

EDITORIAL COMMENT

As always, it is my absolute pleasure to bring you the newest issue of The Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy, Afe Babalola University. For our fourth volume, we have decided to do something a little different. In addition to selecting just eight top-of-the-pack articles this time around, we have also decided to publish a selection of articles that cut across the broad themes of the journal and that we believe demonstrate the very best of sustainable development. As a journal, our ultimate goal has been to promote interdisciplinary thinking, expand the boundaries of sustainable development and further global clarification and study of sustainability themes. Like other editions, this current issue delivers on that promise.

The articles in this edition challenge us to approach sustainability in new ways. Practical issues on the legal framework for implementing a carbon tax regime to address climate change are expertly analysed in the joint article by Haifeng Deng and Anna Wang (Tsinghua University, Beijing, China); while the overwhelming impacts of population growth on the human environment are presented in the erudite and exhaustive article by Professor Robert Hardaway (College of Law, University of Denver, Colorado, United States). As the world battles with the scourge of the Ebola Virus Disease, issues of access to medicines and drugs are very crucial to the global community now, more than ever, most especially African countries that are at the epicenter of the scourge. Tanvi Mani (School of Law, The WB National University of Juridical Sciences, India) in her outstanding and timely article unpacks these issues. Manufacturers in Nigeria including those in the health sector often face patent and copyright issues in their work, Ifeoluwa Olubiyi's (Afe Babalola University Law College) authoritative submissions on copyright law and levies in Nigeria illuminates these issues; while the debates on water availability, affordability and accessibility in Africa are excellently discussed in a theory-laden submission by Tia Crosby (Florida A&M University, College of Law, Orlando, USA). The literary side of sustainable development is addressed in a unique and highly interdisciplinary article by Solomon Edebor (English and Literary Studies Department, Afe Babalola University). As with previous editions, environmental issues are given some of the most exhaustive and scholarly discussions in two outstanding papers respectively by Sunday Lugard (University of Jos Law Faculty) and Joseph Nyangon (University of Delaware, U.S.A.). With such line up of thoughtful scholarly materials, there is hardly any need to convince scholars and practitioners

worldwide on the remarkable wealth of good reading, thoughtful analysis, and helpful materials that the Journal provides to its global readers. From population to health care policy, and to copyright and literary approaches to poverty reduction, we can only thank our contributors for helping us reassess what pursuing sustainable development truly entails in practice.

The increased recognition of the Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy as the foremost sustainable development journal in Africa just within three years of its existence is a loud attestation to the vision and uncommon astuteness of the Founder and President of Afe Babalola University-Aare Afe Babalola, OFR, CON, LL.D, D.Litt, SAN- whose generous endowment and support, continues to guide the Institute and University to new global heights in qualitative higher education. Undoubtedly, the Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy has come to stay and prosper as a veritable platform for disseminating and showcasing recent, updated and cutting-edge research results by teaching and research scholars in Africa and across the world, in the area of sustainable development. I hope this new issue stimulates and inspires you to think about sustainability in fresh and exciting ways.

Please enjoy Volume 4 Issue 1!

Very truly yours,

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