

Environmental Issues and Corporate Social Responsibility: The Nigeria Experience

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ABSTRACT This paper focuses on environmental degradation and the need for corporate organisations to fulfill their social responsibilities. Using the systems theory, the interdependence among the environment, organisation and sustainable development was examined. The systems theory was modified to emphasize the need for corporate firms to foresee potential environmental consequences of a given activity, process or product from the planning stage with a view to ensuring the implementation of adequate and timely response strategies. Some prevalent environmental problems in Nigeria were also examined. Environmental Audit was discussed to enable organisations assess the impact of their activities on the environment. The sixteen principles of environmental management were also highlighted and suggestions on how Nigeria can achieve a healthy and pollution free environment were made.