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Editorial

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Issues discussed in papers presented in this volume of Economic and Environmental Studies are quite varied. There is a group of articles focused on general sustainable development issues. These are articles written by Małgorzata Pink about cultural aspects of sustainable development, Andrzej Raszkowski about sustainable development of territorial units, Anna Szweda about the importance of modernizations in realization of sustainable development principles and Paulina Szyja about the role of the concept of sustainable development and its indicators.

Authors of some articles are trying to present sustainable development issues in relation to economic aspects including innovation and efficiency. These are articles by Bartosz Bartniczak about de minimis aid in Poland, Adejompo Fagbohunka about economic recession and infrastructural development in Nigeria, Piotr Idczak and Karol Mrozik about periurbanisation, Daniel Jacob, Samuel Onadeko, Imaobong Nelson and Abdul Shotuyo about evaluation of Old Oyo National Park efficiency, Radojko Lukic, Miro Sokic and Dragana Vojteski Klejnak about analysis of insurance companies' efficiency, Łukasz Mamica about dematerialised and re-dematerialised economy, Lidia Mierzejewska and Alexander Tölle about sustainable spatial development in small and medium-sized cities, Olga Okrzesik about directions of increasing innovativeness of economy, Janusz Rosiek about the implementation of Circular Economy Concept and

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Jarosław Ziemski about the use of LCC method in running cost analysis of a single-family house.

Second group of articles is focused on energy efficiency and renewable sources. These are articles prepared by Ibrahim Bakare, Mahmud O. Quadry and Mohammad Abdul-Matin Chowdbury about the impact of crude oil spot and futures prices volatility on the development of African equity markets, Agnieszka Bielecka, Anna Avdiushchenko, Joanna Kulczycka and Marzena Smol about an application of the circular economy in the power sector, Piotr Czopka about sustainable materials in ecological buildings, Anna Dubel about an analysis of the reservoirs reclamation methods, Tadeusz Fijał about actions for the greening of power engineering to improve energy efficiency, Mohammed Touitou and Abul Quasem Al-Aminb about climate change and water resources vulnerability, Małgorzata Wzorek about the potential role of renewable energy for sustainable development on a local scale and Bibianna Żymła about alternative fuels.

Third group of articles deals with socio-economic problems at different levels and in different countries. These are papers written by Muslimu Adetunji about travelling preferences of the elderly and their perception of transport services, Sylwester Białowąs and Iwona Olejnik about securing old age and other saving goals of households, Vit Hincica about littering combating and Mariusz Kostrzewski and Wojciech Nowak about evolution of male self-expression.