

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I am very happy to bring you the Winter A 2014 issue of the Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa (JSDA). The papers appearing in this issue represent the hard work on the part of the authors. They have focused on matters at the center of the sustainable development of communities and societies and the sustainability of resources. But more importantly, they have documented or emphasized the human influence on both concepts. The private and public sectors play significant roles in the development of natural and human resources.

The significance of building the capacities of people to manage the natural and cultural resources is imperative in order to have an orderly growth in communities across Africa. The papers in this issue stress the significance of developing durable solutions and strategies for managing the resources of Africa and for implementing development policies consistent with the aspiration of citizens. At the center of the strategies for development is the aspect of understanding the development stage of communities and understanding the roles of local, national, and regional government commitments and the availability of financial resources to accomplish the goals of development.

As always, we appreciate your continued support.

With best regards,

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