

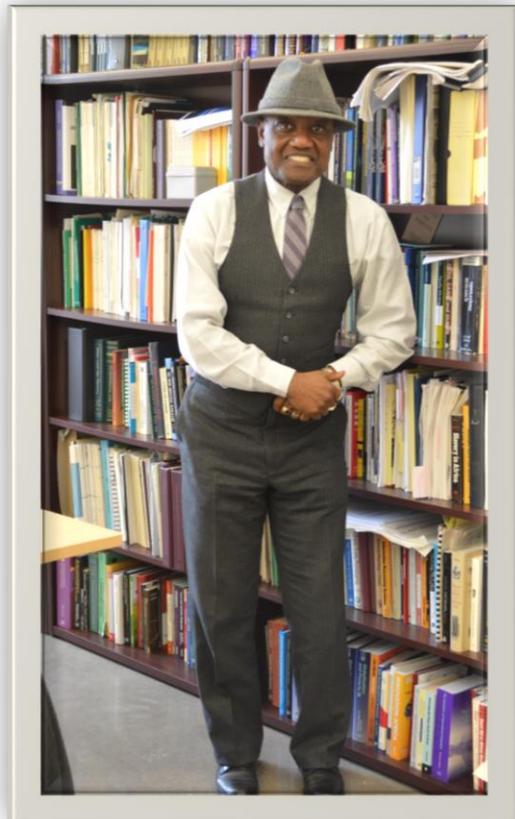
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Friends and Colleagues:

It is once again a pleasure to bring the JSDA readership the summer 2017 issue which consists of articles covering economic, political, social and environmental concerns of sustainable development and the sustainability of African communities. Some of the papers are: (1) Financial Inclusion and Small Medium Enterprises Contribution to Sustainable Economic Growth in Nigeria; (2) Multidimensional Poverty Analysis for Nigeria; (3) Assessing of the Profitability of Improved Agriculture in the Federal Capital Territory (FC), Abuja, Nigeria; (4) Ethics in Election Observation: An Analysis of the Transition Monitoring Group (TMG) 2015 Presidential Election Quick Count Project in Nigeria; (5) Rethinking Election Identity Through the Media for Sustainable National Development in a Multi-Ethnic Society; (6) Predicting Water Demand and Efficient Use in the Mbagathi Sub-catchment Using Weap Model; (7) Trajectory and Intersectionality of Drug-Substance Abuse in Peri-Urban Strips of Katsina State, Nigeria; and (8) Analysis of Local Governments Proactive Sustainability Strategy in Nigeria and South Africa.

As expected, the JSDA summer issues always contain fewer articles but they remain focused on the concerns of the sustainable development of the societies of Africa on local, national, and regional levels. In this issue, the Nigerian case studies have predominated the concerns of the researchers. Their definitions, analyses, and conclusions offer the investigators and researchers in other African countries “many ways forward.” As the largest African economy, Nigeria presents itself as a laboratory of how things can be done and how to avoid pitfalls in practicing sustainable development and in attempting to sustain projects at the center of economic development.

The threats to political stability looms large in many African countries as they struggle with their efforts to find the right formulas to institute or establish democratic elections and government. Nigeria has been a good example to examine and to document its political progress. One of the papers in this issue does just that for the JSDA readership. Ethnicity problem in Africa have been an intractable one. Does it pose a problem for equitable distribution of resources and representation in national development efforts – particularly sustainable development? Nigeria has over 250 linguistic groups and they have to be properly represented in national government and properly funded for development through their own governments. One of the articles in this issue attempts to wrestle with this subject.



Environmental concerns are usually highlighted in the JSDA. In this issue, a Kenyan concern of predicting water demand and efficient use is tackled.

As usual, we believe that our readership would find the articles in this Summer 2017 issue interesting, informative, and instructive. We thank you for your continued support and suggestion.

Sincerely,

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