

Hydrography in Africa: Issues, Problems and Prospect

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SUMMARY

Most African countries are embedded in water and are blessed with its wonderful gift of nature. Unfortunately African nations had not been able to exploit its hydrographic potentials. This is due essentially to lack of awareness and the dearth of relevant technological know-how with which hydrographic data and its potentials need to be harnessed. Hydrographic data that comes in various forms obviously are harnessed through various processes, in order to finally derive its actual essence and benefits. This in no small way had hampered the actual exploitation and the benefits derivable. African countries without exception and exaggeration constitutes greater majority of the under developed nations of the world today whose per capital income is below the one dollar mark. Hydrography for various reasons would have provided the necessary impetus by which development to some extent would have been achieved if the necessary input has been introduced. African nations and its people with its vast hydrographic potentials had continue to wallow in abject poverty and its people with no means of sustenance save for mere subsistence farming despite the rich hydrographic resources nature had endowed them with. It is my candid view that the exploitation of these vast untapped hydrographic resources all over the place in Africa would have caused great source of employment and much wealth for the nations. Thus this paper which to discuss the challenges faced by the African people in exploiting hydrographic resources, the attendant problems, their loses and how the forgoing could be transformed into economic benefits.