Dear esteemed members of FLARES,
Thank you for making the early part of our year extraordinary. I thank you for participating in our memorable moments. I am hugely appreciative of the commitment to FLARES that I have witnessed this year – through the different chapters – in Southern, East & West Africa, and beyond. FLARES occupies a special place in the hearts of so many, and there is a real level of devotion to this, as well as a genuine will to build capacities. I must emphasise that inspiring leadership exists at all levels of the hierarchy; particularly through our ever inspiring sub-committee members. Many of you at FLARES have been recognised for your achievements this year but there are also many of you, who, in your own way, are changing the world for good. I thank you for your service to humanity, and for making FLARES a better place. Finally, there are still heights to conquer. I seek your continued support in making this a reality; kindly and steadily assist us in advancing the frontiers of the vision for which FLARES has been established. That being said, please enjoy the holidays, stay safe, and see you all in 2023!

~Dr. Oluwaseun Ajayi
FLARES Programme Chair

FLARES was set up to engage more actively with early career academics and professionals who have Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) at heart. The idea is and has always been to create and provide the necessary pathways to sustain and increase membership of ARES. There was a time we longed for a vibrant group of academics and professionals who were willing to volunteer their time and services for the ultimate good of ARES. Leadership has worked very hard to ensure that this is achieved. We thank the entire membership for their continuous support in attending organized programmes and to make FLARES more relevant today than it has been in times past.

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~Dr.-Ing. Emmanuel Kofi Gavu (FLARES Chairperson 2022/2023)

CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCIES AND REAL ESTATE TOKENIZATION
Blockchain is well known as the disruptive technology behind digital currencies such as Bitcoin and Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC), but blockchains can support a much broader range of transactions. The primary goal of these currencies is to provide businesses and consumers with privacy, transferability, convenience, accessibility, and financial security (Ahiabenu, 2022). For instance, Nigeria CBDC (e-Naira) was launched with a view to strengthen the stability of the payment

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~David Akinwamide

PUBLISHING IN TOP REAL ESTATE JOURNALS: AN EDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Choosing the Appropriate Journal to Publish
Read carefully the aim and scope of the Journal!
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Things Editors Lookout for While Considering Your Article for Publication
Relevance of your article to scope and aim of journal
Originality of your publication
Relationship to literature
Quality of communication
Appropriateness of the method used
Presentation of results
Implications of research to practice and society

IS INVESTING IN REAL ESTATE IN THE METAVERSE WORTH THE HOPE?
The metaverse is one of the new waves of technology that has gained popularity over the years. The metaverse concept is not relatively new and has transformed virtually all industries and businesses. The real estate industry is one of these industries that has been able to absorb this cutting-edge technology. Hence, real estate surveyors should understand this technology. But what exactly is the metaverse? The metaverse is coined from two words “Meta”, which means beyond, and “verse”, which means universe. It means beyond the universe. The metaverse is a digital world that recreates what happens in the physical world. Several things can be done in the metaverse, from talking to people, investing in digital artworks, and exploring mind-blowing vistas, to building homes and cities.

Why should real estate investors be interested in the metaverse?
The metaverse contains virtual land and buildings that can be sold and purchased using the metaverse currency. What makes the metaverse intriguing is that real

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