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## **An Appraisal of the Concept of Sustainable Environment under Nigerian Law**

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**ABSTRACT** The exploitation of natural resources and the desire to carry out developmental projects have brought with it positive and negative impact necessitating the need to exercise restraint in terms of activities of man. The environment is the domain where all desires of man are accomplished. The protection of the environment is sequel to the awareness of man to control it. The reasoning of using the law to regulate and ensure a safer environment becomes fundamental in our ways of life. "The science of law, i.e. an organized and critically controlled body of knowledge both of legal institutions and legal precepts and of the legal order i.e. of the legal ordering of society informed the question to what extent can this be achieved." There have been cases of environmental degradation, environmental pollution and many other environmental hazards that are either natural or man-made. Sustainable environment which is the key focus of this article can be realized depending on the approaches adopted. The Kyoto accord which is a world wide agenda is being put in place to reduce green house effect of climate change. The environment is the focal point in the drive for development in various sectors and institutions, stressing that there would be no development without the environment. Furthermore, suggestions to accomplish sustainable development are made.