



Editorial Note

Welcome to our 3rd volume!

As chief editor, I am pleased to introduce the first issue of our 3rd volume of IJAD for Fall 2015. From the over 7800 downloads so far, with our authors and audience coming from all over the world, our goal of being international is being met.

This volume constitutes the 5th issue of IJAD that began in Fall 2013 and presents four papers on challenges and opportunities for sustainable agriculture, human capital and technology. The first paper analyzes the role of inflation, external market performance and government policy, the tradeoff between inflation and balance of payment and the risks of inflationary pressures of foreign exchange reserves that African states have to contend with for effective governance. The second paper evaluates and analysis farmer training programs based on evidence from small farmers in Western Ethiopia and makes recommendations for improved autonomy and freedom for farmers for positive outcomes in future training programs. The third paper focuses on human capital capacity building to reduce poverty, that includes investment on education and health and reducing gender gap and inequality. The last paper deals with deindustrialization of African economies due to lack of good governance and leadership that drives misguided economics and business policy decisions.

Effective structural positive change is blocked due to problems of corruption, lack of transparency, ineffective public service at all levels of governance. For Africa, effective transformation from agrarian economies to manufacturing, requires good governance and leadership that promotes enabling business environments including investing in science and technology and moving toward freedom of private sector and citizens to form associations and build effective government and private partnerships that provides bottom up instead of top down approach including closing the gender gap in education, health and increasing employment opportunities.

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