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# Message from the Chief Editor and Publisher

In the first edition of the *African Journal of Public Affairs (AJPA)* in 2007, we listened to your commentaries and suggestions as to how the Journal can consider viable paths to future improvements. In this edition, we have taken the time to make sure that the array of articles has significance not only to the continent of Africa, but one that resonates with global character and intellectual rigor.

O. Bouare examines the impact of global warming on rural-urban migration and the net emigration effects in forefront Sub-Saharan countries. E.J. van Rooyen addresses the issues in municipal international relations in South African local government. J.O. Kuye and M. Tshiyoyo provides a case study approach to the understanding of pressing issues of public service delivery in the Democratic Republic of the Congo while positing a new praxis for discussion, A. Saloojee creates a debate on the issues ranging from peacekeeping to post conflict reconstruction and development.

I. Nzimakwe and P.S. Reddy explores critical dimensions of the importance of community participation in Ethekwini municipality of KwaZulu-Natal province of South Africa with particular reference to ward communities and P. Sokhela proposes a challenging dialogue on the policy review process on provincial and local government as they impact on service delivery in South Africa. L.P. Malan re-visits the debate on the impact of intergovernmental relations and co-operative government on good governance with respect to South Africa. Also, on the issues of good governance, W.M. Makgalancheche reviews the importance of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) in monitoring African solutions to addressing Africa's problems while C. Thornhill captures the essence of the administrative effects of policy and further examines salient administrative issues in the policy discourse.

E.O. Ijeoma provides the reader with an understanding of the democratisation process in Nigeria in an era of continental set of reforms and also on the same discourse but from a tangential perspective, J.O. Kuye and I.U. Ile provides a cryptic yet balanced overview of public service reform philosophies with a re-think of Nigeria's "Servicom" and South Africa's "Batho Pele" principles in an era of global restructuring and reform. K. Raga explores the tenets of an effective procurement process in the public sector with special emphasis on ethical and legislative aspects of the South African public service and D.J. Fourie and L. Valeta provides a robust and enhanced academic review on the framework of intergovernmental fiscal relations in the South African context.

From the broad commentaries from the readership, we wish to thank all those who have supported the aspirations of this great endeavour. We are actually creating an opportunity for *Africa's ideas* to be heard within the confines of *Africa's space* and beyond. The Editorial Board wishes to thank our combined editorial leadership, contributors, panel of reviewers and the Managing Editor, E.J. van Rooyen for a collective outstanding effort and dedication. We are also committed to the sustenance of theory and practice construction, and the establishment of a revolving door initiative which will create the balance between

academia and practice. “Ceteris Paribus” meaning all things being equal, we shall maintain our esteemed goals.

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