



Environmental Justice Movements in Nigeria's Resource-Rich Arenas: An African Perspective,

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Abstract

Environmental Justice Movements (EJM) in resource-rich African nations have emerged as a critical discourse, with Nigeria being one of the most prominent cases. The analysis employs qualitative research methods including case studies and interviews with stakeholders in resource-rich areas of Nigeria. A significant proportion (35%) of interviewed community leaders highlighted the disproportionate impact of oil extraction on local environments and health, leading to increased mobilization for environmental justice movements. Despite limited empirical data, this study identifies a growing awareness among communities about the adverse effects of resource exploitation. Further research should focus on quantifying EJM activities and identifying successful strategies for community engagement in resource management.

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