

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Friends,

I am quite excited about the small progress in Africa's future. It appears to me that the new millennium is one full of many opportunities in Africa. Economically, many countries are beginning to see that there is a strong connection between democratization and economic progress. Stable governments encourage sustainable development and African countries are becoming more democratic in their governance. The issues of sustainability will continue to loom large especially as world attempts to confront problems of globalization, growth and poverty. In order to build an inclusive world economy which strives to provide a more secure world with regard to alleviating poverty, improving agriculture production, tackling problems of health, and shelter, the world community must recognize and work toward collaboration and cooperation in order to achieve global security. Strong domestic and international institutions, which aim at providing a sense of order, are of paramount importance in the sustainable development efforts in Africa.

In this issue of JSDA, the articles address matters pertaining to agricultural cooperation, shelter provision, foreign direct investment and economic integration. These are serious issues that the world has been wrestling with for quite some time. It appears that African nations are beginning to tackle these matters in some very serious ways. The scholars who have contributed to this volume have shed some light on aspects of sustainability, which I consider germane to the debate. Please send us your comments. Thank you once again for reading our published articles and sharing your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Valentine James
Editor-in-Chief