

Title of Article: Interrogating Nigeria's International Role Conceptions in an Age of Global Climate Change

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Abstract: Nigeria's foreign policy from independence has been proactively African. This implies that Nigeria imposes on itself the burden of committing its resources to helping Africa out socio-economically and politically. While this has come under vigorous scrutiny and sharp criticisms because of its huge cost for national development; Nigeria's African and international roles have tended to be a functionalist one, which has not really changed and been reviewed to meet new global and African challenges. In the face of a global climate change with Africa at the receiving end, what would be Nigeria's roles? The traditional roles of Nigeria have been in the area of economic and financial help and combating of security issues in conflict-ridden states. However, the climate war appears to be more destructive than conflict, hunger and diseases. The paper scrutinizes Nigeria's national environmental policy and the role conceptions circles of the foreign policy makers and political leaders to see the content and context of Nigeria's panacea and roles in the struggle to check global warming. Using the National Role Conception methodological, theoretical and conceptual approaches, the paper examines the nation's own peculiar climate problems (from the Delta to Lagos and the Savannah) and how it takes the local context to the global theatre.