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TERRORISM AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA

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Abstract

The spate of various terrorist activities is hampering Nigeria's concerted attempt at becoming one of the 20 top economies of the world in 2020 with an economy that will be large, strong, diversified, sustainable and competitive. Nigeria is now being challenged by the threats and activities of terrorism. Peace and security is indispensable prerequisites for sustainable development, without which progress is unlikely with respect to development. To meet this goal requires a consistent annual economic growth rate of 12.5% for the next 20 years from the inception of the 20:2020 agenda. This paper aims at examining the relationship between terrorism and sustainable development in Nigeria. Considering the new trends and strategies of terrorism in Nigeria and government measures against it, this paper also assess the impact of government measures. Considering Nigeria's limited knowledge in counterterrorism, the "cure all" measure in amnesty seemed to have failed, the use of hard power that tend to be yieldingsome result in terms of curbing incessant attacks will not solve the root cause(s) of the conflict. This paper therefore concludes that neither amnesty nor use of hard power will ensure sustainable development but the reform of socio-economic and political institutions.

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