



Sustainable Development Principles and Legal Frameworks in Democratic Republic of Congo: An Analysis

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Abstract

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is a country grappling with significant socio-economic challenges, including poverty and environmental degradation. The analysis employs a comparative legal framework approach, examining existing laws, policies, and international agreements relevant to sustainable development in DRC. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been integrated into the national agenda, with 60% of DRC's legislative framework now aligning with SDG targets. However, implementation remains challenging due to resource constraints and enforcement issues. While progress has been made in incorporating sustainable development principles into law, significant challenges persist in translating these principles into effective policy outcomes. Enhanced funding for environmental protection programmes, strengthened judicial systems, and more comprehensive public education campaigns are recommended to improve SDG implementation.

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