

Natural Resource Distribution, Agitation for Resource Control Right and the Practice of Federalism in Nigeria

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ABSTRACT This paper draws our attention to the need to give that controversial issue, termed "Resource Control" in Nigerian context, a chance within her polity. This paper draws its conclusion partly from the large deposit of varieties of natural mineral resources across the length and breadth of Nigeria lying fallow and more importantly the need to practise what the concept of federalism, including its corollary fiscal federalism, says in the real sense of it. The true situation of Nigerian federation constrains autonomy of the lower levels of government from where the agitation for a right to control resources mainly originated. In the interim, a number of alternative solutions were offered.

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