

REPOSITIONING AND RE-CONCEPTUALIZING ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN NIGERIA- AN INPUT-OUTPUT ANALYSIS

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Existing models in entrepreneurship has created a spark of concern about the lack of agreement among scholars about the true nature of entrepreneurship itself. Some the models in developed countries when adopted in developing countries such as Nigeria where the socio-economic space is characterized by contours and bottled necks have failed to yield desirable results. This paper presents a unified conceptualization regarding the nature and scope of entrepreneurship which has been tested to be very effective in the Nigerian context while taken to cognizance its applicability and scalability in other parts of the world . A distinction is drawn between the input and output of the entrepreneurial process. The paper hypothesizes that entrepreneurship is an intervening variable that can be characterized in terms of intensity . thus this model is integrative/holistic model which relates entrepreneurial inputs, the process , intensity and outputs . the adoption of this model in the Project –BORIPE (a pro-poor driven entrepreneurship project in Nigeria) helps in drawing a valid conclusion that it can be applied organizational, societal and continental levels. Finally the paper argues that the outcomes of process vary across firms of countries but the model has deeply entrenched ,flexible intervening processes.