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EDITORIAL COMMENT

I have the pleasure to introduce to the reading public Volume 2, Issue 1, of the Association of Environmental Lawyers of Nigeria Journal of Environment and Natural Resources Law 2025.

The latest edition of the Association of Environmental Lawyers Journal of Environment and Natural Resources stands out as a significant scholarly contribution to the discourse on environmental protection and natural resource governance. Featuring twelve meticulously curated articles, this volume offers a rich tapestry of interdisciplinary insights across emerging and persistent environmental issues. From marine biodiversity and the complexities of the Coastal Shipping Act to the broader climate crisis and greenhouse gas accountability, the journal effectively captures the urgency and intricacies of today's environmental challenges.

A particularly compelling aspect of this edition is its legal examination of Nigeria's evolving energy and environmental regulatory landscape, including the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) 2021 and the roles of NUPRC and NMDPRA. The in-depth analysis of tax regimes under the PIA and the intricate dynamics of third-party participation in gas and petroleum liquids provide critical legal interpretation that will benefit policymakers, practitioners, and scholars alike. Furthermore, the inclusion of global environmental events like the Macondo oil spill and the scrutiny of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) underscores the journal's commitment to both local relevance and international context.

Equally noteworthy is the journal's exploration of environmental compliance and corporate accountability, especially regarding oil spills, an issue of profound socio-ecological consequence in Nigeria's Niger Delta. By connecting environmental degradation to human rights frameworks, this edition bridges legal theory with social justice imperatives. Overall, this journal not only enriches environmental legal scholarship but also serves as a vital platform for advancing sustainable policy, regulatory reform, and environmental justice in Nigeria and beyond.

I will therefore, without any hesitation, recommend this edition to researchers, reading public, scholars and consultants. As usual, the views expressed here are strictly those of the authors and not the views of Editors and Publishers. I sincerely appreciate all contributors and the reading public for having confidence and faith in our journal. We look forward to a more scintillating and innovative edition subsequently.

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