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WOMEN AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT THROUGH DISTANCE EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

Women have always been at the receiving end of environmental disasters in the world. As a result of these negative impacts, it has become paramount that these women are carried along in decision making processes, such that their voices are heard. In the home, women play pivotal roles in the family such as keeping the environment clean, waste management, and housekeeping, procurement of items, cooking, energy management and pollution control management.

Although women occupy critical positions in the growth of mankind, the severity of their environmental management roles are seldom understood. However, in considering the educational situation in Africa where girl's education is not consistent with women in positions of authority that are capable of causing positive environmental changes in the society; this paper emphasizes the use of open and distance education to create environmental awareness and education that would put women in a better position towards facing the challenges of environment management.

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