

ABSTRACT

The environment of a state plays a major role in its development. It also determines the political behaviour of a state. It has been argued that an environmentally endowed state has the tendency of utilizing its environmental potentials towards recording a higher level of development over states that are environmentally disadvantaged. Nigeria has most of her valuable national assets in the environment. And these assets have to be harnessed in order to achieve the targeted level of development. Utilizing the secondary form of data, the paper examines Nigeria's efforts in attaining a green economy that is meant to improve the standard of living of its citizens and the development of the state at large for the present and the future. The paper argued that an environmentally friendly ecosystem is a lead way to attaining sustainable development. The issues of oil spillage, gas flaring and resource exploitation were examined vis-à-vis its environmental impact. The green and environmental theories were used as a theoretical base for the study. Finally, some hindrances to achieving environmental sustainability were teased out and measures needed to be taken to address issues affecting the attainment of suitable environment that can sustain development were recommended.

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