



# GREEN ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN AFRICA

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## ABSTRACT

Climate change, global warming and other related environmental challenges presently pose as a threat to sustainable economic growth in Africa. However, these environmental challenges have also created opportunities for green entrepreneurship in Africa. Waste management is one of the climate change mitigation strategies for achieving sustainable development in Africa. Waste management education will bring about behavioural change and encourage public participation which is said to be the key to a functional waste management system. Through literature and participant observation, It has been discovered that there is great need for communities, cities and countries in Africa to adopt the green entrepreneurship which is eco-friendly and has capacity to provide green skills, green technology and green jobs for sustainable economic growth. There is great need to educate communities including institutions and companies in Africa on waste management strategies to ensure sustainable economic growth. This is vital as waste management will help to reduce the risk of climate change. Though, there abounds multiplicities in adverse effects inherent in climate change, the following approach could be deployed towards maximizing the economic opportunities in waste management in Africa. This study identifies the great need for educational institutions in Africa to engage in a more intensive research and disruptive innovation approach to devise the means of ensuring a cleaner and healthier environment by proper waste management strategies which will help to guarantee sustainable environment and sustainable economic growth in Africa. Proper waste management is also a climate change mitigation strategy to ensure a sustainable future where economies can thrive and good health is fostered across every border. This paper also highlights the urgent need and innovative ways to educate communities and institutions in Africa about climate change mitigation for sustainable development which involves the reduce, reuse and recycling of waste products which is therefore very vital to ensure that our environment is a cleaner and greener place to live..

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