



The Political Economy of Natural Resource Extraction in Central African States: An Analysis for Policy Makers in Egypt

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Abstract

The political economy of natural resource extraction in Central African states is a critical area for study due to its influence on governance and development outcomes. The analysis employs qualitative research methods to explore case studies from selected Central African states, focusing on governance structures and economic impacts. A key finding is the significant revenue disparities between resource-rich and non-resource-rich regions within Congo, highlighting uneven development outcomes. Policy recommendations are proposed to address governance gaps and improve equitable resource distribution across the region. Enhanced transparency in resource management, establishment of independent oversight bodies, and diversification of economies are recommended.

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