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Abstract

This study investigates how digital globalization shapes women's economic rights in Nigeria, with particular attention to the impact of global digital platforms, emerging digitalization tools, and the socio-cultural and infrastructural constraints that influence women's ability to participate meaningfully in the digital economy. Although existing scholarship acknowledges the growing relevance of digital access, limited research interrogates the gendered dynamics embedded within global digital systems and the structural barriers that affect how Nigerian women engage with and benefit from digital economic opportunities. To address this gap, the study draws on Legal Pluralism, World-Systems Theory, and Symbolic Interactionism to examine how overlapping legal regimes, global technological hierarchies, and everyday gendered interactions collectively shape women's financial autonomy and digital agency. Employing a qualitative case study design, the research engaged 70 participants, comprising 60 digitally active women and 10 key informants from three Nigerian geopolitical zones. Data were generated through semi-structured interviews using stratified and purposive sampling techniques, and analyzed thematically. Attention was given to both urban and rural experiences to highlight regional disparities in digital access and capability. Ethical protocols, including informed consent, confidentiality, and voluntary participation, were rigorously observed. Findings reveal that global digital platforms such as e-commerce sites, fintech applications, and social media marketplaces provide women with unprecedented avenues for entrepreneurship, income diversification, and financial inclusion. However, persistent barriers including cultural restrictions, infrastructural deficits, digital illiteracy, cybersecurity threats, and weak legal protections limit women's full participation. Participants also reported emotional stress and exposure to online harassment, exacerbated by inadequate regulatory frameworks. The study concludes that while digital globalization holds transformative potential for advancing women's economic rights, these benefits cannot be fully realized without gender-responsive reforms, inclusive digital policies, and harmonized legal frameworks tailored to Nigeria's socio-cultural realities.

Key words: Digital Globalization, Women's Economic Rights, Digital Economy, Gendered Barriers, Nigeria Legal, Socio-Cultural Constraints

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List of Acronyms

Abbreviation	Meaning
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
OPAY	Opera Pay
COVID	Corona Virus Diseases
End SARS	End Special Anti-Robbery Squad
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
UNESCO	United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
WRAPA	Women's Rights Advancement and Protection Alternative
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
CAMA	Companies and Allied Matters Acts
NDPR	Nigeria Data Protection Regulation
NCC	Nigerian Communication Commission

NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
ILO	International Labour Organization
WFEE	Women's Fund for Economic Empowerment