

Editor's note

The end of 2016 coincides with the transfer of the SAJCN to the Taylor and Francis manuscript management platform (Editorial Manager) for the submission of new manuscripts. The SAJCN will, therefore, be available via the Taylor and Francis website as of early in 2017 (<https://www.editorialmanager.com/sajcn>). In the Editorial Manager platform, the authors will need to submit two versions of their manuscript(s) – one with and the second without the authors' details. A PDF of the anonymized manuscript will be sent to the reviewers. Should users try to submit their new manuscripts using the old SAJCN website, they will be redirected to the new site from the date the entire transfer process is completed. Newly submitted manuscripts will be placed in the review process from the new platform. Please note that it will **not** be possible for your manuscript to be reviewed in the old website.

A change of a different type is that in global climate¹ and the consequences it is projected to have in store for health, nutritional status and food security. The aim of the Lancet Countdown¹ is to track the health impacts of climate change through its five working groups which plan to report annually on various global, national and/or region-specific indicators on how climate change impacts

on population health. From the African perspective, the African continent can ill afford even small rises in temperature without significant adverse impact on agricultural production as well as food and water security. Indeed, the Cairo Declaration² recognizes the importance of Africa's natural capital, the combating of desertification, the eradication of poverty and the addressing of the projected consequences of climate change in supporting human, animal and plant life.

The SAJCN, together with its Management and Editorial Boards, wishes all its readers the very best for a blessed Festive Season.

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