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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.

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## 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                                   |
| СВО    | 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    |
|        |   |

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- UNDP United Nations Development Programme
- USAID United States Agency for International Development
- VSAT Very Small Aperture Terminal
- WTO World Trade Organization

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