

EXPLORING THE ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

There are countless researches in diverse fields of study one of which is Environmental Science. This research directs notice to the role and evaluation of research toward relationship between environmental education and sustainable national development. This paper aims at showing how research in this science can be made relevant for national development. It reviews some of the researches on environmental pollution, environmental resources, environmental information resources, climate change and others. It was found out that researchers in environmental science can be made significant through placing precedence on research, adopting research recommendations, commercializing research, accessible environmental information resources, setting up miniature and average scale enterprises, enhanced technology etc. It is therefore recommended that recommendations of this paper be adopted to make environmental science relevant for national development in Nigeria. We argue that environment and development are intertwined and therefore must be systematically integrated into educational activities to produce environmentally accountable and responsible citizens and policies in the collective bid to achieve sustainable development.

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