## **Editor's Note**

Join me in celebrating the release of the second issue of the *Journal of African Community* and *Development* (JACAD). In releasing this issue, JACAD continues to keep its mission of publishing research works that enrich our understanding of past and contemporary Africa.

In this issue, scholars from the following higher institutions of learning in the United States and Nigeria shared their wealth of knowledge in the humanities and social sciences to analyze issues surrounding diaspora politics, security, oral poetry, religion, culture, literature, and colonial legacy: Eastern Kentucky University, Fayetteville State University, Ajayi Crowther University, Babcock University, Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, University of Lagos, Imo State University, University of Calabar, Lagos State University of Education, and International College Ibefun, Odogbolu.

Suitable for scholars, students, policymakers, and general readers eager to understand the issues dominating scholarship on Africa, the eight articles published in this issue will help us better comprehend how politics, culture, history, and religion intersect to shape modern Africa continually. JACAD encourages authors to submit their best research papers for publication in its open-access journal, thereby enjoying a wide readership. JACAD welcomes rigorous research methodologies and requires manuscripts that make original and compelling contributions to knowledge, with a focus on African studies from the precolonial period.

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