

Participation of Women in Higher Education Research Among Academic Women in Nigerian Universities

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Abstract

There is no gain-saying the fact that among the activities that go on in Nigerian universities, among which are pure and applied research, extension service and continuing education, community service, consulting services, reference bureaus and cultural events, research has been recognized as the major function of higher institution. Research is a procedure for a continuous examination of ideas to test their validity, facts to prove their accuracy, hypotheses to determine their merits and generalization to verify their applicability to novel situations and their reliability for repeated use (Henderson and Henderson, 1975). The development and functions of research face a lot of problems, which are gender related, politically, economically, socially and health related. This paper highlights the participation and role of academic women in higher education in Africa and Nigeria, in particular. It discusses the problems that militate against the effective participation of women in higher education research in Africa and Nigeria, towards sustainable development of the continent at large. Consequently, suggestions are presented. It is hoped that these will aid women's effective participation in higher education research for sustainable development of Nigeria and Africa at large.