HOW DO THE NIGERIAN TRANSPORT UNION RESPONDS TO UBER TECHNOLOGIES: THE CASE OF NURTW

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Abstract:
Disruptive technologies are increasingly changing the landscape of transportation globally. The paradox remains on the unresolved questions between consumer satisfaction brought about by Uber technologies on the one hand, and issues of safety and better remuneration of the workers’ on the other. As the new technologies are increasingly displacing the traditional transport workers from their jobs. Trade unions should not be aloof in driving for new campaigns towards integration, and pushing for decent work in the sector. This proposal seeks to specifically explore the responses of the Nigeria’s largest transport workers union; The National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), by asking the following questions: What are the key campaigns pursued by the NURTW in remaining relevant in the transportation sector in the era of Industrial revolution 4.0? How do the union explore legal, and policy resources such as Road safety act in pushing for a campaign on decent work in transportation sector? How does the union undergone transformation under the period of increasing Uberisation of transportation Jobs? The paper adopts Rationalization theory as its Framework. Interviews with NURTW officials, Labour Inspectors, and analysis of Policy documents would be carried out.

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