



Human Rights Flaws in Senegalese Resource Extraction Projects: A Policy Analysis

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Abstract

Resource extraction projects in Senegal have become a significant economic driver but raise concerns regarding human rights impacts. A policy analysis approach was employed to review existing laws, regulations, and international standards related to resource extraction in Senegal. A thematic content analysis of project documents and reports from government agencies and NGOs was conducted to identify human rights issues. The analysis reveals a significant proportion (60%) of projects lack adequate consultation with affected communities, leading to potential violations of the right to participation and consultation under international law. The current regulatory framework is insufficient in addressing these human rights gaps, necessitating comprehensive reform to ensure compliance with Senegal's legal obligations and international commitments. Strengthen stakeholder engagement mechanisms, enhance transparency, and develop robust grievance redress systems to address the identified human rights deficiencies.

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