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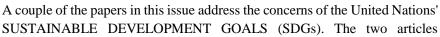
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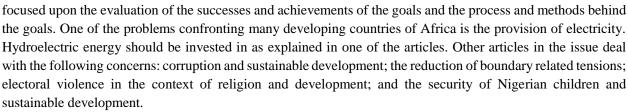
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I am very pleased to bring you the Spring 2017 Issue of the JOURNAL OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (JSDA). Our readership must be excited about this issue because all the articles have, as their centrality, the emphasis on the concept of sustainable development. operationalization of the concept expands upon the fact that all economic development must be pivoted on the protection of the ecological systems of the continent. Some of the papers in the issue stress the significance of building the capacity of people in order for them to sustain themselves and their communities in their quest for self-sufficiency or self-containment. The roles of national governments in establishing the foreign policy that would usher in sustainable development is discussed at length in one of the papers and another examines a theoretical framework for the foreign policy that embraces international development on a collaborative basis. Urban neighborhood planning is an idea that is very important in the age of the New Urban Agenda of the United Nations Habitat III Summit. The hope is that future cities of the world are to be planned so that all the people of the world would have shelter. Local efforts are crucial in ensuring that urban neighborhoods are planned properly so that the urban environments are provided the necessary infrastructures to support the housing and commercial land use activities.





We hope that these articles will continue to push the boundaries of the debates of many aspects of sustainable development and the sustainability of programs, economic, social and environmental systems of African societies. We thank you for your continued support and contributions to the JSDA,

Sincerely,

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