

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Friends and Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to bring you the Summer 2016 issue of the **JOURNAL OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (JSDA)**. This summer issue has interesting and thought provoking articles which deal with a number of pressing problems across the continent of Africa. Many countries of Africa continue to face serious economic problems. Africa's most populous country, Nigeria, which became Africa's largest economy, just a year ago, is experiencing a serious economic recession. The conditions of employment, infrastructure support, health facilities, educational institutions, the general security conditions in many countries across the continent are in deflation situations. Many governments of the countries of Africa are barely heading in the right directions in their efforts to govern in a decent democratic fashion. Corruption has become part of the daily routine in virtually all aspects of life of many governmental and non-governmental organizations across the continent.



In this Summer issue of the JSDA, the authors of the eleven articles grapple with many contemporary concerns central to the paradigms of sustainable development and sustainability. The articles focus on the following aspects: 1. The importance of distance education 2. Incorporating cultural, human and natural resource diversity into sustainable development 3. Utilization of electronic data in sustainable development 4. Spatial distribution of telecommunication base in sustainable development 5. Assessment of spatial distribution of telecommunication base stations in sustainable development 6. The significance of low cost housing in sustainable development 7. Framework for sustainability management in the provision of safe drinking water 8. The theoretical analysis of sampling plans for project life distributions 9. Poverty reduction through agricultural improvement and access to credit 10. Environmental policy formulation in sustainable development and 11. Analysis of the challenges in sustainable development.

There is no doubt that these articles expand the general and the specific sustainable development and sustainability dialogue. The theoretical and applied ideas of both concepts are brought alive in the articles. I encourage our readership to send its comments and papers to me for possible publications.

Sincerely,

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