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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

It is with great pleasure that I present Volume 7 Issue 2 of Nigeria's *Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy*. In a time of great economic uncertainty and socio-political turbulence, the importance of maintaining pluralistic legal debate on sustainable development cannot be overemphasized. In Nigeria, for example, not only do the citizenry look to sustainability experts to offer the requisite theoretical and normative prescriptions that can lift the country out of its current economic recession, governments and policy leaders themselves look for proposals on how to cope with extant effects of fluctuating oil price, environmental contamination, climate change, energy insecurity and political skirmishes, especially in the troubled Niger Delta region.

Given these recent events, our editorial team has carefully selected 11 articles that discuss law and governance innovations required to address pressing economic, social and environmental problems facing our current world, especially in a low oil price era.

Four articles in this Issue provide international and comparative perspectives on energy transition and the regulation of environmental problems. Rosenbluth and Smith offer an excellent comparative assessment of the utility and importance of market-based instruments in curtailing environmental pollution. Katerina Fedorova then provides a compelling account of how EU countries such as Ukraine can achieve a holistic transition to renewable energy sources as part of the national energy mix. In their joint paper, Melda Kamil Ariadno and Amelina Fitri deliver a detailed historical and analytical examination of how law can stimulate small-scale fishing in Indonesia. Idowu Ajibade expertly takes on the pertinent issue of addressing the problem of climate change in a just, equitable and rights-based manner. With heightened instability in the Niger Delta area of Nigeria, Olayinka Ajala's timely article offers robust insights on how international norms on resource governance can help promote security and sustainability in the Niger Delta region.

Seven articles then focus on the current state of sustainable development in Nigeria, specifically how institutions and laws can be reformed to achieve more coherence. Emmanuel Okon's insightful article examines normative and practical challenges to the full attainment of sustainable development in Nigeria, while Ekokoi Solomon illustrates these challenges with copious examples from the Nigeria's oil sector. Ifeolu Koni exhaustively unpacks the need for an organized and effective local government system in the quest for

sustainable development in Nigeria. Private law dimensions of sustainability are then examined in the ensuing articles. While Gbade Akinrinmade analyses the need for an expansive application of the fault theory in Nigeria, in order to better protect the rights of consumers to quality products, Abayomi Al-Ameen discusses the strategic importance of promoting Islamic banking and microfinance in Nigeria to achieve equity and sustainable development. The contributions are rounded off by Kolawole Mayomi's insightful analysis of the need for an expansive application and enforcement of demand guarantees in Nigeria's financial sector.

In effect, our authors have worked diligently to provide innovative perspectives on the myriad of issues surrounding energy transition, institutional efficiency and market regulation in Europe, United States, Indonesia and Nigeria. We invite you to think critically about their arguments, further your understanding of their claims, and challenge their underlying assumptions. Our mission is to continually provide an international platform through which law and policy issues affecting sustainable development can be unearthed and resolved. We, therefore, welcome your constructive feedback and suggestions. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@ogeesinstitute.edu.ng

With infinite gratitude to members of the editorial team and our external reviewers who volunteered their time and intellect to enhance the quality of the articles selected, I welcome you to turn the pages of the Issue and embrace the wealth of information and knowledge therein.

Truly yours,

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