PEOPLE’S AWARENESS, KNOWLEDGE AND PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN OSHODI/ISOLO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF LAGOS STATE, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT
This paper assesses the people’s awareness, knowledge and perceptions of climate change and environmental sustainability in Oshodi/Isolo local government area of Lagos state, Nigeria. A well structured questionnaire was administered to a total of 200 respondents through simple random sampling technique. The result showed that majority (86\%) of the respondents strongly agreed that they have a part to play to sustain their environment, while 8\% of the respondents disagreed. Also, the response of the respondents on the knowledge of changing climate revealed that 76\% of the respondents strongly agreed that the world’s climate is changing while 4.5\% of the respondents disagreed. Also, majority (90.16 \%) of the respondents strongly agreed that the initiative of the Lagos state Waste Management Agency (LAWMA) on mitigation and control measure for sustaining the environment will enhance environmental sustainability in the state while 5.25 \% on the average disagree. It was therefore recommended that comprehensive environmental education should be incorporated as one of the component of the national education curriculum as such a initiative will increase people’s perceptions and consequently behaviour and the quality of responses and reaction to environmental problems will improved. Also, there should be integration of modern and effective, mitigation approach as well as adaptation mechanisms by the stakeholders in the council area towards achieving environmental sustainability.

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