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## **Environmental protection in the 21st century: A re-orientation for global sustainability**

Environmental sustainability has become a serious challenge, given the devastating effects of climate change, destructive activities of man and the serious threat it posed to socio-economic and human cost. Although efforts have been put in place by both nations, and private organizations, recently, the global experience of flood disaster in China, Pakistan, Japan, Australia, Brazil, to mention a few, to desertification and drought in Africa South of the Sahara, and in rainfall pattern, storm, as well as pollution all over the world have degenerated consequences costing billions of dollars to seek solutions.

This research examines global environmental crisis with specific focus on Nigeria and advocates community based direct investment as an approach to global environmental protection. The study uses content analysis to examine environmental crisis and government policies and programmes on the environment. The study revealed that most of the policies and programmes of government on environmental issues do not involve the communities for their inputs. The paper ends by making strong recommendations on the need to re-strategize approaches to addressing global sustainability.