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Water Resources, Environment and Sustainable Development in Nigeria

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ABSTRACT This paper examines the twin problems of water resources availability and access in Nigeria as well as the intricate relationship that exists between their exploitation, use and availability on the one hand, and environmental sustainability on the other. Access to water for different use categories is assessed to be relatively low in the country, even though there are indications of marginal improvement since the advent of a new democratic dispensation. A logical and comprehensive policy framework that integrates sound principles of water management, environmental sustainability and development can only more appropriately address the situation.