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On behalf of the Editorial Committee, I am delighted to present Volume 17 Issue 4 of the Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy. The Editorial Committee and Board thank the reviewers for their insightful and constructive reviews on papers submitted for this issue. After an in-depth peer-review process, sixteen (16) articles were accepted for publication.

The articles focus on a plethora of themes relating to sustainability and allied issues from different regions and continents of the world. This issue starts with a submission by Anil Karki. Karki argues that an integrated, four-pillar enforcement architecture is the basis for sustainable corporate governance reforms by going beyond the usual focus on legislative form. The next paper in this issue is by Shraddha Shukla and Ipsita Ray. The authors argue for the need for model online arbitration rules (MOAR) in India while providing comparative insights from several countries including Sweden, China, and South Korea. The third submission is by Eduardo G Pereira, Juliana Costa, Dominique Mouette, Danielle M.T. Denny, Alexandre de Barros Gallo, Maria Eduarda de Oliveira Rocha, Alberto Fossa, Carlos Eduardo P. Cerri. This article provides analysis of Brazil's current climate actions and the progress made towards achieving its nationally determined contributions NDC goals. The fourth submission is by Susan Yara, Collins Odote and Robert Kibugi and focuses on the regulatory framework on zoonoses in Kenya. This article argues for the adoption of an adaptive governance framework underpinned within the Social Ecological Systems (SES) theory as the appropriate regulatory design in the Kenyan context.

The fifth submission is by Sylvanus Gbendazhi Barnabas and discusses the environmental and regulatory challenges of Single-use plastics (SUPs) in Nigeria. This contribution evaluates the existing regulatory frameworks on SUPs in Nigeria, highlighting international best practices, and proposes strategic reforms rooted in sustainability, and compliance with global environmental standards. The sixth contribution is Noah Afedolor Izoukumor. This piece undertakes a critical analysis of the fragmented implementation of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Nigerian context. The

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seventh submission is by Uchechukwu Nwoke, Godswill Agbaitoro and Comfort Tioluwani. They advocate for legislative reforms to make corporate social responsibility (CSR) a mandatory requirement in Nigerian company law and thereby requiring corporate directors to collaborate with informal institutions in Nigeria. The eighth contribution is by Taofeeq N. Alatise. The submission focuses on the climate litigation in Nigeria and argues that constitutional and human rights legal approaches have stronger potentials to promote access to justice in climate litigation in the country. The ninth submission is by Brown Etareri Umukoro and Ejiro T. Kore-Okiti. The contribution undertakes an in-depth analysis of Nigeria's trajectory towards SDG3 amid several challenges including the legal status of the right to health in Nigeria and inadequate healthcare infrastructure. The tenth submission is Oluchukwu Precious Obioma, Amarachi Remigius Dike and Newman U. Richards. This article examines the role of the Nigerian Electricity Act 2023 in advancing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Nigeria.

The eleventh contribution is by David Tarh-Akong Eyongndi, Garvin Ufuoma Oyibodoro, Anselm Uchechukwu Abonyi, Agbaovwe Emmanuel Oturuhoyi and Olasupo Bada. The submission analyses innovations in the Arbitration and Mediation Act 2023 (AMA 2023) premised on comparative insights from Ghana, South Africa, Kenya, Hong Kong and Singapore aimed at gleaning reciprocal lessons for Nigeria. The twelfth contribution is by Oluwatosin Kate Olanrewaju-Elufowoju, Emmanuel Sonuga and Adedotun Onibokun. This submission examines the role of arbitration in addressing disputes in Nigeria's renewable energy sector. The thirteenth submission is by Dorcas Adesola Thanni, Rosetta Okiemute Isiavwe and Mary Ann O. Ajayi. This contribution investigates the extent to which inmates in Nigerian correctional facilities can exercise their rights to bodily autonomy and informed consent and explores the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) to support the ethical administration of healthcare in custodial settings. The fourteenth article by Walters Nsoh examines how Sub-Saharan African (SSA) countries can leverage international climate cooperation mechanisms and continental trade frameworks to advance an equitable and inclusive energy transition. By highlighting the barriers to practical action, the article offers pathways forward for SSA countries to balance climate mitigation and adaptation while accelerating economic integration, sovereignty, and equity. The fifteenth article by Teoman Ertuğrul Tulun and Ali Oğuz Diriöz draws lessons from the Corona Virus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic to unpack the impacts of pandemics on sustainable development, focusing on the economic and social dimensions. The final article by Nguyen, Thi Thuy, Tran, Kim Lieu, and Vu, Van Tuan examines how European Union (EU) principles of good administration can inform the development of sustainable digital governance in Vietnam. It posits that Vietnam's digital government reforms will be more effective and sustainable if they move beyond technology-driven modernization toward a rights-based, accountable, and citizen-centered governance model.

This collection of critical academic journal articles, as well as additional public lecture and commentary, provide fresh perspectives on sustainability and governance issues from different sectors in several jurisdictions. We sincerely thank our Editorial Board, Editorial Committee and the President and Founder of Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti – Aare Afe Babalola SAN, OFR, LLD – for their vital and continuing support, I wish all our readers a rewarding study and application of the articles presented in this Issue.

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