
Editorial

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I am pleased to bring you this Special Issue of the *International Journal of Environment and Sustainable Development*, which focuses on Canadian authors. I approached the executive editor of *IJESD* in August 2001 with the idea of creating a special issue for this new journal, consisting of a selection of papers that would give a flavour of the Americas, with an emphasis on Canadian authors. The concept was received positively and after many months of efforts by individual authors, reviewers, the journal's editorial team and staff, we now have this issue.

A wide-ranging series of papers has been selected to reflect the issues, challenges and interests of analysts and policy makers in the Western hemisphere. Topics covered in this Special Issue include the management of forestry, water and agricultural resources; climate change actions and green energy; the use of tradable emissions permits to control toxic substances; and the linkages between environmental protection and economic competitiveness. Various approaches are used to address these different environmental and policy issues, ranging from empirical studies to optimisation and game theory models. Regardless of the dissimilitude between the issues addressed and approaches used by the authors, the underlying principle in the seven papers compiled in this Special Issue is undeniably that of sustainable development.

I dare hope that this Special Issue of the journal will improve readers' understanding of the challenges faced by Canadian practitioners, academics and policy makers, and that it will generate increased interest and readership of the *International Journal of Environment and Sustainable Development*.