

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
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My Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I am delighted, once again, to bring you another exciting issue of the JSDA. We have continued to focus on research papers that are informative and instructive on the sustainable development trends in Africa and the sustainability of development projects, programs and policies germane to Africa's future. The world is at a crossroad in addressing Africa's place in global affairs. Africa's natural resources are the materials that make the industrialized world function, and the economies of the "Global North" depend on the resources of African countries. It stands to reason that the sustainable development of Africa and the sustainability of the economic, social and ecological systems of Africa must be supported and encouraged. This year's United Nations General Assembly Meeting in New York, USA emphasized the concerns over Africa's sustainable development and Africa's role in the Security Council. It is because of such concerns that the JSDA will continue to publish papers that address Africa's centrality in Global matters. The successful development of Africa is of interest to the world.

In this issue, we are publishing several papers that deal with environmental, economic, and agricultural concerns of Africa. Some of the papers are:

- 1) ANALYSES OF FOREST COVER CHANGE DUE TO REFUGEE SETTLEMENT IN KULE, TERKIDI, AND JEWI REFUGEE SITES, GAMBELLA REGIONAL STATE, ETHIOPIA.
- 2) TRUST, SOCIAL CAPITAL AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TRAJECTORIES IN RURAL ETHIOPIA
- 3) UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN FOREST RESTORATION IN RURAL ZIMBABWE THROUGH INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE AND PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH
- 4) A MULTI-INDICATOR ASSESSMENT OF RURAL HOUSEHOLD FOOD SECURITY IN ADA'A DISTRICT, CENTRAL ETHIOPIA

Additional papers are forthcoming in this issue of the JSDA as they pass through the rigorous high standards of our editorial team.

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