Natural Resource Governance in Central Africa: A Political Economy Analysis

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Abstract

Central Africa is characterized by rich natural resource endowments, including oil, minerals, and fertile soils, which have significant economic implications for governance strategies. The analysis employs an interdisciplinary approach combining insights from political science, economics, and environmental studies to assess policy frameworks and stakeholder interactions. A notable finding is the disproportionate influence of foreign investors over local communities in resource extraction projects, particularly in oil-rich regions like Egypt's Nile Delta. The governance structures in place often fail to balance economic benefits with social equity, leading to conflict and instability. Enhanced transparency in resource management, increased stakeholder participation, and more equitable distribution of revenues are recommended to improve governance outcomes.

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