



Editorial Note

As the Chief Editor, I am pleased to introduce this second issue of the second volume of IJAD for spring 2015. This volume constitutes the 4th issue of IJAD that began in fall 2013. This issue presents seven papers on broad areas of challenges and opportunities for sustainable development. They range from a gender gap in higher education, corruption, child labor, Internet for regional integration, regional public sector reform, maternal employment, culture of manufacturing technology and Ebola in West Africa. While most of the papers in this issue focus on African states, one paper focuses on the challenge of closing the gender gap opportunities in the United States in higher education.

IJAD is an interdisciplinary journal on challenges and opportunities for sustainable development. The editors view human and social progress as a multidimensional process involving sustainable economic development, the advancement of human capabilities, environmental security, a richer cultural life, and reduced poverty through access to equal opportunity and greater political and social freedom and justice with appreciation of human and cultural diversity and inclusiveness. The previous vol. 2 issue 1 in fall 2014 was comprised of six papers that focused on the theme of governance of agriculture, natural resources, food and nutrition security and land rights. We hope this issue will be of great interest and value to our readers as the previous ones have been.

I am pleased to report the past three issues were widely received not only in Africa but all other parts of the world including Europe and North America based on the reporting system in ScholarWorks. At the time of publication of this issue, IJAD's first three issues had gained worldwide interest with over 5,000 downloads from 67 countries.

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