

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

The developing countries of the world have been seeking the right paths to rational development which would usher in stability in socio-political, cultural and economic progress. The African countries have had very serious difficulties in maintaining a steady course in their development efforts. Since independence in the 1960s many countries in Africa have been looking for the right “recipe” for development. In the late 1980s and in the 1990s, many African countries attempted to adopt the prescriptions of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank as articulated in the Structural Adjustment Programs (SAPs). The implementation of SAPs failed in many African countries. However, some scholars are quick to point out why SAPs worked in some countries and failed in others. We are delighted to continue various debates on Africa’s development. Although our contribution is minute in the scheme of the global debates on Africa’s development, we think the Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa (JSDA) offers fresh and unique approach to the examination of Africa’s development.

The Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa (JSDA) provides a forum for the debates on all development efforts in Africa. The debates span the majority of academic disciplines. The interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary nature of development issues makes JSDA an excellent forum for the discussion of Africa’s development issues. I am happy to present to you, in this issue, four interesting articles which shed some light on the difficult matters of Africa’s development.

Thank you for reading the articles and sharing your thoughts with us.

Sincerely,

Valentine James
Editor-in-Chief