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Call for Papers

Special Issue on:

Towards Just and Inclusive Energy Transition: Legal, Social and Techno-Economic Assessment of Sustainable Renewable Energy Technologies and Projects

1. Overview

Aimed at halting the climate change emergency, several countries, businesses, and other stakeholders worldwide committed to measures aimed at bringing down global emissions to net zero by the year 2060 or earlier. Countries such as Nigeria have also implemented energy subsidy reform as a critical lever for fostering sustainable development, driving transition, and catalyzing employment dynamics. While the need for a clean energy transition is clear, rigorous research and analysis is required to evaluate the complex techno-economic, environmental, social, legal and governance risks associated with the development and deployment of clean energy technologies, as well as the implementation of subsidy reform programs. In light of this, our special issue aims to explore the multifaceted intersections of the just energy transition debate with sustainable development, clean technology development, financing mechanisms, transition dynamics, employment patterns, behavioural economics, governance structures, and policy frameworks within the realm of renewable energy projects.

We invite original research articles, review papers, case studies, and policy analyses that delve into various aspects of the clean energy transition and its implications for achieving sustainable development goals, advancing financing mechanisms for renewable energy projects, navigating transition dynamics towards low-carbon economies, understanding employment patterns within the renewable energy sector, harnessing insights from behavioural economics for shaping energy policies and enhancing governance structures for promoting renewable energy initiatives.

This Special Issue is specifically designed for scholars and researchers at all Colleges and Units at ABUAD. We encourage contributions that offer interdisciplinary perspectives, drawing on insights from energy law, economics, finance, sociology, political science, international relations, engineering, health and environmental science, information and communications technology (ICT), and related disciplines. Submissions should provide rigorous analysis, empirical evidence, and actionable policy recommendations to advance

scholarly understanding and inform policy debates on energy subsidy reform and its implications for sustainable development.

Although authors are free to choose any topic that is related to this broad theme, the journal is particularly interested in recent developments in the Global South or best practices from other parts of the world that could inform legal and policy reform. For guidance purposes, submissions addressing the following issues are particularly encouraged and potential topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Technological revolution in natural gas development and LNG
- Role and feasibility of green hydrogen technologies in the energy transition
- Interplay of clean energy transition and human health
- Cosmopolitan justice, international solidarity and the clean energy diplomacy
- Technology and the role of ICT in the clean energy transition
- Legal and institutional mechanisms for promoting energy security for sustainable development, energy equity and prosperity;
- Legal and institutional mechanisms that promote fair and equitable exploitation of natural resources and address the social and environmental impacts;
- Legal frameworks for addressing the impacts of climate change on local communities across the world;
- Hydrocarbon tax, Local content policies, particularly in the context of the creation of inter-sectorial linkages and spillovers;
- Energy financing and resource governance strategies, policies and their contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Energy subsidy, its removal as a necessity or option or a breach of social contract or climate change action resource governance, strategies for extractive resources management, including issues of transparency and accountability;
- Approaches or new models for eradicating energy poverty or unsustainable exploitation of extractive resources and its impact on the climate or environment, host community and employment opportunities via local content policy among others.
- Regional/Inter-regional extractive resource governance initiatives aimed at addressing energy poverty, adverse effects of climate change, energy subsidy, energy transition renewable energy programmes to boosting the socio-economic development of nations.
- The role of energy subsidy reform in promoting sustainable development objectives and addressing environmental challenges.
- Energy financing mechanisms particularly renewable energy projects and the role of subsidy reform in mobilizing private investment.
- Employment dynamics within the renewable energy sector and the socio-economic impacts of subsidy reforms.
- Behavioural economics insights for designing effective energy policies and fostering sustainable energy consumption patterns.

- Governance, legal frameworks and policy mechanisms for promoting renewable energy projects as panaceas for sustainable development.
- Case studies and best practices of subsidy reform initiatives and their outcomes in different national or regional contexts.

Country case studies on any of the above issues are highly encouraged. Comparative studies engaging two or more regions or countries are also of particular interest to this journal.

2. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Length and Footnotes

- 1) Articles should be between 5000-8000 words and should advance legal scholarship and knowledge in a specific area of sustainable development law and policy.
- 2) Articles should include an abstract of approximately 250 words that is not an extract from the article itself.
- 3) Details of the author should be supplied as the first footnote, attached by an asterisk to the author's name.

Form of Submission

- 4) Articles must be submitted in Word format and sent as an email attachment to info@ogeesinstitute.edu.ng and olujobi.olusola@abuad.edu.ng
- 5) Contributions will only be considered for publication if they comply with the style guide. All citations should be as footnotes and accord with the Oxford Standard for Legal Citation (OSCOLA).
- 6) Authors should please make use of the following checklist before submission:
 - an abstract is included;
 - headings are consecutively numbered without automatic numbering;
 - headings are not underlined;
 - paragraphs are not separated by a full blank line, but only by an indent at the beginning of the new paragraph;
 - footnotes are consecutively numbered by way of automatic numbering;
 - footnotes are not separated by a full blank line;
 - footnotes appear at the end of each page of the manuscript and not at the end of the manuscript;
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3. DEADLINES

8) Only articles submitted on or before noon on **30 July, 2024** will be considered for publication in this special issue. All papers should be submitted by email. Deadlines are firm. Articles submitted after the deadline may not be published.

4. SUBMISSIONS

Authors should send their submission to the editor of the special issue **Dr. Olujobi, Olusola Joshua** by email: olujobi.olusola@abuad.edu.ng and info@ogeesinstitute.edu.ng on or before the deadline. Selected papers that scale the peer-review process will be published in Volume 16 Issue 1 of the Journal. Accepted submissions which cannot be accommodated in the special issue will be placed in the next issue. All authors will be duly notified of the outcome of their submissions.

Evaluation

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5. PRIZES

All submitted articles will be considered for the **OGEES Institute Star Prize for the Best Article**. A monetary prize award and special interview will be announced for recipient (s) of this award.

6. QUESTIONS AND ENQUIRIES

All enquiries or questions should be directed to:

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ABOUT THE JOURNAL



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The thematic focus of the journal span across broad areas of sustainable development law and policy ranging from the economic, social and environmental dimensions. As such papers that explore broad themes of sustainable development such as environment, natural resources, green

economy, international trade, banking, taxation, public policy, public private partnerships, alternative dispute resolutions, peace, and conflict studies are normally given top consideration.

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- A substantial book review section
- Law and policy commentaries by leading analysts and jurists

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