



Urban Indigenous Knowledge in Lagos: A Theoretical Framework for Climate Resilience Initiatives

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Abstract

Urban Indigenous Knowledge (UIK) in Lagos is a rich repository of traditional ecological wisdom passed down through generations, particularly among urban indigenous communities such as Yoruba and Edo peoples. This knowledge encompasses local environmental practices, agricultural techniques, and climate-related adaptations that have helped these groups survive and thrive despite rapid urbanization. The methodology involves literature review, semi-structured interviews with local elders and community members, and thematic analysis of existing indigenous knowledge resources. A participatory approach will be used to engage communities in identifying climate-related challenges and potential solutions based on their traditional practices. The theoretical framework proposed will serve as a foundational guide for integrating UIK into urban planning and policy-making processes in Lagos, emphasising the importance of community engagement and cross-disciplinary collaboration. Communities should be actively involved in knowledge documentation and dissemination efforts. Policy makers must prioritise funding and support for projects that integrate UIK, while researchers need to develop standardised methods for validating indigenous claims.

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