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#### **ABSTRACT**

This research examines the role of the Government of Nigeria in the implementation of the new Globalization Policy Program the new world order is embracing. It is worthy to note that the democratic government has eluded Nigeria over the decades and that the advent of a new democratic government on May 29<sup>th</sup> 1999, led by President Olusegun Obasanjo, has prompted a creative and strategic view on how the government should deal with the policy issues that Globalization may bring (Nigerian Economic Policy, 1999-2003:3).

The governance of Nigeria, as provided for in the 1999 Constitution, requires that it should be democratic, flexible, complementary, transparent, and accountable and development oriented. These criteria point towards sustainable, self-reliant and people-centered economic development. Thus, a new approach to the governance of this country in the context of globalization, must conform with the government's objectives that are aimed at legitimizing the initiatives of grass-roots economic development. There is no room for promoting a vulnerable posture that would make economic activities more dependent on foreign economies than on the locally driven economy. Similarly, a broad view on sustainable and self-reliant local policy initiatives is suggested as a capable alternative to counter-balance any negative trend, which might emerge in the new global order.

#### LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACP-EU African, Caribbean and Pacific & European Union

ANC African National Congress

ATM Automated Teller Machine

ATS Automated Trading System

BAS Banking Analysis System

BNC Bi-national Commission

CAGE Case Against the Global Economy

CBN Central Bank of Nigeria

CBO Community Based Organizations

CHOGM Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

DFI Direct Foreign Investment

DRC Democratic Republic of Congo

ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States

EEC European Economic Countries

EU European Union

FDI Foreign Direct Investment

G77 Group of 77 Countries

G8 Group of Eight Richest Countries

GATT General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

GDP Gross Domestic Product

GDR Global Depository Right

GNP Gross National Product

GSP Generalized System of Preference

IBRD International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

ICSID The International Centre for the Settlement of Investment

Disputes

IDA International Development Association

IFC The International Finance Corporation

IFI International Financial Institution

IMF International Monetary Fund

INGO International Non-governmental Organization

LDC Less Developed Country

LED Local Economic Development

LPA Lagos Plan of Action

MFN Most-favoured Nations

MICR Magnetic Ink Character Recognition

MIGA The Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency

MNC Multi-national Corporation

MPLA Movement for Peoples Liberation of Angola

NAFTA North American Free Trade Agreement

NGO Non-governmental Organizations

NITEL Nigerian Telecommunications Limited

NOPA National Orientation and Public Affairs

NSM New Social Movement

OAU Organization of African Unity

OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

PAC Pan Africanist Congress

PDP People's Democratic Party

PIN Personal Identification Number

SADC Southern African Development Community

SAP Structural Adjustment Programme

SWIFT Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial

Telecommunications

TNC Trans-national Corporation

UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

UNDP United Na	ations Development Programme
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USAID United States Agency for International Development

VSAT Very Small Aperture Terminal

WTO World Trade Organization

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