



The Political Economy of Natural Resource Extraction in Central Africa: An Action Research Study from Egypt's Perspective,

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Abstract

The political economy of natural resource extraction in Central Africa has garnered significant scholarly interest due to its influence on governance and development outcomes, particularly in regions where these resources are abundant but often exploited inequitably. The study employs a mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with government officials, civil society representatives, and local communities; alongside quantitative data analysis from official reports and media coverage to triangulate findings. Data reveals a significant disparity in wealth distribution among stakeholders, with the majority of benefits accruing disproportionately to elites rather than directly benefiting local populations or fostering sustainable development. Egypt's experience underscores the importance of equitable resource governance for achieving developmental goals while mitigating potential social and environmental risks. Policy recommendations include strengthening regulatory frameworks, enhancing transparency in resource allocation, and promoting inclusive decision-making processes to ensure long-term sustainability and benefit distribution.

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