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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Integrating Nigerian Indigenous Languages into Climate Education: Bridging Knowledge Systems for Sustainable Development.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity			✓	
Significance			✓	

Reviewer Name: **ANAPANA GOPAL**

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

General Comments

The manuscript addresses a highly relevant and interdisciplinary topic—integrating indigenous languages into climate education in Nigeria. It effectively situates the discussion within broader debates on sustainability, decolonization of knowledge, and inclusive communication. The paper is rich in qualitative insights and provides strong contextual grounding through field-based narratives. However, the manuscript is quite lengthy and, at times, overly descriptive, which affects clarity and focus. With refinement, it has strong potential for publication in a reputable journal.

Content and Originality

The study demonstrates good originality by linking eco-linguistics, participatory communication, and climate education within the Nigerian context. The inclusion of indigenous voices, metaphors, and real-life narratives significantly strengthens the contribution.

Strengths:

- Strong integration of indigenous knowledge systems with climate discourse
- Use of field-based qualitative data (interviews, radio narratives, community observations)
- Focus on multilingualism as a tool for sustainability

Limitations:

- Some arguments are repetitive across sections (e.g., importance of indigenous languages)
- The novelty could be further enhanced by comparing findings with other African or global contexts
- Limited critical engagement with opposing perspectives

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Technical Quality

The qualitative methodology is appropriate and well-described, especially the ethnographic sensitivity and participatory approach. However, some technical improvements are needed:

- Sampling strategy needs clearer justification (why only 3 regions?)
- Lack of methodological rigor details (e.g., coding process, validation methods)
- Percentages (e.g., 88%) are presented without explanation of calculation
- No visual representation of data (tables, charts, or thematic models)

Including a clear analytical framework (coding/themes) would significantly improve rigor.

Language and Presentation

The manuscript is generally well-written and engaging, especially in narrative sections. However:

- Some sentences are overly long and need simplification
- Minor grammatical issues and typographical inconsistencies (spacing, punctuation, quotation marks)
- Occasional informal tone in interview descriptions
- Repetition of phrases such as “indigenous languages” and “climate education”

Editing for conciseness and academic tone is recommended.

Structure and Organization

The paper follows a comprehensive structure: Introduction → Frameworks → Methodology → Data → Discussion → Conclusion → Recommendations

However, there are issues:

- Overlapping sections (e.g., “Observations and Analysis” vs “Presentation and Analysis of Data”)
- Some sections are disproportionately long (especially methodology and results)
- Research questions are embedded in text rather than clearly highlighted
- No subheadings within long sections for readability

A more concise and clearly segmented structure would improve readability.

References and Citations

The reference list is extensive and relevant, combining classical and contemporary works. However:

- Some references are outdated relative to the topic (e.g., 1991, 2000 texts without recent support)
- Inconsistent citation formatting (APA/Harvard mix)
- Missing DOIs for journal articles
- Some in-text citations lack full bibliographic clarity

Including more recent (2022–2025) high-impact journal sources would strengthen credibility.

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Overall Recommendation

The manuscript is valuable and publishable, but requires moderate to minor revision to improve clarity, rigor, and structure. The core idea is strong, and the field data is a minor strength, but refinement is necessary to meet high-impact journal standards.

Final Decision:

Minor Revision Required