THE ROLE OF TOURISM IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTRY

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# Abstract

Tourism is an act of people moving away from their place of residence or work for leisure, professional, social or cultural interaction.

With tourism one is able to learn about other race, culture and experience deferent dynamic

Various government has been on a rigorous exercise of attracting as much visitors as possible from all over the World in order to generate alternatives for increases in the GDP,

# Introduction

Tourism can be defined as an act of people moving or traveling form one place to another either for leisure, professional development, business travel or cultural exchange.

They can either be local tourism or international tourism.

It is a way a country learns about the foreign cultural practice of other nations.

# Tourism principle

For tourism to succeeds in a country the following need to be availed;

Tourist attraction site, this is a place where a person desire to visit

Road infrastructure leading to the attraction site, this facilitates easy movement of tourist from one place to another.

Accommodations amenities. These are places where tourist go sleep, eat and experience their tourism adventure

Treat customers fairly, provide goods and products in a clean and safe environment.

# Definitions:

Tourist; A person engaged in an act of tourism.

Revenue; This refers to income generate after a complete transaction

Tourism sector; This refers to a department that help all organizational activities of the tourists in a country.

Local tourism; Travel of person from their usual place to a deferent place within the borders of their country

International tourism; Travel of person from their usual place to a deferent place outside their country of residence.

# IMPORTANCE OF TOURISM

* It’s a significant driver of economic and social development in a country
* Create employment to the local community, this shall in turn improve the living standards of a country
* Allow intercultural exchange between visiting countries
* Help in promoting and preservation of culture
* Improve human wildlife interaction
* Conservation of environment and various historical sites which act as a means of tourist attraction in the country.
* Offers a country the possibility of diversifying their export earnings.
* Allows development of; infrastructure, health care, communication system, security and food industry.
* Pollution of air by automotive transporting tourist that increase carbon emission into the atmosphere
* Negligence to the environment by tourist leads to environmental damage, this is attributed by garbage waste majority which are non-biodegradable
* Tourism doesn’t provide job security as most of the job are offered on seasonal basis
* It leads to harm and disturbance of wildlife in their natural habitat.
* Some people may even resort to hunting of exotica animals, this may lead to extinction of native animals.

# What to be done

Countries should add more task on marketing their historical heritage, natural forest and available wild animals found in their respective park

Provide a friendly entry fee for tourist to enjoy their stay.

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