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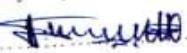
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

DV.....	dependent variable
IV.....	independent variable
UNWTO.....	United nation world tourism organization
UWA.....	Uganda wildlife authority
GDP.....	gross domestic product
CVI.....	Content validity index
UNESCO.....	United nation education and social cultural organization
WTTC.....	world tour and travel council
USD.....	united states dollar
IFT.....	interferential figures
ANOVA.....	analysis of variance
SPSS.....	statistical package for social sciences

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ABSTRACT

The study was carried out with the purpose of finding out the role of local community participation on sustainable tourism development. The objectives for the study was; To find out the role of economic sustainability on sustainable tourism development , to find out the role of environmental sustainability on sustainable tourism development and to find out the role of socio cultural sustainability on sustainable tourism development. The researcher applied both qualitative and quantitative techniques in designing the research. A total of 38 respondents participated in the study and were selected using random sampling method. The data was collected using questionnaires and interviews and presented using tables, graphs and pie charts for easy analysis.

The study looked at economic sustainability, environmental sustainability as major way of sustainable tourism development in most part of the world .The tourism industry was one of the most important sectors of a nation's economy as they provide and create jobs, especially during times of holidays (summer break); they are a source of innovation and entrepreneurial spirit; they harness individual creative effort; and they create competition and are the seed bed for businesses of the future

The study also highlighted negative and positive effect of local community participation on sustainable tourism development. It relied on content analysis from the existing studies, and the outcome revealed that local community participation constitutes to sustainable tourism development.

It was however recommended that since tourism industry plays a great role towards community livelihoods the government should lay strategies in order to improve on the sustainability and growth of the tourism industry and livelihoods of the local communities

It was also recommended that the government develops different strategies such as strengthening of tourism association, exempting some tourism establishment from paying taxes and looking for investors to invest in the sectors and others and promote the industry.

CHAPTER ONE

BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

1.0 Introductions

This chapter presents the introduction, background of the study, problem statement, purpose of the study, conceptual frame work, significance of the study and definitions of key terms.

1.1 Background of study.

According to[UNWTO 2019] defines sustainable tourism as a tourism that takes full account of its current and future economic, social and environmental impacts addressing the needs of visitors ,the industry, environment and the host communities.(Wilkerson2019chok et al 2019: Zhao&Ritchie2019: scheyvens, 2020, 2021:Honeck2019).

According to Mexico's National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI, 2023) tourism contributed 8.7% of the total GDP in 2022. Of this value, accommodation services accounted for 28.3%, followed by transportation at 19.3%; restaurants, bars, and nightclubs at 15.3%; production of handicrafts and other goods at 10.6%; tourism trade at 7.8%; sports and recreational services at 1.1%; cultural services at 1%; travel agencies and other reservation services at 0.8%, and the rest of the services contributing a combined 15.8% of the total. The local communities around the attractions Cancún, Riviera Maya, and Los Cabos, A case study of Palenque is a Mayan archaeological site in North west of Mexico Archaeological monuments zone known as Palenque' as the Pre-Hispanic City and National Park of Palenque,Sustainable tourism development has been adopted as a policy and planning approachto seek and make minimal impact on the environment like adopting construction of eco-friendly lodges and local culture protection , while helping to generate income and employment for locals and to promote the conservation of local ecosystems (Bansal & Gautam, 2019; Edgell, 2021; Harris, Griffin, & Williams, 2022).

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