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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ENI- EMPLOYEE NEEDS IDENTIFICATION

EP-MEMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY

EEFV-EMPLOYEE EFFECTIVENESS

EEFC- EMPLOYEE EFFICIENCY

EIC- EMPLOYEE INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

ELDO- EMPLOYEE INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

EPSS- EMPLOYEE PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS

HRLD- HUMAN RESOURCE LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

HR- HUMAN RESOURCE

HRM- HUMAN RRSOURCE MANAGEMENT

KA- KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDE

L&D- LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

LMC- LEARNING METHODS AND CONTENT

ABSTRACT

This study examined human resource learning and development as a driver of employee productivity using a case study of selected telecommunication companies in Lagos State, Nigeria. The population of the study consists of all employees who are engaged in the operations of the three main mobile (GSM) service providers in Lagos state which was a total of 359. The sample size of 359 was arrived at using a census approach because the population of all the three firms' customer service centers and total number of employees of their customer service centers are within the Lagos geographical location. Primary data was gathered using a well-structured questionnaire. The study used descriptive type of survey design while tstatistics was adopted for hypotheses testing. The result of the study revealed that human resources learning and development has significant positive and negative effect on the productivity of staffs in the telecommunication sector in Nigeria. The study analyzed data collected through the use of SPSS and structural equation modelling (SMART-PLS) was used to predict the influence each independent variable had on all the constructs of the dependent variable. The result of the study revealed that human resource learning and development has significant effect (at the significance level of <0.05) on the productivity of employees in the telecommunication sector in Nigeria. Specifically, results showed that Employee knowledge and attitude contributes more to Employee problem-solving skills while employee innovation and creativity had the least. However, the findings depicted that null hypothesis was rejected. In view of the findings, the study concludes that learning and development is critical for employee productivity; Additionally, it is critical for effective employee performance, enhancing employees' ability to adapt to a changing and demanding corporate environment and technology in order to maximize performance, and increasing employees' knowledge in order to build creative and problem-solving skills. The study therefore recommends that employers of labor and policymakers should seek to provide an enabling learning environment and favorable learning rules that allow for the attendance of all worker. Also, strategies should be put in place by managers to encourage active learning among employees.

Keywords: Human resources; Learning and development; Employee productivity