

ABSTRACT

FOUR GAP MODEL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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Since independence, Nigeria has embarked on series of economic efforts in the form of National Development plans and visions in her search for appropriate development strategy. It is very disturbing that these economic efforts have failed to achieve their expected objectives. This is evident from widespread poverty, massive unemployment, inequalities and among others. Therefore this study aims to examine critically various development plans in Nigeria and identify those problems that hinder successful implementation of development plans in Nigeria. The study relied on secondary data, as its source of information. Based on the findings that development plans have been accepted as a suitable strategy to address development challenges in Nigeria, this study concludes that the efficacy of our national development plans and visions would be enhanced and serve as a viable instrument of sustainable development if the problems that confront the National Development plans and visions are properly addressed.

The study has developed, instead of a development and vision, a four gap model that has identified the variables and factors that the government would direct its focus in order to achieve a “better life” for its citizenry. The study has adopted the use of the traditional Ordinary Least Square (OLS) of stationary data to achieve the aims and objectives.

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