

TITLE OF ARTICLES: STRUCTURAL STABILITY IN NIGERIA AND WORSENING ENVIRONMENTAL DISORDER: THE WAY FORWARD.

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ABSTRACT: Nigeria, as a developing nation, has been transiting through a great transformational state within the

last couple of decades. The built environment is not left out in this process. The construction of houses and infrastructures are next essential to man as air, water and food (Salau, 1996). They serve

as residence, places of work, worship, entertainment etc or as means of transportation.

In the recent years, the stability of buildings and roads are experiencing a lot of challenges especially within the coastal areas. The rate of building collapse has been so alarming that a week

hardly passes without a case being reported. Just a one day non-stop rain fall is enough to hold the

whole of Lagos State to a standstill as failed drainages and flooded-potholed roads make it impossible for most people to go about their activities. The situation is not much different on major

highways outside Lagos where travellers are often trapped in traffic jams for hours. The cost of these collapses in terms of human life and economic waste cannot be over emphasized. As the effect of the global warming is beginning to take its toll in many parts of the world, the changes in

our environment must be closely watched and taken into consideration. In light of these issues, this

paper analyses the problems of structural stability in a worsening environmental setup and proffers solutions that will enable us cope with this alarming situation.