

Citizenship Participation in Environmental Planning and Management in Nigeria: Suggestions

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ABSTRACT Existing approaches of environmental planning and management in Nigeria is grossly deficient of citizen participation even though appreciable provisions are made in existing environmental planning legislations. This paper is therefore an exposition into existing planning legislations in Nigeria with emphasis on the opportunities provided for citizen participation. The paper attempts a critic of planning laws during the pre-colonial period, the colonial period and the post independent situation. It suggests the need to encourage environmental education and journalism in Nigeria, active participation of the community leaders, industrialist, academia, interest groups, advocacy planning, appropriate capacity building and replication of best practices in different parts of Nigeria.