

Title: Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in Nigeria Banking Sector: Challenges and Benefits.

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Abstract: The adoption of International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) by different countries of the world has become a contemporary issue especially in the international spheres; this can be linked to having a network effect. Hence the objective of the research is to understand the consequences and benefits of adopting IFRS in Nigeria and to possibly suggest and make recommendations as appropriate. The research design used was descriptive research, with a random sampling technique. Regression analysis was used to analyze the hypotheses. The results therefore showed that the level of preparedness of the Nigerian banking sector will affect the adoption of IFRS in Nigeria. We therefore recommend that Stiff penalties should be meted out to obvious manipulation of IFRS by regulators and other stakeholders. Auditors should be assigned ratings as compliance index for adoption of IFRS in financial reporting and accountants in academics and practice should team up to bring out a comprehensive report narrating the gap between Nigerian SASs and IFRSs.