

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Friends and Colleagues:

The uncertainty of the stability of governments in Africa presents a serious development dilemma for people of the region. Democratically elected governments must be supported by a well-informed citizenry in matters of governance. Some of the papers in this issue have tackled matters of politics, governance and corruption. All across Africa, there is a distrust of government and politics seem to invite greedy, selfish and corrupt people who get into politics for personal financial benefit. Corrupt public and private sectors do not foster sustainable development and sustainability. There is no doubt that a stable and sustainable government created through a process of sustainable political climate of fairness to all citizens will certainly enable a diversified economic environment to thrive and to support a competitive economic enterprise.



Corrupt governments and private sectors destroy the bases and foundations upon which sustainable development and sustainability components of successful societies are built. The building blocks of societies (Cultural, Natural and Human resources) are destroyed under corrupt environments which foster instability, crime and the abuse of human rights. Some papers in this issue have analyzed the linkages between corruption and the destruction of the building blocks of societies. In conjunction with other papers which are specific on the subject of development, they offer pathways that would enhance sustainable development and engage citizens and leaders in nation building. There are lessons to be learned from papers that trace the historical beginnings of development in specific countries and provide trajectories for holistic development. It is certainly hoped that as we witness the emergence of new governments in Egypt, Libya, the Sudan, and Cote d'Ivoire, other African countries can be informed and instructed by the political experiences in those countries. The corrupt situations in Nigeria and the unending civil strife in Somalia should offer lessons for other African countries. We are all appreciative of the scholarly works of the scholars who have enlightened us on the implications of these problems on sustainable development and sustainability in Africa.

We thank you for your continued support and loyalty.

With warm regards,

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