Title of Article: Indigene/Settler Phenomenon in Nigeria

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Abstract: Nigeria is a country with extraordinary diversity. It has more than two hundred and fifty (250) ethnic groups with each socio-ethnic boundary manifesting unique character. However, socio-economic considerations have resulted in many waves of human movements within the country. The receptiveness of settlers into new locations has been a major problem in inter-group relations. This paper examines the complexity of indigene/settler inter-group and interpersonal dynamics in Nigeria. It draws extensively on account of historical migration of several nationalities, ethnic and race in both pre-colonial to post colonial periods. It also identifies the several pull and push factors, which facilitated contact among diverse groups and sought the implication of these in inter-ethnic co-operation and conflict. It finally explores ways of achieving harmonious co-existence among the increasing antagonistic interests in Nigeria.