Environmental Law Enforcement and Corporate Accountability in Nigerian Context: An Action Research Study

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Abstract

Environmental law enforcement in Nigeria faces significant challenges due to inadequate regulatory frameworks and limited enforcement capacity. An action research approach was employed, including semi-structured interviews with stakeholders, document review of relevant laws and regulations, and participatory workshops to engage community representatives in the design process. Findings indicate a need for enhanced legal frameworks that include stricter penalties for non-compliance and more effective monitoring mechanisms. The study underscores the necessity for a comprehensive reform agenda involving stakeholders at various levels of governance, including government agencies, NGOs, and affected communities. Develop and implement a robust enforcement strategy with clear guidelines for environmental compliance and penalties. Encourage community participation in oversight activities to ensure accountability.

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