



The Political Economy of Natural Resource Extraction in Central Africa: A Kenyan Perspective,

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Abstract

This study examines the political economy of natural resource extraction in Central Africa through a Kenyan lens. Qualitative data from interviews with stakeholders including government officials, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and community leaders were analysed using thematic analysis. A key theme identified was the significant role played by corruption in undermining effective resource governance, influencing decisions that favour short-term economic gains over sustainable development. The study highlights how political interests often supersede environmental and social considerations, leading to potential long-term ecological damage and socio-economic inequality. Strengthening institutional integrity and promoting transparent decision-making processes are recommended as critical steps towards better resource management in Kenya.

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