

INNOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

This paper discussed how innovation and transformation in conflict resolution in Nigeria will enhance sustainable development using secondary data. It also reviewed theories and models in conflict resolution, the African methods of conflict resolution, Grassroots community-based activities, good governance, communication, collaboration, negotiation, conciliation, mediation and crisis management as methods of conflict resolution that require innovation and transformation in conflict resolution. The paper concluded that it is important that innovation and transformation in communication, collaboration, dialogue, conciliation, mediation and proper crisis management are equally needed to resolve conflict in other to achieve sustainable development in Nigeria. Recommendations that the government should be actively involved in transforming peacemaking through formal processes and institutions of government such as policy making and peace building activities, among others which prevent conflict.

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