

Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that we publish this inaugural issue of the Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa (JSDA). In the last three decades, we have witnessed the global efforts to wrestle with the subject of sustainable development. Scholars in both the industrialized and non-industrialized countries have put forward ideas of what sustainable development means. The meaning of sustainable development varies from discipline to discipline especially when one compares arguments by social and natural scientists. The confusion intensifies upon the addition of the economist's viewpoints of what sustainable development means.

African countries are at the cross-roads at this point in their development. Many countries are grappling with the problem of having stable governments, economic progress, and a good sense of social and cultural order. We believe that this journal will bring the theoretical and applied issues surrounding Africa's development to the readership. In this issue we have focused on the theme: "Balancing Theoretical Sustainable Development Paradigms with Applied Perspectives: Reactions and Examples from Africa." It is our hope that this issue will set the tone for the other issues on the sustainable development questions in Africa. We hope you will urge other colleagues to support our efforts by submitting papers and contacting us as need be.

We look forward to working with you and providing you with timely and worthwhile articles.
Cordially and with best regards.

I remain,

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Editor-in-Chief