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The goal of the book is to examine the distinct functions of various players from the public and commercial sectors, as well as communities and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and how they might work together to realize the sustainable development agenda. The book also examines how foreign actors fit into all of these.

The author, Dr. Kariuki Muigua, PhD, was declared the first ever winner of the CI Arb (Kenya Branch) ADR Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honour given by the Institute to one member for his immense contribution to the growth of practice, research and scholarship of ADR in Kenya and across Africa. The award came barely a week after he had won the coveted Law Society of Kenya ADR Practitioner of the Year Award at the 4th Edition of the Nairobi Legal Awards for his outstanding practice in ADR and especially arbitration and his role as a mentor to many lawyers venturing into the area. He was also awarded the ADR Publisher of the Year for his scholarship, authorship and editorship of leading research and publications on ADR in Africa including the Journal of Conflict

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Management and Sustainable Development and the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Journal.

He was the winner of the African Arbitrator of the Year 2022 award at the 3rd African Arbitration Awards held at Kigali Rwanda beating other competitors from Egypt, Mauritius, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Kenya. The African Arbitrator of the Year award is the highest and most prestigious ADR and Arbitration Award in Africa.

He was also awarded the ADR Practitioner of the Year Award 2022 at the AfAA Awards. The award which was presented by the African Arbitration Association is awarded to the Arbitrator/ADR practitioner who is adjudged to have made outstanding achievements in, or contribution to, the development of Arbitration/ADR in Africa.

He was recognized and awarded for his role as the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Africa Trustee from 2019 to 2022 by CIArb Kenya Branch at the CIArb Kenya Branch ADR Excellence Awards 2022.

His book, *Settling Disputes through Arbitration in Kenya*, 4th Edition; Glenwood Publishers 2022, was awarded the Publication of the Year Award 2022 by CIArb Kenya Branch at the CIArb Kenya Branch ADR Excellence Awards 2022.

He is a member of the National Environment Tribunal which was awarded as the best performing Tribunal in Kenya for handling the most cases.

Chambers and Partners Global Guide 2023 has ranked Dr. Kariuki Muigua Ph.D in Band 1 of Dispute Resolution (Arbitrators) noting that he is “highly recommended as a leading lawyer”.

He was awarded for his distinguished service to the Law Society of Kenya at the Law Society of Kenya Annual Awards 2023. He was also awarded the Outstanding Mentor Award by his mentees in recognition and appreciation of his selfless mentorship and support.

Dr. Kariuki Muigua has demonstrated his prowess and sound understanding of Sustainable Development. The book discusses several strategies that may be used to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), depending on the diverse situations, the intended outcomes, and the players involved.

The book also covers the two-pronged promotion of the idea of green arbitration, which aims to advance environmental sustainability while attaining sustainable justice. In Kenya and across the world, the author contends, this idea should be adopted.

In this book, the effectiveness of a framework legislation approach to environmental governance generally is also covered. Moreover, it addresses the difficulties that emerge when EMCA is implemented and provides practical reforms that may be taken into account in order to increase its efficacy in ensuring that Kenya meets its objectives for the Sustainable Development Agenda.

The book also argues that Kenya should implement the globally recognised polluter pays concept as a cornerstone for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which effectively guarantees that more actors contribute to sustainability.

The book also argues for Biodiversity Impact Assessments in the most delicate ecological areas to protect any potential biological variety present there and to improve conservation efforts.

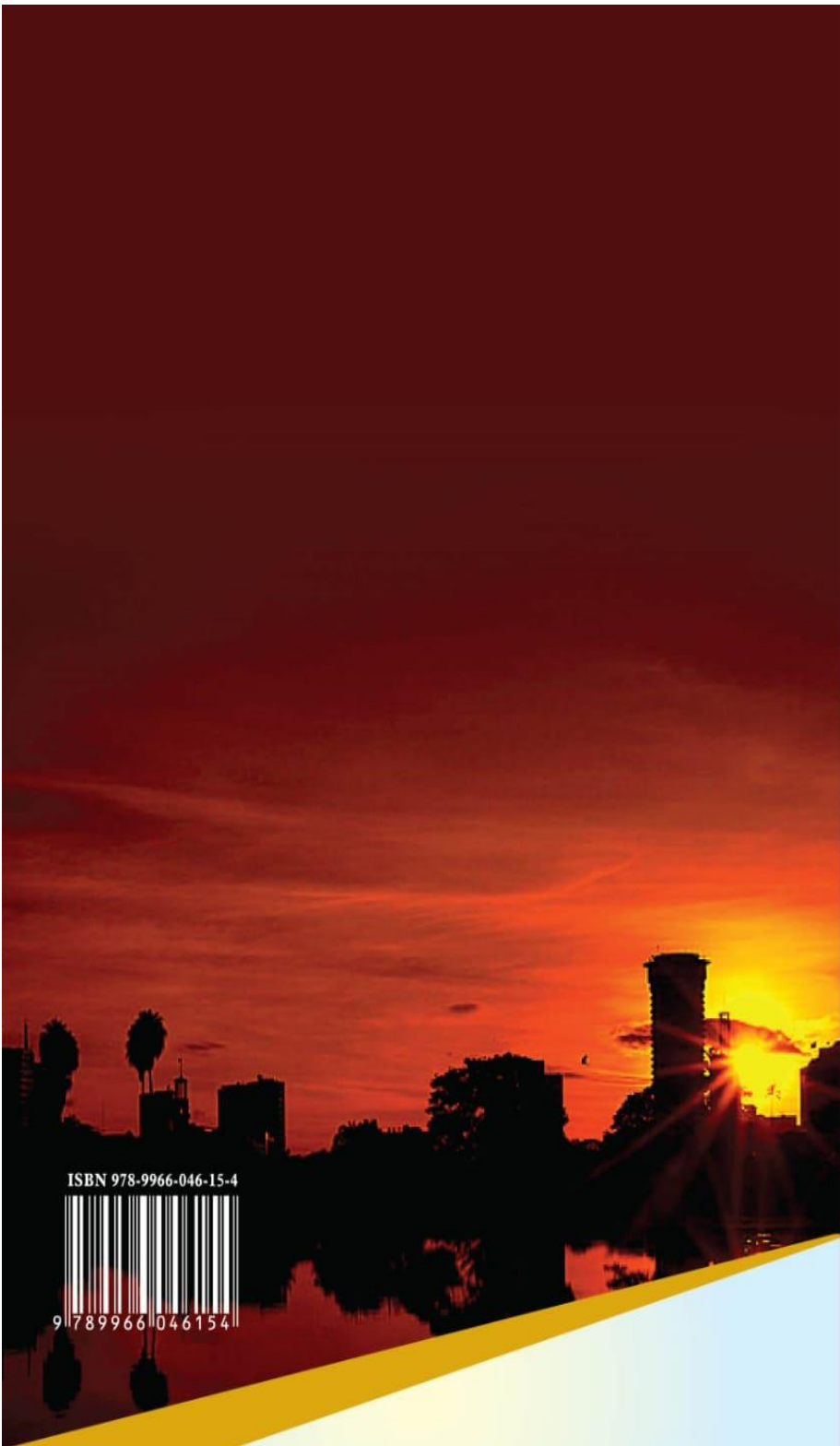
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In line with the book, Realizing True Sustainable Development is an ideal whose time is now.

This book is a must read for students, teachers and the general public interested in acquiring knowledge on Sustainable Development.

Dr. Kariuki Muigua offered the book for free download in his law firm, Kariuki Muigua & Co. Advocates, website in a quest to realize the key objective of its publication and promoting knowledge on Sustainable Development:

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