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Editorial Note

As Chief Editor, I am pleased to introduce this open access interdisciplinary Journal on issues related to sustainable development in Africa. IJAD is an outcome of successful international conferences on African Development since 2001. The journal aims to serve as a scholarly forum for dialogue, research and knowledge necessary for policy reforms to enhance sustainable development, good governance and human rights and peace in African states with implications for other developing states. Since good governance is a critical cross-cutting concept, the journal solicits papers with a focus on good governance, though it welcomes submissions in all other themes. Governance has political, economic, institutional, and leadership dimensions. Governance is defined as the institutions or rules by which political authority is exercised, including how governments at all levels are selected and monitored, and their capacity to effectively formulate and implement policies that provide public services for citizens. Development is multidimensional process involving economic development, advancement of human capabilities, environmental and human security, a richer cultural life and greater political and social freedom. I am pleased to introduce the first issue of six papers. The papers focus on the political economy of poverty reduction, the need for interdisciplinary research to address transnational challenges, whether foreign aid and investment promote good governance, the political dilemma of failed governance, a the sustainability of an African airline.

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