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Abstract

In this thesis, the basic argument is that sustainable development in Nigeria has been anchored unto the government and elite classes, to the substantial exclusion of the commons. On the converse, attempts by the commons to address the situation has been largely solitary, thus sub-optimally utilised. These realities account for the slow pace of implementation of sustainability programme in Nigeria. The circumstance is similar with many of the state of the global south. This thesis review of relevant literature straddles public administration and law, and interviewed some relevant stakeholders. Although premised on public administration, this thesis assumed a multi-disciplinary character, premised on the inclusive development theory. Nigeria was adopted as the primary research locale. Literature were reviewed, and the fieldworks included the interview of relevant stakeholders within and beyond Nigeria. The results and recommendations were conveyed with the descriptive method. Addressing the problem comes with the imperative that the commons form solidarities which are best encapsulated in the cooperatives. However, the Nigerian cooperative movement as currently constituted is disempowered by its enabling policy and legal frameworks, hence sub-optimally utilized. Therefore, an imperative to review and develop both the policy and legal frameworks on Nigerian cooperatives. Popperian philosophical thoughts were proffered, to supplement current Nigerian cooperative philosophy. Furthermore, remedial was proffered to the legal framework with the recommendation of a first tier international legal framework in the form of a universal charter for cooperatives which is fashioned after the universal charter on human and peoples' rights. The core idea behind this thesis is to support the implementation of sustainable development through citizens' solidarity, and citizens – government solidarity. Thus, this thesis represent an instrument for development solidarities anchored unto the cooperative model for public administration.

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List of Acronyms

Abbreviation	Meaning
CCR	Committee on Co-operative Research
CCW	Consumer Co-operatives Worldwide
CDA	Cooperative Development Act CAP. C27 2004
CFN	Cooperative Federation of Nigeria
CLC	Co-operative Law Committee
COOP4DEV	Cooperatives for Development
CSD	Cooperative Societies Decree 1974
EU	European Union
FCT	Federal Capital Territory
GEC	Gender and Equality Committee
IBCO	International Banking Co-operative Organization
ICA	International Co-operative Alliance
ICAO	International Co-operative Agricultural Organization
ICFO	International Co-operative Fisheries Organization
ICHIF	International Co-operative and Mutual Insurance Federation
ICHO	International Co-operative Housing Organization
IHCO	International Health Co-operative Organization
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
MDA	Ministries Department and Agencies

MDG	Millennium Development Goals
NCSA	Nigerian Co-operative Societies Act CAP. N98 2004
NCSA	Nigerian Co-operative Societies Decree N.90 1993
NCSO	Nigerian Co-operative Societies Ordinance CAP. 35 1935
OCC	Odu'a Co-operative Conglomerate
OPC	Odua's Peoples' Congress
SAP	Structural Adjustment Programme
SCIC	Societies Cooperatives d'Interet Collectif
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SME	Small Medium Enterprises
TVLA	Tanzania Village Land Act
UCC	Universal Charter for Cooperatives
UCHPR	Universal Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights
UN	United Nations
UNDI	United Nations Development Index
UNDP	United Nations Development Goals
USA	United States of America
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
WACCE	West African Co-operative Commodity Exchange
WBG	World Bank Group
WCED	World Commission on Environment and Development
YC	Youth Committee