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## **Chapter 8**

### Citizen's role in a democracy

Sovereignty resides in and flows from the people in a democracy. They have a collective right to choose this governmental political and electoral systems as a part of self-determination.

These concepts are embodied in the universal declaration of human rights and in modern constitutions the world over. They capture the foundation for the famous government is 'of the people by the people and for the people. There is no democracy without the engagement of citizens. Engagement is that citizens have both rights and responsibilities establishing developing and sustaining democracy. The democracy to deliver citizens must become informed about issues that can improve lives. And to be informed citizens need accurate and timely information, particularly government-held information.

Barriers to citizens particular at multiple in every country. They are both subtle and obvious, small and formidable and numerous factors some conceptual classification.

Citizen/citizenship-citizens have a set of right and responsibilities, even the right to participate in decisions that affect public welfare in ancient Rome it was not accorded to all inhabitant of the Roman Empire.

Citizenship of a state may be acquired either by birth or by naturalization. Citizenship determined by the place of birth.

Chapter 111, section 25 of the constitution of the FRN of Nigeria define citizenship

1. Every person born in Nigeria after the date of independence either of whose parents or any of whose grandparents is citizen of Nigeria
2. Every person born outside Nigeria either of whose parents is a citizen of Nigeria

Citizenship can be perceived to be made up of, or be divided into citizenship. However there are broad definition and perception of citizenship was well as shown by gloves who argues that are three dimensions active citizenship ethical citizenship understands active participation in a collective strive towards the public good as an essential feature of citizenship.

Educative citizenship, on its part refers to the process that develops a moral practical and intellectual sense of self in individuals when they practice their citizenship.

Citizens' rights – individual rights and are the ground work of the state since it exists to enable men to live and develop fully.

Democracy it has been etymology established that the word democracy is derived from the Greek word demos meaning people and kratos-meaning rule that is rule by the people. The Greek democracy was a limited institution in that it excluded laborers' slaves and aliens from exerting political rights.