



# The Political Economy of Natural Resource Extraction in Central Africa: A Somali Lens

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## Abstract

Central Africa is rich in natural resources such as minerals, oil, and timber. However, resource extraction has often been marred by political instability and corruption. The research employs a qualitative approach, utilising semi-structured interviews, focus group discussions, and document analysis. Data collection was conducted across diverse regions to capture varying perspectives. Findings indicate that while local communities are often marginalized in resource extraction projects, there is also evidence of successful community-led initiatives aimed at sustainable development and equitable benefit sharing. The study underscores the complex interplay between political structures, economic interests, and social dynamics influencing natural resource governance in Somalia. Recommendations include strengthening local participation in decision-making processes related to extractive industries and promoting transparent mechanisms for benefit distribution.

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