
Editorial

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Welcome to the first issue of the *International Journal of Environment and Sustainable Development (IJESD)*. This journal is aimed at: fostering the cause of sustainable development by means of the publication of scholarly research, studies and projects taking place, industrialised and developing nations. The wide scope of the journal includes issues such as environmental systems, environmental policies and politics, environmental legislation, environmental impact assessment, water and energy related issues, sustainability and approaches and methods leading to sustainable development.

As an action-oriented periodical, *IJESD* will strive to focus on the dissemination of experiences and to foster information exchange with respect to pilot projects on transport, recycling, waste management and analysis of legislation and appraisals of the impacts of regulations, among other topics. Moreover it will serve as a vehicle for the documentation and dissemination of what government bodies, research agencies, international bodies, universities and aid agencies are doing to promote environmental protection and pursue the path of sustainable development.

It is hoped that this journal and the diversity of experiences and approaches it contains, will assist both individuals and organisations in promoting environmental protection specifically, and the goal of sustainable development as a whole.