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## **Journal Review: Journal of Appropriate Dispute Resolution (ADR) & Sustainability, Volume 2, Issue 1**

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Published in April 2024, Journal of Appropriate Dispute Resolution (ADR) & Sustainability, Volume 2, Issue 1 has continued to grow as a key academic resource in the fields of Dispute Resolution, Sustainability and related fields of knowledge.

It focuses on emerging and pertinent areas and challenges in these fields and proposes necessary legal, institutional and policy reforms towards addressing these issues.

The Journal is peer reviewed and refereed in order to adhere to the highest quality of academic standards and credibility of information. Papers submitted to the Journal are taken through a rigorous review by our team of internal and external reviewers.

It is edited by Hon. Prof. Kariuki Muigua Ph.D, FCIArb, Ch.Arb, OGW who has earned his reputation as a distinguished legal practitioner in Kenya and a leading environmental scholar in Africa and the world. It adopts an open publication policy and does not discriminate against authors on any grounds.

Hon. Prof. Kariuki Muigua Ph.D, FCIArb, Ch.Arb, OGW has demonstrated his prowess and sound understanding of Sustainable Development in his paper '*Maximizing Diplomacy, Peace-Making and Peace-Keeping for Sustainable Development in Africa*'. The paper

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critically discusses the role of diplomacy, peace-making, and peace-keeping in the Sustainable Development agenda in Africa. It argues that fostering these concepts is necessary in accelerating the continent's journey towards the SDGs. The paper defines diplomacy, peace-making, and peace-keeping and examines their role in the Sustainable Development agenda. It also suggests ways through which Africa can maximize diplomacy, peace-making, and peace-keeping for Sustainable Development.

*'Designing Legislation to Counter Digital Currency-Based Crimes in Kenya: Lessons from Cryptocurrency Laws in the United States of America and United Kingdom'* by Michael Sang delves into the multifaceted realm of digital currency-based crimes and the regulatory challenges faced by Kenya. Drawing vital lessons from the cryptocurrency laws and legislative measures of the United States and the United Kingdom, it offers valuable insights to strengthen Kenya's regulatory framework and enhance its capabilities in combating illicit activities. The discussion encompasses regulatory gaps, criminal exploitation of cryptocurrencies, cases of cryptocurrency-related crimes, and considerations for a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).

James Njuguna in *'Managing Natural Resource Based Conflicts in Kenya through ADR: A Critical Analysis of Community Land Disputes in Kenya'* critically discusses the role of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms in managing natural resource-based conflicts in Kenya with reference to community land conflicts and disputes. The paper argues that ADR mechanisms are a viable option in managing community land conflicts in Kenya. It highlights some of the key features and advantages of ADR processes which makes them suitable in managing community land disputes in Kenya. The paper further points out challenges and potential drawbacks inherent in ADR mechanisms and proposes interventions in order to enhance the

role of ADR mechanisms in managing community land conflicts and disputes in Kenya.

Mwati Muriithi critically reviews the *Alternative Dispute Resolution Journal*, Volume 12 Issue 3 which provides a platform for scholarly debate and in-depth investigations into both theoretical and practical questions in Alternative Dispute Resolution. The Journal covers pertinent and emerging issues across all ADR mechanisms. It is now one of the most cited publications in the fields of ADR and Access to Justice in Kenya and across the globe.

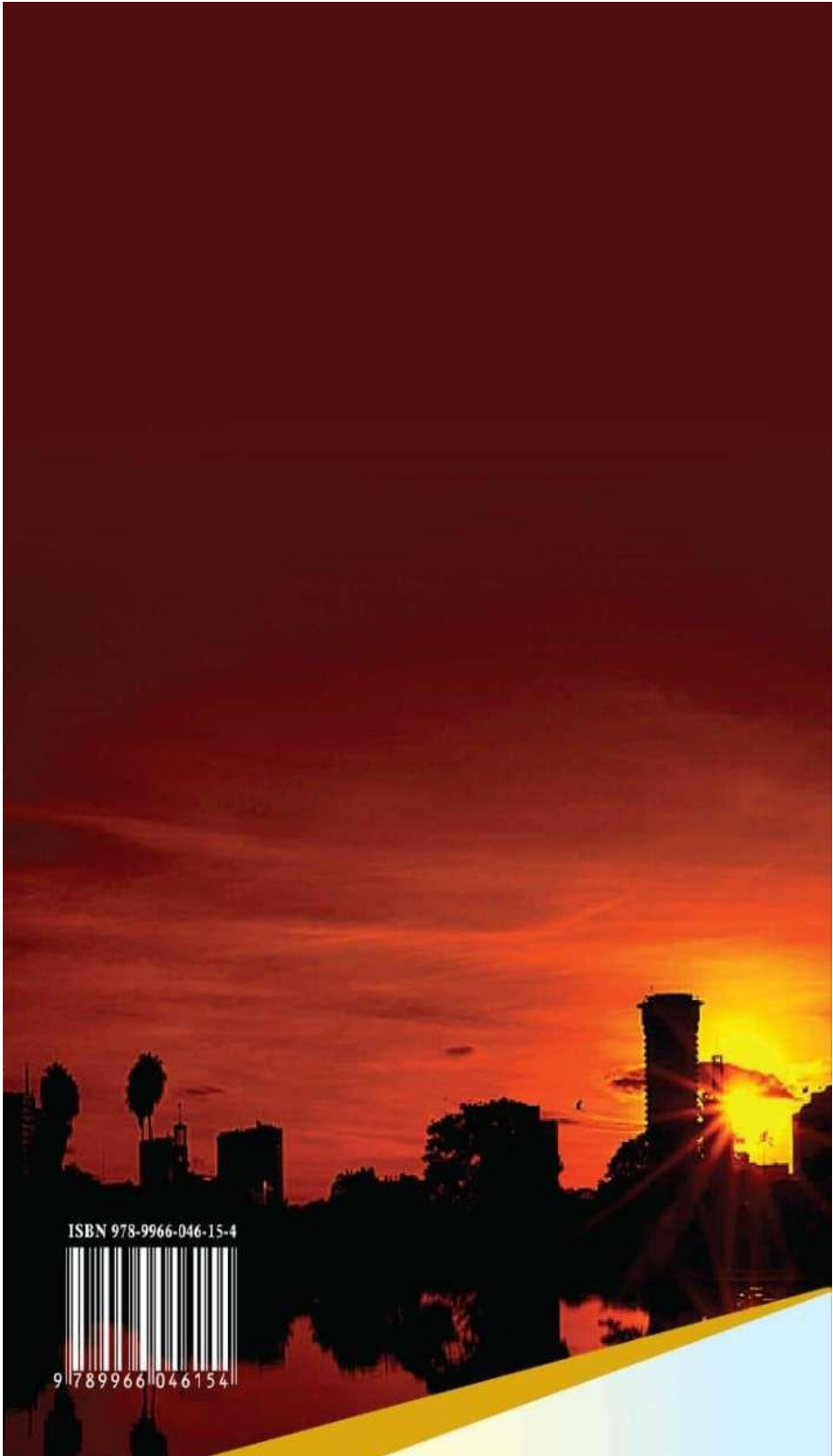
*'Applying Environmental Ethics for Sustainability'* by Hon. Prof. Kariuki Muigua critically examines the role of environmental ethics in the sustainability agenda. It argues that environmental ethics can be a vital tool in fostering sustainability. The paper defines environmental ethics and discusses how this concept can enhance sustainability. It also discusses some of the concerns with utilizing environmental ethics as a tool for sustainability. Further, the paper suggests ideas towards applying environmental ethics for sustainability.

Antony Mwenda Kinyua in *'Njuriincheke Among The Ameru Community: A Cultural Beacon for Community Conflict Resolution'* examines the economic and political problems that affect the Ameru people of Kenya from the perspective of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms, through the Njuri Ncheke. It goes on analyzing the history and the major Components of the Njuri Ncheke code in the Ameru cultures as a way of mediating in conflicts that involve land disputes, marital disputes among others.

*'Net Zero Carbon Buildings: Global Case Studies and Lessons for The Construction Industry in Africa'* by Dr. Cyrus Babu Ong'ondo delves into net-zero carbon buildings through case studies, offering insights

into lessons learned and challenges faced in achieving carbon neutrality within the built environment. The paper zeroes into practical applications, showcasing real-world examples to inform sustainable building practices and foster a deeper understanding of the path toward a net-zero carbon future in Africa.

Michael Sang in '*Legal Deficiencies in the Disposal of Evidence in Closed Criminal Cases in Kenya: An Agenda for Urgent Legal Reform*' delves into the critical issue of evidence disposal in closed criminal cases in Kenya, highlighting the pressing need for urgent legal reform. Examining the current landscape, the study explores the challenges and deficiencies in evidence management, focusing on the key role of judicial precedent. Notably, the paper scrutinizes relevant Kenyan judicial decisions and international best practices from South Africa and the UK to offer a comprehensive analysis of the shortcomings in evidence preservation and disposal.



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