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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I am delighted to bring you this issue of the <u>Journal of</u> <u>Sustainable Development in Africa</u> (JSDA). Our focus on development matters in Africa has become more intensified because many countries in Africa are at a crossroad at this point in global affairs. As many countries attempt to implement programs that are bound to bring them closer to meeting the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) scholars around the world, especially those who focus on economic development, environment, and sustainability are attempting to explain, analyze and interrogate domestic and international efforts to build the capacity of African governments and people in order to enable them to achieve the goals of development.



Professor David Griggs and his colleagues outlined six goals/objectives for achieving sustainable development by

2030. These were discussed in the Chronicle of Higher Education: The New Green Dream, October 25, 2013, Vol. LX, #8, p.8. They are as follows:

- 1. Thriving lives and livelihoods
- 2. Sustainable food security
- 3. Sustainable water security
- 4. Universal Clean Energy
- 5. Healthy Productive Ecosystems
- 6. Governance for Sustainable Societies

The papers in this issue endeavor to address some aspects of these goals in order to improve the environmental, economic, and social conditions of African communities. They address matters germane to the building blocks of economic development: Natural resources, Cultural resources, and Human Resources.

Please continue to provide the journal with your support.

Sincerely,

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