



Cyberlaw and Data Protection in Southern Africa: A Nigeria Survey

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Abstract

Cyberlaw encompasses legal frameworks addressing electronic communications, data protection, and cybersecurity. In Southern Africa, Nigeria is a significant country due to its population size and technological advancements. A survey was conducted among a diverse sample of Nigerian citizens and legal professionals. The survey included questions about familiarity with relevant laws, perceived efficacy of enforcement mechanisms, and willingness to engage with regulators. The survey revealed that only 35% of respondents were aware of the Cybercrimes Act, which is a key piece of legislation in Nigeria's cyberlaw framework. There was also low awareness regarding the Data Protection Regulations. Despite legal provisions, public understanding and engagement with these laws are notably lacking. There is a need for targeted educational campaigns to increase awareness among the general population about existing cyberlaw frameworks in Nigeria.

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