



Environmental Justice Movements in Resource-Rich African Nations: A Case Study of Kenya

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Abstract

Environmental justice movements in resource-rich African nations have gained prominence as communities confront environmental degradation exacerbated by economic development and government policies. Qualitative research methods were employed, including participant observation, semi-structured interviews with activists, and document analysis of key movement documents. The findings indicate that while the movement has achieved some successes in policy reforms, significant opposition persists from vested interests, particularly in securing land rights for affected communities. Despite initial setbacks, environmental justice movements have demonstrated resilience and potential to effect change, though they face entrenched resistance. Further research should focus on long-term sustainability strategies and broader societal engagement. Policy reforms should prioritise community empowerment and accountability mechanisms.

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