



Environmental Justice Movements in Resource-Rich African Nations: A Nigerian Perspective,

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Abstract

Environmental justice movements in resource-rich African nations have gained prominence, particularly in Nigeria, where natural resources are often concentrated in indigenous communities facing significant environmental and social challenges. The research employs a qualitative approach, analysing interviews with key stakeholders, archival documents, and secondary data sources related to environmental disputes in Nigeria. Findings indicate that indigenous communities have successfully mobilized against resource extraction projects, often achieving partial or full cessation of operations through legal and non-legal means. This study contributes by offering a nuanced understanding of how marginalized groups can effectively challenge corporate practices within the Nigerian context. Policy recommendations include strengthening community engagement in environmental decision-making processes and implementing sustainable development strategies that prioritise local rights and welfare.

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