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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|--------|---|
| ASEAN | Association of Asian Nations |
| BRIC | Brazil Russia India China |
| DFC | Debt for Climate |
| FDI | Foreign Direct Investment |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| HDI | Human Development Index |
| HIC | High-Income Countries |
| HIPC | Heavily Indebted Poor Countries |
| IMF | International Monetary Fund |
| LIC | Low-Income Countries |
| MDG | Millenium Development Goals |
| MDRI | Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative |
| NBS | National Bureau of Statistics |
| NEDI | Nigerian Economic Diplomacy Initiative |
| NIIA | Nigerian Institute of International Affairs |
| NIPC | Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission |
| NPT | Non-Proliferation Treaty |
| ODA | Official Development Assistance |
| OECD | Organisation for Economic cooperation and development |
| SDG | Sustainable Development Goals |
| UNCTAD | United Nations Conference on Trade and Development |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UNGA | United Nations General Assembly |
| WST | World System Theory |
| WTO | World Trade Organisation |

ABSTRACT

This research aims to examine the relationship of multilateral diplomacy on poverty alleviation in Nigeria by analysing three key strategies: attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), acquiring Official Development Assistance (ODA), and campaigning for debt relief. The study seeks to determine if these strategies, facilitated through Nigeria's multilateral diplomatic relations, have effectively reduced poverty. Using the World System Theory, the study explores how global capitalism and the core-peripheral structure influence Nigeria's international economic engagements. It employs an exploratory research design; data were gathered with in-depth interviews and secondary sources. Data was then analysed using thematic analysis. The findings reveal that these diplomatic strategies have not significantly alleviated poverty in Nigeria, largely due to domestic challenges that impede their effectiveness. Addressing these internal issues is essential for multilateral diplomacy to have a meaningful effect on poverty reduction in the country. This study further recommends that Nigerian policymakers should use multilateral diplomacy to target human development variables such as education, healthcare, and social welfare to effectively alleviate poverty. This study therefore concludes that there is an insignificant relationship between multilateral diplomacy and poverty alleviation in Nigeria.

Keywords: Debt Relief, Foreign Direct Investment, Multilateral Diplomacy, Official Development Assistance, Poverty Alleviation.