

**Contesting “Good Governance” in Nigeria:
Legitimacy and Accountability Perspectives**

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ABSTRACT Close observations of governance in Nigeria have revealed a poor attempt at democratic consolidation and a stable politics. The studies have shown abysmal performance of public office holders in their quest to provide good governance and better living condition for the generality of the people. The system had experienced from them a battered economy, impoverishment of larger numbers of people, corruption and mismanagement of public funds infrastructure decay and a lot more others, hence they lack every iota of acceptability from the governed and invariably suffer legitimacy crisis. People's expectations of dividends and good life had been dashed on the altar of ineptitude, greed and lack of dignity. It is therefore pertinent to call attention of stakeholders to these malaise and attempt measures for revival of good governance and its attendant democratic consolidation.