



THE ROLE OF NIGERIA IN THE GROWTH OF THE LAWS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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ABSTRACT

The goal of this paper is to evaluate the roles of Nigeria in the development of International laws with specific focus on the legal system of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). The paper adopted the legal history approach. The paper is divided into seven sections. Section one gives the background to the study. Section two discusses the pre-ECOWAS legal system, while section three highlights Nigeria's role in the establishment of ECOWAS Court of Justice. Section four analyses the functions of Community Court of Justice while section five examines the sources of the ECOWAS laws. Cases tried by the Community Court are discussed in section six, section seven being the summary and conclusions of the paper.

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