



Environmental Law Enforcement and Corporate Accountability in Nigeria: A Qualitative Study

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Abstract

Nigeria faces significant environmental challenges due to inadequate enforcement of its environmental laws, leading to corporate accountability issues. The study employed semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders including government officials, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and affected corporations. Data analysis utilised thematic coding to identify patterns and themes. Interviews revealed that while some companies implement voluntary environmental measures in response to enforcement actions, others continue operations without substantial compliance efforts. Despite limited formal legal repercussions for non-compliance, the threat of enforcement acts as a deterrent in motivating corporate accountability. However, there is room for improvement in enforcing existing laws effectively. Strengthening environmental law enforcement mechanisms and increasing public awareness on environmental responsibility are recommended to enhance corporate accountability.

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