



Editorial Note

As Chief Editor, I am pleased to introduce this second issue of the open access interdisciplinary journal on issues related to sustainable development in African states. IJAD is an outcome of successful international conferences on sustainable African development since 2001. The journal aims to serve as a scholarly forum for dialogue, research, and knowledge necessary for policy and institutional 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 and 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. Sustainable development is multidimensional process involving economic development, advancement of human capabilities, environmental and human security, richer cultural life and greater political and social freedom including freedom of expression. I am pleased to introduce the second issue of five papers for Spring 2014 that focus on topics and issues including maternal education and child nutrition, China's growing trade with African states, occupational minorities, the rise and fall of American soft diplomacy, and environmental stress and vulnerability based on case studies of an African country.

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