



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

We are glad to be publishing an outstanding paper and two excellent book reviews in the Winter 2025 Issue of the JOURNAL OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (JSDA).

There are two types of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that operate in the world to enable communities to sustain their economic development efforts, their social and cultural systems, ecological systems, and their democratically established political systems. NGOs are categorized as International and Domestic non-governmental organizations because of the location of their headquarters. The international NGOs receive funding from entities in the industrialized countries while the domestic ones receive funding from the international organizations. Reviews of the literature on the contributions of NGOs on the sustainable development of African societies are mixed. There are those who stress the importance of technical and financial support of the NGOs and another set of literature that posits that NGOs interfere with the political and socio/cultural aspects of the communities where they are present.

The authors of the article entitled: “The Contributions of International NGOs to Self-Reliance in Sidama National State of Ethiopia” provide the reader an opportunity to examine the efforts of international NGOs in an African country. The work of NGOs throughout Africa needs to be informed by input of the people of Africa and building partnership with the communities that they serve. Governments should establish policies to enable the achievement of sustainable development and sustainability of the programs and projects.

The two reviews in this Issue focus on some aspects of the development of Africa. It is a pleasure to continue to bring educators, scholars and researchers thought provoking work that are informative and instructive.

Sincerely,

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