



# Environmental Justice Movements in Resource-Rich African Nations: A Comparative Study

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## Abstract

Environmental justice movements in resource-rich African nations are increasingly addressing issues of environmental inequality and exploitation, particularly in Egypt where natural resources have long been contested by various stakeholders. The study employs qualitative analysis of existing literature, interviews with activists, and case studies from Egypt. Comparative frameworks are used to highlight similarities and differences across other resource-rich African nations. Environmental justice movements in Egypt have successfully advocated for the protection of local communities' rights over natural resources, notably through successful legal challenges against large-scale mining projects. This study underscores the role of environmental justice movements as pivotal actors in securing equitable access to and management of natural resources in resource-rich African nations. Policy-makers should prioritise support for these movements and ensure their voices are heard in decision-making processes related to resource exploitation and conservation.

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