EDITORIAL NOTE

Since the end of colonial rule, most African nations have been entangled in a vicious circle of ending political, economic, religious, and even socio-cultural challenges. The consequences of these intractable conflicts and the quest for meaningful development among African nations have led to eternal discussion among scholars and policymakers on critical sectors like industrialization, conflict prevention, education, security, human rights, political institutions, governance, economy, refugee, and migration and even terrorism. Acknowledging these problems, policymakers, NGOs, scholars, security experts, captains of industries, religious and community leaders, and even development and peace-focused institutions have continually engaged in brainstorming, deliberations, research, and critical thinking on possible ways of addressing this most pressing dilemma. Despite these spirited and purposeful efforts, including synergy with global actors and even external assistance, attaining meaningful development remains elusive.

Notwithstanding, the urgent need to ensure that Africa close this development deficit to attain equal status with their western counterparts remain consistently compelling as a sine qua non to achieving goals of Silencing the Guns and Sustainable Development Goals of 2030. These challenges, as mentioned earlier, have remained a guiding light regarding the various **Journal of Contemporary Society & Education (JCSE)** volume publications. According to established standards, these articles were considered and selected from multiple related disciplines and peer-reviewed. Expressly, the JSCE acknowledges the disastrous negative impact of these challenges and how they stall Africa's unedging quest for sustainable development. Thus, the JSCE ensures that the excellent research and thought-provoking manuscripts that

attempt to address these developmental challenges are considered with utmost priority.

Accordingly, this special JCSE issue would primarily focus on security, health, internal displacement, governance, nation-building, natural resources induced conflict, sustainable development goals, education, armed conflict, Covid-19 pandemic, kidnapping, ICT, tourism, election, leadership, industrialization, community participation, post-election violence, and the role of the development institutions.

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