Project Management: the Nigerian Defect

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SUMMARY

The objective of the study is to look at various theories that explain why projects are defective and are unfinished. In particular, why is Africa’s, especially Nigeria a hub of huge unfinished and highly inflated project? A critical observation has been made in various constructions in Lagos, Nigeria regarding highly inflated projects that are unfinished, federal and state government disorderliness in various constructions. The work is a conceptual paper that basically derives it theories from economic, operational management and management sciences. Observation and one-on-one interview are major sources of corrective information and the results were tested. From the result it has been agreed upon that a project should have a start date and time, lagged time, contingency time and a finish/end project life. Outside the construction engineers and other construction professional, a seasoned project manager should be engaged to oversee the project while he/she would determine the project life cycle as mentioned above. This working document or a policy paper is meant to point the way further by looking backward. A step-by-step method is employed in resolving Nigeria’s infrastructural decay.