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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Damilola S. Olawuyi

I am pleased to present Volume 8 Issue 2 of the *Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy*. Our Editorial Committee and Board have worked tirelessly over the last months to bring you this Issue, which is composed of 11 articles spanning various genres and aspects of sustainable development.

The articles in this Issue easily unpack themselves into clusters with regards to the following questions: (1) What are the governance models and approaches for achieving equitable resource distribution and management, particularly in the water and electricity sectors? (2) How can trade, environment and investment laws be harmonized to achieve greater coherence? (3) How can contractual and legal frameworks on oil sector governance, pipeline surveillance and anti-corruption be reformed to deliver sustainable development in African countries?

Regarding the first question, Francis Onditi and Cristina D’Alessandro examine the importance, scope and content of a good governance approach to economic development in South Sudan. Still, on the subject of regulatory and governance models, Sam Amadi expertly analyses the need for a rule of law approach for achieving equitable privatization of electricity distribution in Nigeria. Elem Eyrice Tepeciklioglu, Mohammed Evren Tok, and Syed Basher review the political economy of Turkey’s relations with Sub-Saharan Africa since 2002; while Pedi Obaniand Joyeeta Gupta’s detailed article demonstrates the importance of integrated and inclusive governance in addressing water scarcity.

Concerning the harmonization of the environment and investment regulations, Claude Bernard Tene, Siddig Omer, and Blaise Mempouo illuminate innovative approaches for addressing and responding to socio-environmental impacts of unsafe and unsustainable infrastructure development in Cameroon. Mohammed Ibrahim Ahmed’s erudite article then discusses the importance of mainstreaming environmental considerations and safeguards into Ethiopia’s investments laws. Similarly, Felix Okpe’s article unpacks ambiguities and gaps in Nigerian investment laws that hinder coherent application and then proposes a review of the definition of “investment” under Nigerian law as an essential starting point for reform.

On the question of regulatory reforms, while Kow Kwega Amisssah Abraham’s insightful paper and the theory-laden article by Sesan Fabamise
examine contractual and constitutional approaches for dealing with unsustainable resource utilization and corruption matters in Ghana and Nigeria, respectively, Amalachukwu Okafor and Ayobami Olaniyan, in their joint article, deliver a robust analysis on the need to reform the legal frameworks on oil pipeline construction, operation and management in Nigeria, to address perennial concerns on sabotage, pipeline leakages and blowouts. Finally, given the importance of facilitating discourses on how to promote quality and relevance in environmental law scholarship in Africa, this Issue wraps up with the text of a public lecture, delivered by Rhuks Ako and Damilola Olawuyi, that provides insights on research methodology and best practices.

The breadth of these subjects, and the geographical spread of the authors, ranging from Cameroon, France, Kenya, the United Kingdom, Ghana, Ethiopia, to Nigeria all allude to the complex obstacles that remain before humanity can truly realize sustainable development. We at the Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy restate our commitment to continue to facilitate scholarly exchange and discourse on these themes. As always, we welcome constructive feedback and look forward to your viewpoints.

With infinite gratitude to our Editorial Board, Managing Board and the President and Founder of Afe Babalola University – Aare Afe Babalola SAN, OFR, LLD – for their invaluable and continuing support, I invite you to turn the pages of this Issue and enjoy the wealth of knowledge therein.

Truly yours,

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