



The Political Economy Dynamics of Natural Resource Governance in Central African States: Implications for Ghana's Rural Development Policies

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Abstract

Central African states face significant challenges in managing natural resources effectively, leading to uneven development outcomes. A critical review of existing literature and policy documents from Central Africa, with a focus on Ghana's context. Effective rural development policies should integrate equitable resource governance frameworks to enhance socio-economic resilience. Policy makers should prioritise community participation and long-term planning to mitigate negative impacts of natural resource extraction.

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