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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

**Damilola S. Olawuyi**

I am extremely delighted to present Volume 10 of the *Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy (JSDLP)*. This Volume is a special anniversary edition that has been compiled to especially mark the 10th Year anniversary of the establishment of Africa's fastest growing university, Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti, Nigeria. For ten years, ABUAD has maintained its reputation as the hub for transformational research on the African continent. There is no better demonstration of ABUAD's institutional commitment to societally-relevant research than the exceptional support it has consistently provided to the JSDLP to grow and flourish. This Volume 10 has come at an opportune time to celebrate the 10 years of existence of the home institution of our journal. For us it is 10/10! This Issue offers a remarkable toast to the foresight and outstanding vision of our Founder and President Emeritus of Afe Babalola University – **Ambassador Aare Afe Babalola SAN, OFR, LLD** – and his untiring commitment to educational transformation, sustainable development and food security in Africa.

Over the last ten years, the JSDLP has published outstanding articles from nearly all African countries, including Angola, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, Ghana, Cameroon, Morocco, Zimbabwe, Liberia and Nigeria to mention but a few. Furthermore, the JSDLP has published exceptional articles from Asia, Europe, North America, Latin America, Middle East and Australia. The quality and geographical reach of the JSDLP is a testament to the founding visions of the Founder, which is to: achieve the highest standards of excellence in societally relevant research, innovation and enterprise development and to become one of Africa's top tier research intensive universities. The JSDLP has provided a platform for disseminating cutting edge research from African scholars to a global audience. It has also provided an intelligent platform for non-African scholars to communicate their research to the vibrant academic communities on the African continent.

This Volume continues the JSDLP's tradition of excellence and global outreach. Our Editorial Committee and Board have worked tirelessly over the last months to bring you this Issue, which comprises 11 articles,

2 book reviews, and 2 public lectures spanning various genres and aspects of sustainable development.

The articles in this Issue easily unpack themselves into clusters with regards to the following questions: (1) How can contractual and legal frameworks on public procurements, privatization, and dispute resolution be reformed to deliver sustainable development in African countries? (2) How can the sustainable development goals (SDGs) relating to climate change, food security, energy security, gender equality and human rights be harmonized to achieve greater coherence? and (3) What are the governance models and approaches for achieving energy security and sustainable revenue management in energy sectors in Africa and the Balkans?

With respect to the first question, Sam Amadi's important article expertly analyzes the need for a rule of law approach for achieving equitable privatization of electricity distribution in Nigeria. George Nwangwu then expertly examined how the of Unsolicited Proposals can be effectively designed and structured to promote sustainable development in the implementation of public-private partnership (PPP) projects across the African continent. Still on the subject of regulatory and governance models, Akinwunmi Ogunranti's compelling article provides a detailed account of policy reforms that can enhance timely, fair and effective arbitral processes in Africa.

With respect to the second question, and building on the theme addressing coherence questions in the implementation of the SDGs, Abiyot Mogos Dabala unpacked key human rights issues that threaten sustainable development outcomes in investments across Africa. Furthermore, Wekgari Dulume espoused the interconnections between human rights and the SDGs, and how these connections can be practically mainstreamed in the design and implementation of SDG programs. The key issues that play out with respect to the human rights aspects of resource and benefit sharing and gender equality were soundly elaborated by Lilian Akhirome-Omonfuegbe's article on women's reproductive rights. Furthermore, Idowu Ajibade, Michael Egge, and Arun Pallathadka gave a detailed comparative account of governance and institutional aspects of realizing the SDG on food security in Qatar and Nigeria.

On the third question relating to effective resource governance and management, Law Amadi and Peter Chukwuma Obutte's bold submission

elaborate the guiding principles of petroleum management law in Nigeria. They masterfully unpack the key gaps in extant petroleum laws in Nigeria and how a bespoke petroleum management legal framework could address those gaps. Andrea Ajibade's highly analytical paper aimed to develop similar comprehensive governance frameworks for the renewable energy sector. Furthermore, Ali Ođuz Diriöz and Eray Erbil provide international perspectives on how to improve energy security in the Balkan Peninsula of South East Europe, by expanding infrastructure access that improve the reliability, affordability and accessibility of supply of liquefied natural gas. The book reviews and the compelling public lectures by eminent and distinguished members of the bar: Aare Afe Babalola SAN, OFR, LLD, as well as the Honorable Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice of Ekiti State, Olawale Fapohunda are special treats that will specially fascinate and inform all practicing members of the bar.

The breadth of these subjects, and the geographical spread of the authors, ranging from Ethiopia, United States, Canada, Turkey, Qatar, United Kingdom, to Nigeria all allude to the complex obstacles that remain before humanity can truly realize sustainable development. We at the *Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy* restate our commitment to continue to facilitate scholarly exchange and discourse on these themes. As always, we welcome constructive feedback and look forward to your viewpoints.

With infinite gratitude to our Editorial Board, Managing Board and the President and Founder of Afe Babalola University – Aare Afe Babalola SAN, OFR, LLD – for their invaluable and continuing support, I invite you to turn the pages of this Issue and enjoy the wealth of knowledge therein.

Truly yours,

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