## FINTECH AND MONEY LAUNDERING IN NIGERIA MODERATING EFFECT OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND FINANCIAL LITERACY

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

**RESEARCH AIM & OBJECTIVES** 

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**FINTECH** – use of a digital platform for payment and settlement as against the traditional use of cash. The retail digital platforms include Mobile-based, Web-Based, ATM-Based, and POS.

**MONEY LAUNDERING** – the practice of making money generated by an illegal activity, such as drug trafficking, fraud, terrorist funding, appear to have come from a legitimate source.

**FINANCIAL REGULATIONS** – a form of regulation or supervision, which subjects financial institutions to certain requirements, restrictions, and guidelines, to maintain the stability and integrity of the financial system.

**FINANCIAL LITERACY** - the confident understanding of financial concepts including saving, insurance, money transfer services and loans that leads to an overall sense of financial well-being and self-trust.

**NIGERIA** - an African country on the Gulf of Guinea. A good case study for understanding the FinTech – money laundering paradox, because massive development of FinTech in the payment system architecture and increasing trend of money laundering in the country.

## BACKGROUND

Money laundering has become a global concern with implication to financial system stability and integrity of cross border capital mobility

Money laundering has increasing attention from researchers. Research on these issues are still quite limited in relation to their scope and focus.

Research on FinTech & Money Laundering conducted in developed nations like UK, US and France (Shillito 2016, Stewart & Jurjens 2017, Huang, Yang & Loo 2020). No much studies in developing countries especially Nigeria which ranks among the top 20 countries in the world with higher incidence of money laundering (IMF, 2021).



