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Abstract

The objective of this study is to examine the effects of Business Social Responsibilities (BSR) on performance of SMEs in Nigeria. Additionally, this study also examines the mediation effect of organizational culture on the relationship between BSR and performance. BSR constructs are commitment, trust, perceived ethics, organizational culture and performance. A conceptual framework was developed based on extant literatures and the develop model is based on these BSR constructs Data was collected through hand delivery method by sending questionnaires to 800 SMEs managers/owners. This study used purposive sampling for sample selection. Partial Least Squares (PLS) algorithm and bootstrap techniques were used to test the study's hypotheses. The results provide support for most of the hypothesized relationships for the study. Specifically, commitment, trust, perceived ethics, and organizational culture are significantly and positively related to performance. On the other hand, commitment is significantly and negatively related to performance. Additionally, commitment, trust, and perceived ethics are significantly and positively related to organizational culture. Furthermore, the results of mediation indicate that all the three hypotheses are significant. Therefore, significant positive effects of commitment, trust, and perceived ethics suggest that the variables are important in relation to performance. The outcome of this study provides significant contributions to both managers and researchers for further understanding on the effect of BSR and organizational culture on performance. As such, organizations should be encouraged to exhibit these social responsibilities for better performance. Improved performance of organizations can advance the social responsibility practices in organizations. Contributions, limitations, implications and necessary suggestions on the new areas of research are recommended and discussed in this research.

Keywords: commitment, trust, perceived ethics, organizational culture, performance, SMEs

Abstrak

Objektif kajian ini adalah untuk mengkaji kesan Tanggungjawab Sosial Perniagaan (Business Social Responsibility - BSR) terhadap prestasi perniagaan kecil dan sederhana di Nigeria. Selain itu, kajian ini turut mengkaji kesan pengantaraan budaya organisasi terhadapBSR dan prestasi. Konstruk BSR adalah komitmen, kepercayaan, etika, budaya organisasi dan prestasi. Rangka kerja konsep telah dibangunkan berdasarkan literatur yang sedia ada dan model yang dibina terdiri dari konstruk-konstruk BSR ini. Data dikumpulkan melalui kaedah serahan tangan dengan menghantar soal selidik kepada 800 pemilik/pengurus industri skala sadarhana dan kecil. Kajian ini menggunakan persampelan purposive untuk pemilihan sampel. Teknik algoritma Partial Least Squares (PLS) dan bootstrap digunakan untuk menguji hipotesis kajian. Keputusan menyokong kebanyakan hubungan hipotesis kajian ini. Secara khusus, komitmen, kepercayaan, etika dan budaya organisasi mempunyai hubungan signifikan dan positif dengan prestasi. Sebaliknya, komitmen mempunyai hubungan signifikan dan negatif dengan prestasi. Selain itu, komitmen, kepercayaan dan etika mempunyai hubungan yang signifikan dan positif dengan budaya organisasi. Tambahan pula, keputusan pengantaraan menunjukkan bahawa ketiga-tiga hipotesis adalah penting. Oleh itu, kesan komitmen, kepercayaan dan etika yang positif dan signifikan mencadangkan bahawa pembolehubah adalah penting berhubung dengan prestasi. Hasil kajian ini memberi sumbangan yang besar kepada kedua-dua pihak iaitu pengurus dan penyelidik untuk memahami dengan lebih lanjut tentang kesan BSR dan budaya organisasi terhadap prestasi. Oleh itu, organisasi perlu digalakkan untuk mempamerkan tanggungjawab sosial untuk prestasi yang lebih baik. Mempertingkatkan prestasi organisasi boleh memajukan amalan tanggungjawab sosial dalam organisasi. Sumbangan, batasan, implikasi dan cadangan untuk penyelidikan baru turut dicadang dan dibincangkan dalam kajian ini.

Kata kunci: komitmen, kepercayaan, etika, budaya organisasi, prestasi, PKS

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List of Abbreviations

AMOS Analysis of Moment Structure
AVE Average Variance Extracted
BSR Business Social Responsibility
CAC Corporate Affairs Commission

CFA Confirmatory

CMV Common Method Variance
CSR Corporate Social Responsibility
EFA Explanatory Factor Analysis

EU European Union

GDP Gross Domestic Product

NEEDS National Economic Empowerment Development Strategies

NGO Non-Governmental Organization
NNCI Nigeria National Council of Nigeria
NPC National Planning Commission
PCA Principal Component Analysis

PLS Partial Least Square

SD Sustainable Development
SEM Structural Equation Method
SMEs Small and Medium Enterprises
SMIs Small and Medium Industries

SPSS Statistical Package for Social Sciences

SSB Small Scale Business
SSE Small Scale Enterprises
SSI Small Scale Industries

UNIDO United Nation Industrial and Development Organization

UUM University Utara Malaysia

US United State

VAF Variance Accounted For VIF Variance Inflation Factor

WBCSD World Business Council for Sustainable Development

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

The persistent influence of larger organizations in the community makes the issue of social responsibility very significant to management. No social organization will continue activities that fail to provide for the needs of the public. The society's belief is that there is mutual inter-relationship existing between business operation and society (Caroll & Shabana, 2010; Nwachukwu, 2002).

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