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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACRONYMS	DESCRIPTION
AMCEN	ASEAN African Ministerial Conference on the Environment
AMME	Ministerial Meeting on the Environment
ASOEN	ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment
AU	African Union
BUR	Biennial Update Reports
CAHOSCC	Conference of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change
COP	Conference of the Parties
CHM	Clearing House Mechanism
DCC	Department of Climate Change
DNA	Designated National Authority
EEA	European Environment Agency
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EPI	Environmental Performance Index
FEPA	Federal Environmental Protection Agency
GGFRP	Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership
GGWSAP	Great Green Wall for the Sahara and Sahel Initiative National Strategic Action Plan
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GNPC	Ghana National Petroleum Corporation
HNPA	Hanoi Plan of Action

ICCC	Inter-ministerial Committee on Climate Change
INC	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NARF	National Agricultural Resilience Framework
NASPA-CCN	National Adaptation Strategy and Plan of Action on Climate Change for Nigeria
NBSAP	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
NCCPRS	National Climate Change Policy and Respond Strategy
NREEEP	National Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Policy
NFP	National Forest Policy
NDC	Nationally Determined Contributions
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
NIIA	Nigeria Institute of International Affairs
NNPC	Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation
NPE	National Policy on the Environment
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
SPAE	Strategic Plan of Action on the Environment
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNCHE	United Nations Conference on the Human Environment
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
VAP	Vientiane Action protection
WCED	World Commission on Environment and Development

WSSD

World Summit on Sustainable Development

ABSTRACT

Growing environmental issues which can no longer be termed minor have now grown to be major, calling for urgent attention. This has thus necessitated an emerging form of diplomacy known as environmental diplomacy. This research examined Nigeria's environmental Diplomacy, and Nigeria's Image in the International Arena (2010-2020). To achieve the research objectives, three propositions were formulated; the research adopted the green theory. The case study research method was used and in-depth interview was carried out. The data collected was analyzed thematically. The findings showed that Nigeria has been active and this is evident in the fact that Nigeria is signatory to environment related treaties and is engaged in conferences and negotiations. It confirms the proposition that Nigeria has significantly contributed to environmental diplomacy under the year in review. However, it was discovered that there are still limiting factors that hinder environmental efforts. The study also shows that at regional and extensively, international level, Nigeria's level of engagement is commendable. The research findings did prove that whether active or not, there is indeed a perception. The work concluded by recommending that a proper policy monitoring should be done, there should be an increase in awareness in order to boost citizen participation

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