars through the work that I do for the <u>JSDA</u>. I continue to learn through the process while guiding young scholars to become better at what they do.

This issue of the <u>JSDA</u> appears to highlight works from Ghana, Nigeria, and Ethiopia with one article that is about Africa as a whole. These articles have been superbly researched and written in order to further the discussions and debates about sustainable development and sustainability. They were thoroughly reviewed and the authors must be applauded for their cooperation during the review process.

I take the opportunity to thank the reviewers and the JSDA readership.

Sincerely,

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