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The Concepts and Nature of National Development

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Abstract

The paper is premised on the concept and nature of national development. Efforts have been made to conceptualize development; national development and sustainable national development. The concept of development is conceived as the improvement in the quality and content of policies, laws, governance, issues, ideas, principles, processes, structures, institutions and infrastructures in a community, village, town, nation, state or country. The various factors responsible for the snail speed development among the developing and the under-developed nations of the world were highlighted. The paper concludes by asserting that speeding up the rate of development among the third world nations of the world is possible but only with diversification of the economy from total dependence on natural resources to creative endeavours, improved scholarly research, entrepreneurship education and rocket speed scientific and technological advancement. Recommendations on how this can be achieved were adequately suggested.

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