



Informal Sector Legal Framework in Urban Uganda: A Survey Study

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Abstract

The informal sector in urban Uganda plays a significant role in the country's economy, accounting for approximately 40% of GDP and employing over 70% of the workforce. A mixed-methods approach was employed, including a survey of 500 randomly selected urban residents and semi-structured interviews with 20 key informants from various sectors involved in the informal economy. The legal framework governing the informal sector is characterized by inconsistencies and overlaps, leading to frequent disputes and lack of clarity for stakeholders. While the legal system aims to protect rights and promote economic growth, its fragmented structure hinders effective regulation and enforcement. Develop a comprehensive regulatory framework that aligns with international best practices, establish clear guidelines for informal sector activities, and enhance transparency in enforcement mechanisms.

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