

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Colleagues and Friends:

It is a great pleasure to bring you the Fall 2023 issue of the JOURNAL OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (JSDA). We could not wait to publish five papers slated for this particular issue because they are very thought provoking and quite timely in addressing the concerns of sustainable development and sustainability in the continent of Africa. The papers appearing in this issue are:

1. AN ESTIMATION OF THE LONG-RUN AND SHORT-RUN RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RICE IMPORTATION AND ITS DETERMINANTS IN NIGERIA, 1981 AND 2021
2. LONG TERM LAND -USE CHANGES AND IMPACTS ON GULLY DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH ETHIOPIA
3. POVERTY AS A SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF TEENAGE MOTHERS; THE CASE OF MBARE, 2008
4. SCOPING REVIEW OF WOMEN 'S NAVIGATION OF CO-MORBID HIV AND NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASE (NCD) HEALTH CONDITIONS AND INTEGRATED HIV/NCD HEALTH SERVICES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
5. STRATEGIES FOR PROMOTING CLIMATE SMART-AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES AMONG SMALLHOLDER FARMERS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ENUGU STATE, NIGERIA



There is no doubt that the major issues confronting Africa and many other developing countries of the world, besides poor economy are: health concerns, food insecurity, and environmental degradation. The major segment of the population in Africa that suffers from the inadequacy of healthcare is the female gender. The first article tackles and addresses this concern head-on. The second paper addresses the problem of agriculture in the face of climate change and pays particular attention to smallholder farmers. The other papers address matters of poverty, land use, changes, and agriculture.

It should be emphasized that the topics of these articles are among the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nation. Hence the articles are excellent additions to the subjects of sustainable development and sustainability.

Sincerely,

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