

## Editor's Note

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At the beginning of 2016, the United Nations released the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These seventeen goals include addressing poverty, providing affordable and clean energy, conserving ocean and marine resources, sustainably managing natural resources, and implementing climate action. These goals seek to improve upon the success of the Millennium Development Goals. The Sustainable Development Goals are not legally binding on the nations of the world, but this issue of SDLP will explore the impacts and policy of the SDGs and several topics related to the individual goals themselves.

The mission of *Sustainable Development Law & Policy* is to approach sustainable development from a variety of perspectives to provide our readers with a balanced and informed view of our chosen topics. In this issue, we seek to provide our readers with insight into domestic land and water use with three varying approaches to this subject. Our first article, *Lodging the Sustainable Development Goals in the International Trade Regime: From Trade Rhetoric to Trade Plethoric* by Nasser Alreshaid discuss how implementing the Sustainable Development Goals into global trade will lead to a more inclusive and representative international trade regime. The second article, *A North-South Struggle: Political and Economic Obstacles to Sustainable Development*, authored by Dr. Imrana Iqbal and Charles Pierson explores the difficulty the developed world experiences in achieving the sustainable development that the SDGs intend to be shared by all nations. The authors argue that the developed world pays lip services to sustainable development while the lack of enforcement needed to compel the developing world to alter environmentally unfriendly economic practices. In the final article, Steven Specht explores a means of achieving the SDGs of climate action and clean energy in *Developing an International Carbon Tax Regime*. Mr. Specht argues that an international agreement on taxation of domestic carbon sources is the best way forward to deal with climate change.

This issue also includes three featured articles by Washington College of Law students. Harjot Dhillon explores food security in South Sudan and its obstacles to achieving SDGs. In the second featured article, Tais Ludwig argues the importance of the Rio Principle 10 in implementing the current SDGs. Finally, Alexi Nation focuses on the SDG for ocean conservation and the importance of its implementation.

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On behalf of the *Sustainable Development Law & Policy* staff, I would like to thank all of the authors who contributed their time, efforts, and scholarship to this issue. Your contributions have allowed for a meaningful and informed discussion of sustainable land and water use policy in the United States. I would also like to thank my staff for all of their hard work and dedication to not only this issue, but to our publication as a whole. Their efforts are the source of success for our publication. Lastly, I would like to thank our readers for your continuing interest and support of SDLP.



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