

The Politics of Participatory Budgeting in Nigeria: A Case Study of Community Development Associations (CDAs)

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ABSTRACT This paper sets out to look at the relationship between Community Development Associations (CDAs) and Participatory Budgeting (PB) in Nigeria, with a view to highlight the missing links between the two paradigms and identifying the reasons for the non-effectiveness of participatory budgeting in the country. The paper therefore submits that community development and participatory budgeting despite all the challenges remain relevant in our contemporary sociopolitical context. This is in view of the importance that it has been accorded by over forty democratic governments and over one thousand five hundred cities around the world. This is mainly a qualitative paper hence no primary data will be used. Among the key recommendations, it is suggested that the Federal Government of Nigeria provide fiscal and institutional support for CDAs in particular.