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I am pleased to present the concluding issue of the 2023 BGM two-volume series on the critical theme of Transition, Transformation, and Sustainable Futures. This collection of cutting-edge research and analysis could not be timelier, as the world continues to grapple with the profound social, economic, and environmental changes unfolding around us.

The papers in this volume offer invaluable insights and frameworks for understanding the complex dynamics of transition and transformation toward more sustainable ways of living and organizing our societies. From examining the technological disruptions reshaping entire industries, to exploring new models of ecological economics and the shift to renewable energy systems, the authors tackle some of the most pressing challenges of our era.

What shines through is a deep commitment to not just describing the problems we face, but identifying pathways for positive, systemic change. Whether it's rethinking urban design, developing regenerative landscape practices, or envisioning new governance structures, these papers provide a hopeful - yet clear-eyed - vision for how we can build a more resilient and equitable future.

It is my belief that the ideas contained in these pages will be essential reading for policymakers, business leaders, activists, and all those invested in creating a more sustainable world. As we grapple with the enormity of the transitions ahead, this work offers a vital roadmap - grounded in rigorous research and a diversity of perspectives - to help guide us through these transformative times.

We again extend our deepest gratitude to the authors, reviewers, and Editorial board of the Library and Publications Committee who have dedicated their time and expertise to make this digital two volume edition possible. Your contributions are invaluable, and we are honoured to showcase your work.

**Arc Fitzgerald Umah, FNIA**

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## Editorial: Transition, Transformation, and Sustainable Futures

I am honoured to introduce the concluding issue of the special BGM 2023 two-volume series exploring the critical themes of transition, transformation, and sustainable futures. The papers contained within these pages, like the first volume, represent some of the most innovative and insightful scholarship on the profound changes unfolding across our social, economic, and environmental landscapes. In an era of accelerating disruption and uncertainty, this volume could not be more timely or essential reading. The contributors to this collection have risen to the challenge of not only mapping the complex dynamics of transition, but also charting pathways toward more sustainable and equitable futures.

From reimagining urban systems and rethinking vegetative practices, to grappling with the technological forces reshaping entire industries, the authors tackle some of the most pressing challenges of our time. What is particularly impressive is the breadth and depth of the analysis on display - drawing on diverse disciplinary perspectives to offer holistic, systems-level understandings of the transformations at hand.

Importantly, this work is not simply an academic exercise. Woven throughout these papers is a palpable sense of urgency and a

commitment to identifying practical, implementable solutions. The ideas presented here are eminently actionable.

It is our belief that the NIA Journal readership - comprising architects, professionals in the built environment, policymakers, and engaged citizens from around the world - will find immense value in grappling with the insights contained in this volume. As we collectively navigate the challenges of the 21st century, this publication stands out as an essential resource for those seeking to build a more resilient and equitable future.

The Journal of The Nigerian Institute of Architects is proud to amplify this vital research and commends the editors and contributors for their outstanding work, and I'm confident that this groundbreaking series will make an indelible mark on the critical discourse surrounding sustainability and societal transformation.

**Arc Prof E.O. Ola-Adisa, PhD MNIA**  
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