

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Every generation of Africans owes to future generations a healthy and sound environment and economy. That axiom is lost to many generations and it is quite doubtful if future generations would be able to ensure the protection and conservation of Africa's natural resources and a sustainable economy. A plethora of evidence abound to prove that there is a link between economic development and environmental quality. Societies all over the world are now engaged in what is called "smart growth." A growth that recognizes the carrying capacity of ecological systems and plan economic development in such a way that the environment, economic, and social systems are not disrupted as a result of economic growth and development. All land use activities (agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial activities) threaten the quality and the quantity of the natural resources.



In this Spring A 2014 issue of the Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa (JSDA), the authors address matters in all the land use areas and the economic ramifications of the development attempts. Although there are some economic mathematical minutiae, the reader is bound to appreciate the sustainable development and sustainability dialogues that the authors present. The strategies for sustainability and sustainable development are certainly attempts to operationalize the theories of sustainable development.

Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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