

## **THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT: THE CASE OF ADAMAWA STATE**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Land is man's most valuable resource that is used as a platform in displaying the potentials for urban development. The Government as we know it today act as a major tool in the various systems of urban development. Against this background, this paper examines the "The Role of Government in Urban Development" with a view to identify problems and its inability to perform as required by law. It examines the urban land development systems through its Legislations, Decrees, Acts and Bye Laws. The paper enumerates the constraints militating against urban development from both the public and private viewpoint including the inability for enforcement of legal provisions, the dearth of technical professionals, authoritative autonomy, developers attitudes, funding, professional enlightenment, the phenomenon of the Nigerian factor syndrome etc. Finally, suggestions and recommendations are put forward to ameliorate not only the latitudinal role of government but also solution to the enumerated constraints.

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