

MANAGING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR SUCCESS AND SUSTAINABILITY IN NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

The rate of development projects failures and abandonment in Nigeria in recent times calls for thorough and sophisticated investigation. This paper thus focuses on effective management of development projects for success and sustainability. The work unveils the concept of development and development projects, highlighting so far the development projects in the local environment since independence. It examines the road map to adopt if these development projects must be managed properly and sustained. The paper concludes that the non-sustainability of development projects in Nigeria appears to be prevalent whose course for reversal requires continuous reinforcements obtained from the attributes of efficient and effective project management system.

Introduction

Development is a value word used to describe the process of economic and social transformation and advancement which enables people to realize their potentials, build self confidence and lead lives of dignity and fulfillment. Yesufu (2000:410) sees development as the process and result of improving the well being of people, not a category or some categories of people, but all persons within the national economy, the totality of the citizens including the baby just born, right up to the oldest or other citizen whose life term is about to expire. Development can also be viewed as the achievement of economic

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