LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN CHIEF

My Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I am incredibly pleased to bring you the Fall 2022 Issue of the JOURNAL OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (JSDA). This Issue of the JSDA contains articles that emphasize some aspects of the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) which began in 2000 and ended in 2015. There are also aspects of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which started in 2016 and will run through 2030. The papers in this Issue are thought provoking, informative, instructive, and very timely. These case studies are based on sound theoretical foundations that are informed by global trends.

One of the articles focuses on the treatment of people as aliens in societies as the reason for their expansion and development. The paper examines the consequences of migration across Africa and the Fulanis of West Africa provide an exceptionally good case study. Development organizations responded to cattle rearing activity of the Fulani and this was responsible for the beginning of the sustainable development process that emanated in the NSO society of Cameroon.



In the face of Climate Change phenomenon, farmers across the world are experiencing a very difficult time in crop production. They are now relying on improved methods of crop production in order to increase the quantity and quality of the crops that they produce. In the second article, farmers in Kwara State of Nigeria provide a good example of attempts to improve crop production.

One of the greatest societal problems confronting humanity is poverty. Nowhere else is the problem of poverty more pronounced than in the periphery region of the world. One of the articles in this Issue of JSDA focuses on Nigeria's poverty problem and draws upon "lessons from China's experience" in dealing with its poverty problems. Efforts of supranational organizations such as the United Nations through its MDGs and SDGs are instructive in dealing with poverty in today's world. A steady and well-planned support of projects to enhance a sustained growth with little fluctuations in the economy is necessary for the sustainability of communities.

The focus of the articles in this issue has been to put the spotlight on problems that communities are facing and how the problems could be managed with minimum disruptions to the ecological, economic and social systems of African communities. We thank our readership for its continued support.

Sincerely,

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