



Changing Economic World



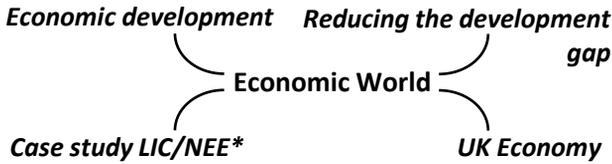
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Nigeria's Context

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The Big Picture



Key Terms



The Commonwealth – a voluntary association of 53 independent and equal sovereign states, which were mostly territories of the former British Empire.



Political Context

- European colonial powers drew up the political map of Africa in 1883. The continent was exploited for natural resources and slavery for many years.
- After independence from the UK in 1960, Nigeria experienced political instability for several years due to different factions fighting for control. Civil war ravaged the country between 1967 to 1970.
- In 1991 the capital moved from Lagos to the newly built city of Abuja. The country, regarded as stable since 1999, experienced free and fair elections in 2011 and 2015.
- Increased confidence in the country has led to considerable economic investment from China, the USA and South Africa.
- Nigeria is a member of the Commonwealth.



Cultural Context

- Nigeria has a rich and varied culture due to its social diversity. Its film, music and literary sectors are thriving.
- Nigeria has experienced success within Africa by winning the African Cup of Nations three times.
- Nigeria has the second-largest film industry in the world, behind India. Nigerian cinema is known as “Nollywood”.

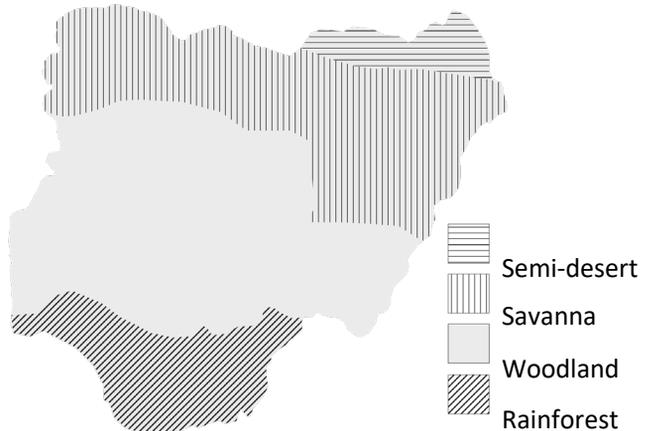


Social Context

- The population of Nigeria is multi-cultural and multi-faith. It is a land of over 500 languages and hundreds of ethnic groups, such as the Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo.
- Although social diversity is a considerable strength of Nigeria, it has led to some regional conflicts. The fundamentalist group Boko Haram has hindered economic development through conflict.



Environmental Context



- Nigeria spans several climatic regions. It experiences a tropical climate to the south, whereas, toward the north, it is much drier.
- Rainforest thrives in the equatorial climate in southern Nigeria. Tree crops in this area include cocoa, palm oil and rubber.
- To the north, savanna grassland replaces the rainforest. A range of field crops is typical here, including cotton and millet. Cattle also graze the savanna.
- Semi-desert exists in the very north of Nigeria. The nomadic grazing of cattle is the primary type of agriculture in the region.



Regional Variations

- There are huge variations in wealth and development in Nigeria.
- Urban areas have a greater share of public services.