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CHALLENGES OF WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN BAYELSA STATE
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Abstract: Women entrepreneurs contribute to job creation and socio-economic development of Bayelsa state and in doing so have undergone a lot of problems, in starting and running their businesses. The objective of the study was to examine the various challenges faced by women entrepreneurs in Bayelsa state with a view to proffering solutions. The research methodology adopted for this study was descriptive hence questionnaire was administered to 50 women owned proprietary enterprises in Manufacturing, Trading and Services in Yenagoa and its environs who owned a workforce of 10 and over. Data analysis was done in line with the objective of the study using frequencies, percentages, mean and simple linear Correlation. The findings revealed that women entrepreneurs in Bayelsa state are particularly constrained by financial problems, lack of adequate business knowledge, inability to get information, family pressure, a socio- cultural hindrances and inability to avail of government support.

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