

**Determinants of Rural-Urban Disparity in Private Sector
Participation in the Provision and Management of Education
in Nigeria**

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ABSTRACT This research identified factors associated with urban-rural difference in private sector participation in the provision and management of education in Nigeria. Using data gathered from existing official records, including interviews of community leaders, private school proprietors and other stakeholders in education, our findings revealed that private sector participation in the provision and management of education was higher in urban than rural communities, because the indices on levels of community disposition, and host community contributions to private sector participation in educational development were all higher for rural than urban communities. It was accordingly recommended that a more effective enlightenment programme be carried out in rural communities, to enhance private sector participation in the provision and management of primary education in, Nigeria.