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Editorial: Advancing Sustainable Development through Entrepreneurship and Information and Communication Technology (ICT)-driven Innovation

Sustainable development has become the world's arguably most pressing quest. With the need to change the ways humans do things and conduct themselves in nature, and their resource use. This is why advancing sustainable development requires a multi-stakeholder and multi-pronged approach, as has proven over time that the state cannot act as the lone actor in this quest. Countries worldwide are refining their legal and policy frameworks to address the numerous issues that could hinder their sustainable development. This is because sustainable development's focus is on the social, economic and environmental tripod of society, such that their intersections and interstices, when properly addressed, can ensure a critical transition from business-as-usual resource use to a sustainable, better-managed resource orientation that guarantees a well-balanced form of development that the world requires going forward.

The foregoing demonstrates the necessity of a viable academic and intellectual platform for airing the many issues surrounding the sustainable development of nations. This is why the Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy remains a most relevant outlet for the publication of well-researched articles on them. Since its inception, the journal has demonstrated an uncommon commitment to exposing the underbelly and blind spots of the many issues of sustainability, especially those that concern Africa and other developing regions of the world. Thus, the journal has proven a veritable source of sound and practicable legal and policy insights and recommendations on the dynamics of sustainable development. To this extent, this Special Issue of the Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy, focusing on the theme 'Advancing Sustainable Development through Entrepreneurship and *Information and Communication Technology* (ICT)-driven Innovation' features important sustainability issues and topics such as water conservation, street vending, informal sector economy, climate migration, climate change education, consumer engagement, climate finance, global energy transition, sustainable transport system, artificial intelligence, social media and its malaise, ICT-driven financial inclusion, green finance and sustainable knowledge production, among others.

The editors have ensured a wholesome publication process for these articles. It is hoped that this special issue will contribute significantly to the discourse on how to achieve the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other sustainability-related ambitions globally, regionally and locally. Thus, the issue has contributed to the ongoing discussion to ensure that academics and policymakers build the necessary bridge to achieve the Sustainable Development Agenda for the sake of our children and planet.

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