## **Chief Editor's remarks**

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It is with great pleasure that I am offered an opportunity to give editorial remarks to the Magaart Globe special issue authorship. It is indeed commendable that the Magaart editorial board comprising of I (Prof. Florence Ngesa Indede, Maseno University, Kenya), Prof. Inger Lassen (Alborg University, Denmark) and Prof. Charles Okumu (Gulu University, Uganda), assisted by Lisbeth Rieshøj Amos of the secretariat of the *Globe* journal (Alborg University, Denmark) worked diligently to ensure that the special issue of the *Globe* journal provides readers with scientific articles which are both informative and insightful. I wish to sincerely thank the entire team for a job well accomplished. Let me also take this early opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to the reviewers of the various articles for their time and dedication in ensuring quality production of the manuscripts and to Language and Communication Services (LACS) at Aalborg University for assistance with proof-reading. Sincere appreciation goes to Prof. Jens Seeberg who accepted to write the forwarding note for this special issue.

As shall be experienced when reading the issue, contributors of various articles expended tremendous time and knowledge to offer scientific productions. The authors' resilience in surviving rigorous reviews and edits cannot be taken for granted. I commend them for their excellent pieces of work. May I extend my special commendations to postgraduate student authors who may have been compelled by their post graduate policies to ensure publication of their articles in a reputable Journal. I thank the *Globe* journal host, the Department of Culture and Global Studies at Alborg University, for offering us this prestigious opportunity.

The thematic landscape of articles published in this issue are a reflection of the salient features, patterns and emerging trends of stability, democracy and rights experienced in the countries of the partner institutions, locally and globally. It is with pride that we present this special issue as a culmination of a range of activities undertaken by the Building Stronger University (BSU) project and subsequent collaborative academic activities by Maseno, Aarhus, Gulu, AAlborg, Roskilde and Tribhuvan (MAGAART) universities. I am optimistic that this production does not translate to the end of the academic discussion but rather opens a new chapter to further discussions on stability, democracy and rights. I am hopeful that the core mission of the Magaart editorial board will not end with this publication.

Finally allow me to commend the entire BSU/Magaart coordination by Prof. Jens Seeberg of Aarhus University, Prof. Preben Kaarsholm of Roskilde University, Prof. Catherine Muhoma of Maseno University, Prof. Leknath Sharma of Tribhuvan University, Dr. Betty Ogange of Maseno University and Dr. Lorine Lugendo of Maseno University, and the entire Magaart family from all the collaborating institutions.

With regards, Prof. Florence Ngesa Indede Chief Editor Globe Journal Special Issue