



Editorial Note

I welcome all our worldwide readers to the Volume 4 Issue 2 of the International Journal of African Development. I am pleased to report that IJAD continues to include important papers on various dimensions of Africa in global society and economy. As of December 2017, there have been a total of 25,000 downloads, and almost 10,000 just in the past year, according the ScholarWorks counter: <http://scholarworks.wmich.edu/ijad/>

This issue features seven papers that include various titles and topics from four countries that include Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, and Sudan, and cover critical issues of sustainable development for Africa based on case studies of each country. The paper on Ethiopia demonstrates that empirical private productivity has not improved in spite claims of rapid growth by the ruling regime. The paper on Kenya discusses aid effectiveness challenges focusing on governing structure of the agricultural sector. The paper on Ghana provides policies for an appropriate framework for technology development and creation that can be sustainable. The Nigerian paper questions the sustainability of the Federal Government Amnesty Program as a peace strategy in the Nigeria Delta Region which has rich oil, and how to avoid conflict or rebellion by investing in a local community's education, health and employment to avoid what economists call "resource curse" driven by defective governance. Another paper challenges the nature of Federalism in Nigeria, which the author calls "defective," and explains its link to the Emergence of Domestic Terrorism such as Boko Haram. The final paper is on the economics of water poverty and its implication on income poverty and health in Sudan. This is based on data of a case study of Gezira State from 1993 to 2013.

With these brief remarks on the seven papers, I invite readers to read the full papers and draw their own conclusions and policy implications. This issue will be the last for the current year, and we will begin with two new issues for 2018. I wish readers happy holidays and New Year!

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