

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Friends and Colleagues:

As we look to the future development attempts in Africa, we are reminded of the significance of a holistic approach to development which embraces all facets of human endeavor grounded in socio-cultural and educational development. Often times, development efforts undervalue social, cultural, political, and educational underpinnings that impinge upon development. The papers in this issue of the Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa (JSDA), make it abundantly clear and quite vividly that serious development that would make a difference on the continent and in specific countries and societies must certainly make serious attempts to include aspects of education, sociology, culture, and politics in all development efforts. This perspective would definitely tackle immediate and future problems that would emanate as a result of growth or lack thereof.

Many successful societies around the world that have been able to achieve peace and tranquility and thus been able to make significant progress in sustaining their communities have done so by embracing holistic perspectives. There are many lessons to learn from the case studies provided in some of the articles in this issue and the theoretical discussions are just as important as the applied ones. They are bound to be informative and instructive to the JSDA readership.

Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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