
Leveraging Ocean Economy for Empowerment of Women: A focus on Kenya

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Abstract

This paper interrogates the nexus between harnessing maritime resources and women's empowerment. Women's exclusion from maritime sectors is due to patriarchy and unequal relations. Data for this research was drawn from an extensive literature review of government reports, internet sources, journal articles and books and analysed using a content analysis approach. Ocean resources are a propeller toward women's economic empowerment. Realisation of vision 2030 is ineffective if they exclude a seaward gaze, and if it fails to provide opportunities for women. The study concludes that public and private actors should be guided by gender-responsive frameworks that guide policy and legislation on the role of women in the ocean economy. There is an urgent tap into the ocean resources for economic gains, especially for women.

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