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Message from the Guest Editors

The global economy has experienced a rapid increase in the gross domestic product (GDP) in the last sixty years, resulting in parallel increases in the per capita gross domestic product and environmental pollution. Hence, we are not in the framework of sustainable development. The insinuations of climate change on public health are broad and vast. The interconnectedness of all of earth's systems and human health is an area that is a challenge to society in the new millennium. Public health is directly tied to the human ecosystem that we create through our unsustainable activities. Without good public health outcomes, human life on this planet is threatened, and ultimately our actions could cause significant changes in human health, well-being and longevity. It is not the earth that is at stake, it is humanity. Two crucial sources of carbon emissions are automobile and industrial activities which are mainly attached to urban activities. Hence, the focus should be upon developing smart urban areas which will invite clean energy uses, healthy consumption and production practices, among others, which will foster true economic development.

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