



International Criminal Law and War Crimes Accountability in Africa: A Nigerian Perspective

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Abstract

International Criminal Law (ICL) has emerged as a critical tool for holding individuals accountable for war crimes in Africa, including Nigeria. The research employs a survey methodology with a sample size representative of legal practitioners and judicial stakeholders in Nigeria. Approximately 75% of respondents indicated that current ICL frameworks are insufficient to address complex cases involving corruption and political influence, highlighting the need for reform. While acknowledging the significant strides made by ICL in Nigeria, there is a consensus among legal professionals on the necessity for enhanced mechanisms to ensure fair and effective war crimes accountability. The Nigerian government should engage with international partners to advocate for greater transparency and capacity-building initiatives within its justice system. International Criminal Law, War Crimes Accountability, Nigeria, Legal Practitioners

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