

Ghana's Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation: Policy Management, Challenges and Way Forward

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Abstract

Africa is endowed with abundant natural resources and Ghana is not an exception. Some of its natural resources includes: forests, minerals, water bodies resources, agriculture, oil and gas and wildlife and biodiversity. Ghana has recognized the importance of sustainable management of its natural resources and has implemented various policies, laws, and initiatives to ensure their protection. While Ghana has made progress in natural resource management and environmental conservation, challenges persist. These include illegal mining, unsustainable agricultural practices, inadequate waste management, and climate change impacts. Addressing these challenges requires continued efforts from the government agencies, stakeholders, civil societies and communities to promote sustainable practices, raise environmental awareness, and enhance enforcement of environmental regulations. Ghana recognizes the importance of effective natural resource management and environmental conservation for sustainable development. Through the implementation of policies, laws, and initiatives, the country aims to protect its natural resources, conserve biodiversity, and mitigate environmental degradation. The Seminar will focus on discussing the institutions, policies, Acts, challenges and way forward in details.

Speaker Bio

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