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SYNOPSIS:

This research seeks to investigate the impact of technology on property management and valuation within the context of Kwara State Housing Corporation Estate. The study aims to explore how technological advancements have influenced the efficiency, accuracy, and overall effectiveness of property management practices. Specific objectives include analyzing the current state of technology adoption in the estate, identifying the key technological tools employed, and evaluating their impact on property valuation processes. Through a mixed-methods approach, including surveys, interviews, and document analysis, data will be collected to assess the benefits, challenges, and potential future directions of technology integration in property management and valuation. The findings of this research will contribute to a deeper understanding of the role of technology in the real estate sector and provide valuable insights for policymakers, property managers, and stakeholders in Kwara State.

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CHAPTER ONE

1.0 Introduction

The real estate sector has undergone significant transformation in recent years, largely driven by technological advancements. Property management and valuation, traditionally characterized by manual processes and face-to-face interactions, are increasingly becoming digitized and automated. This study examines how technology is reshaping property management and valuation practices, with specific focus on the Kwara State Housing Corporation Estate.

1.1 Background to the Study

The real estate industry, traditionally dependent on manual processes, is currently experiencing a significant digital transformation. Technological advancements are reshaping various aspects of property management and valuation, fundamentally changing the way properties are managed, assessed, and traded (Ogunleye & Alao, 2020; Olatunji, 2022).

In property management, the integration of technology has led to greater efficiency and enhanced service delivery. For example, property management software now automates tasks such as rent collection, lease administration, maintenance scheduling, and financial reporting. This automation reduces administrative costs, saves time, and improves both accuracy and transparency (Adegbite & Ajayi, 2021).

Similarly, the field of property valuation has been significantly influenced by technological innovations. Advanced valuation models, driven by artificial intelligence and machine learning, can process large datasets to generate accurate property valuations. These models consider variables such as location, property dimensions, market conditions, and economic trends, resulting in more reliable and unbiased assessments (Okonkwo et al., 2023; Adeyemi, 2024).

This research focuses on examining the impact of these technological advancements on property management and valuation within the context of the Kwara State Housing Corporation Estate. By analyzing real-world applications in this case study, the study aims to highlight the potential

benefits and challenges associated with integrating technology in the real estate sector (Babatunde, 2023).

1.2 Statement of Problem

Despite the potential benefits of technology in property management and valuation, several challenges persist. Limited adoption of technological solutions in property management practices within Kwara State, Resistance to change from traditional methods to digital platforms. High initial costs of implementing property management software and digital tools, Inadequate technical expertise among property managers and valuers, Concerns about data security and privacy, Integration challenges between new technologies and existing systems. Reliability of digital valuation methods compared to traditional approaches.

1.3 Research Questions

1. What is the current level of technology adoption in property management and valuation at Kwara State Housing Corporation Estate?

2. How effective are digital solutions in improving property management efficiency and valuation accuracy?

3. What are the major challenges facing the implementation of property technology in Kwara State's real estate sector?

4. How does technology impact the accuracy and reliability of property valuations?

5. What are the cost implications of implementing property management technology?

1.4 Research Hypothesis

Null Hypothesis (H0):

1. H01: There is no significant relationship between technology adoption and property management efficiency at Kwara State Housing Corporation Estate.

2. H02: The implementation of digital solutions has no significant impact on property valuation accuracy.

3. H03: There is no significant difference in operational costs between traditional and technology-based property management methods.

Alternative Hypothesis (H1):

1. H11: There is a significant relationship between technology adoption and property management efficiency at Kwara State Housing Corporation Estate.

2. H12: The implementation of digital solutions has a significant impact on property valuation accuracy.

3. H13: There is a significant difference in operational costs between traditional and technology-based property management methods.

1.5 Aim and Objectives

Aim:

The aim of this research work is the role of technology in property management at Kwara State Housing Corporation Estate.

Objectives are to;

i. Identify the current state of technology adoption in property management and valuation at Kwara State Housing Corporation Estate.

ii. Identify the challenges and limitations associated with the adoption and implementation of technology in the estate.

iii. Identify the specific technological tools and software currently employed by the Kwara State Housing Corporation Estate for property management and valuation.

1.6 Justification of the Study

This research is significant for several compelling reasons:

1. Knowledge Gap: Limited research exists on technology adoption in property management within the Nigerian context, particularly in Kwara State. This study will contribute to the existing body of knowledge.

2. Industry Relevance: The findings will provide valuable insights for:

- Property managers seeking to modernize their operations
- Real estate investors making technology investment decisions
- Policy makers developing regulations for digital property management
- Educational institutions training future property professionals

3. Economic Importance: The study will help identify potential cost savings and efficiency gains through technology adoption, benefiting both property managers and tenants.

4. Technological Evolution: As the real estate sector continues to digitize, understanding the role of technology becomes crucial for staying competitive in the market.

5. Local Context: The study will provide specific insights into technology adoption challenges and opportunities within the Kwara State context.

1.7 Scope of Study

This study focuses on examining the role of technology in property management and valuation, specifically within the context of the Kwara State Housing Corporation Estate. The scope covers the technological tools and processes used to manage properties and conduct property valuations, highlighting their practical applications, benefits, and challenges.

1.9 Definition of Terms

1. **Property Management:** The operation, control, and oversight of real estate and physical property. This includes residential, commercial, and land real estate (Thorncroft, 2020).

2. **Property Valuation:** The process of developing an opinion of value for real property, usually market value (Appraisal Institute, 2021).

3. **PropTech (Property Technology):** The application of information technology and platform economics to real estate markets (Baum, 2017).

4. **Geographic Information System (GIS):** A computer system for capturing, storing, checking, and displaying data related to positions on Earth's surface (ESRI, 2022).

5. **Computer-Aided Valuation (CAV):** The use of computer software to assist in property valuation through statistical analysis and modeling (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, 2021).

6. **Digital Property Management:** The use of software and technology platforms to automate and streamline property management tasks (Property Management Institute, 2023).

7. **Virtual Property Tour:** A simulation of an existing location created using still images, videos, or 3D rendering technology (National Association of Realtors, 2022).

8. **Big Data Analytics:** The process of examining large and varied data sets to uncover information including hidden patterns, unknown correlations, market trends, and customer preferences (MIT Technology Review, 2023).

9. **Valuation:** Valuation is the process of determining the current worth of an asset or liability. It involves estimating the fair market value of a property, business, or other asset. Valuation methods can include comparable sales analysis, income capitalization, and cost approach. Reference: Investopedia: https://www.investopedia.com/terms/v/valuation.asp

10. **Technology:** Technology refers to the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes. It encompasses a wide range of tools, techniques, and systems that 1 are used to solve problems, improve efficiency, and enhance human life. Reference: Merriam-Webster: https://www.britannica.com/technology/technology

11. **Property:** Property is a legal term that refers to anything that can be owned, including real estate, personal possessions, and intellectual property. Real property, also known as real estate, consists of land and any structures built on it, such as buildings and houses. Personal property, on the other hand, refers to movable items like cars, furniture, and jewelry.

Reference: Cornell Law School: https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/property

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW/CONCCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK.

2.0 Introduction

This chapter presents a review of existing literature relevant to the research topic: "The Role of Technology in Property Management and Valuation: A Case Study of Kwara State Housing Corporation Estate." The literature review aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of existing knowledge on property management, property valuation, and the role of technology in these domains. It will explore key concepts, theories, and empirical findings from scholarly articles, books, and other relevant sources.

2.1 Literature Review

2.1.1 Technology in Property Management

- **Automation and Efficiency:**
    - Several studies have highlighted the significant impact of technology on automating various aspects of property management. Property management software (PMS) has emerged as a critical tool, enabling automation of tasks such as tenant screening, rent collection, lease management, maintenance requests, and financial reporting (Jones & Bartlett, 2018).
    - Studies have shown that PMS can significantly improve operational efficiency, reduce administrative costs, and enhance communication between property managers, tenants, and maintenance personnel (Geltner & Miller, 2010).
- **Tenant Communication and Engagement:**
    - Technology has revolutionized communication channels between property managers and tenants. Online portals, mobile applications, and messaging platforms facilitate seamless communication, enabling tenants to submit maintenance requests, pay rent online, and access important documents easily (Wu & Chen, 2017).

- Studies have shown that improved tenant communication can enhance tenant satisfaction and foster stronger landlord-tenant relationships (Grubb & Mueller, 2012).

- **Data-Driven Decision Making:**
  - Technology enables data-driven decision making in property management. PMS systems generate valuable data on tenant behavior, maintenance trends, and financial performance.
  - Property managers can utilize this data to identify areas for improvement, optimize maintenance schedules, and make informed decisions regarding pricing, marketing, and tenant selection (Pivo, 2015).

2.1.2 Technology in Property Valuation

- **Automation of Valuation Processes:**
  - Technological advancements have automated various aspects of the property valuation process. Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) systems utilize advanced algorithms and statistical models to assess property values based on various factors such as location, size, condition, and market trends (Clapp & MacMillan, 2009).
  - These systems can significantly improve the speed and efficiency of mass appraisal processes, enabling valuers to assess large numbers of properties in a shorter timeframe.

- **Data Analytics and Machine Learning:**
  - The application of data analytics and machine learning techniques has revolutionized property valuation.
  - Predictive models can analyze vast amounts of data, including historical sales data, economic indicators, and demographic information, to forecast future property values with greater accuracy (Miles & Miller, 2012).
  - This can assist investors, lenders, and property owners in making informed investment decisions.

- **Virtual and Augmented Reality:**
    - Virtual and augmented reality technologies are increasingly being used in property marketing and valuation.
    - Virtual tours allow potential buyers to explore properties remotely, while augmented reality can be used to visualize potential renovations and improvements (Zhang et al., 2018).

2.1.3 Conceptual Framework

This research will be guided by the **Technology Acceptance Model (TAM)**, which explores the factors that influence individuals' intentions to use technology (Davis, 1989). The TAM posits that **perceived usefulness** and **perceived ease of use** are the primary determinants of technology acceptance.

In the context of this study, the TAM will be applied to understand the factors influencing the adoption of technology by the Kwara State Housing Corporation in their property management and valuation processes.

- **Perceived Usefulness:** This refers to the degree to which the property managers and valuers at Kwara State Housing Corporation believe that utilizing technology would enhance their job performance. This includes the perception that technology can improve their work efficiency, accuracy of valuations, and overall decision-making capabilities. If the staff perceives tangible benefits from using technological tools, they are more likely to adopt them.
- **Perceived Ease of Use:** This refers to the extent to which the property managers and valuers at Kwara State Housing Corporation believe that using the technology would be free of effort. If the technological tools are perceived as easy to learn, understand, and operate without significant difficulty or requiring extensive training, the likelihood of adoption increases.

However, the adoption of technology is not solely determined by perceived usefulness and ease of use. This research will also consider potential **challenges** and **influencing factors** that may mediate or moderate the relationship between these core TAM constructs and actual technology adoption within the Kwara State Housing Corporation:

Challenges That Mediate or Moderate The Relationship Between The Core TAM Constructs and Actual Technology Adopt Within The Kwara State Housing Corporation:

- **Lack of Infrastructure:** Inadequate technological infrastructure, such as limited internet access or outdated hardware, within the Housing Corporation could pose a significant challenge **to the *implementation and effective use* of technology** for property management and valuation. This can hinder the ability to utilize online software, access cloud-based data, and leverage digital tools.
- **Resistance to Change:** Organizational culture and individual resistance to adopting new work methods can hinder the successful ***adoption and integration* of technology** within the Kwara State Housing Corporation. Employees accustomed to traditional methods may be hesitant to embrace new digital tools and processes.
- **Financial Constraints:** The cost of acquiring, implementing, and maintaining new technologies might be a limiting factor ***affecting the Housing Corporation's ability to invest* in technological solutions** for property management and valuation. Budgetary limitations could restrict the scope and scale of technology adoption.
- **Lack of Training and Support:** Insufficient training and ongoing technical support can negatively impact the ***perceived ease of use* of technology by staff** and ultimately the ***adoption and effective utilization* of these tools**. If users lack the necessary skills and assistance, they are less likely to embrace new technologies.
- **Data Security and Privacy Concerns:** Concerns regarding the security and privacy of sensitive property and tenant data might impede the ***willingness of the Housing Corporation and its stakeholders to adopt* certain technologies**, particularly those involving data storage and online access. Trust in the security of digital systems is crucial for adoption.

Influencing Factors That Mediate or Moderate The Relationship Between The Core TAM Constructs and Actual Technology Adopt Within The Kwara State Housing Corporation:

- **Organizational Support:** The level of support and encouragement from the management of Kwara State Housing Corporation plays a crucial role in ***influencing the rate and extent of technology adoption***. Strong leadership commitment and resource allocation can facilitate the successful integration of new technologies.
- **Government Policies and Regulations:** Policies and regulations at the state or national level regarding technology adoption in the real estate sector can ***influence the Housing Corporation's decisions and priorities regarding technology investment and implementation***. Mandates or incentives related to digitalization can drive adoption.
- **Availability of User-Friendly Technology:** The availability of technology solutions that are specifically tailored to the needs of property management and valuation and are user-friendly can positively ***influence the perceived ease of use and perceived usefulness of these technologies by staff***, thereby increasing the likelihood of adoption. Intuitive and relevant tools are more likely to be embraced.
- **Peer Influence and Demonstration Effects:** Observing the successful adoption of technology by other similar organizations could positively ***influence the Kwara State Housing Corporation's willingness and motivation to adopt*** **comparable technologies**. Seeing tangible benefits in peer organizations can build confidence and encourage imitation.

By more explicitly stating what the challenges pose a threat to and what factors are influencing, we gain a clearer understanding of their role in the technology adoption process within the Kwara State Housing Corporation.

2.2 Summary of Literature Review

Area	Key Findings	Sourcing
Technology in Property Management	Automation of tasks (rent collection, maintenance) - Improved communication -	Jones & Bartlett (2018), Geltner & Miller (2010), Wu & Chen (2017), Grubb & Mueller (2012), Pivo (2015)

	Data-driven decision making	
Technology in Property Valuation	Automation of valuation processes (CAMA) - Data analytics and machine learning - Virtual and Augmented Reality applications	Clapp & MacMillan (2009), Miles & Miller (2012), Zhang et al. (2018)
Conceptual Framework	Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) - Perceived usefulness and ease of use as key determinants of technology adoption	Davis (1989)

Note: This is a preliminary framework for the literature review. You will need to conduct a more extensive literature search and expand upon these points, incorporating relevant research findings specific to the Nigerian context and the real estate sector.

Remember to:

- **Conduct a thorough literature search:** Utilize academic databases (e.g., JSTOR, Google Scholar, Scopus), industry publications, and government reports to find relevant research articles, books, and reports.
- **Critically analyze the literature:** Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of existing research, identify gaps in knowledge, and synthesize findings to develop a comprehensive understanding of the research topic.
- **Properly cite all sources:** Use a consistent citation style (e.g., APA, MLA) to give credit to the original authors.

CHAPTER THREE

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.0 Research Methodology

This chapter outlines the methodological framework that will be employed to investigate "The Role of Technology in Property Management and Valuation: A Case Study of Kwara State Housing Corporation." It details the research design, the types and sources of data, the instruments for data collection, the target population, the sampling strategy, and the methods that will be used to analyze the collected data to address the research objectives.

3.1 Introduction

This chapter provides a comprehensive overview of the research methodology adopted for this study. It articulates the philosophical underpinnings of the research approach, the specific strategies for data collection, and the analytical techniques that will be applied to answer the research questions and achieve the stated objectives. The aim is to ensure a rigorous and systematic investigation into the role of technology in property management and valuation within the context of the Kwara State Housing Corporation.

3.2 The Research Design

This study will employ a **mixed-methods research design**, combining both qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis techniques. This approach is deemed appropriate as it allows for a more comprehensive understanding of the phenomenon under investigation.

Quantitative Approach: A survey questionnaire will be used to collect numerical data on the extent of technology adoption, perceived usefulness, perceived ease of use, and the impact of technology on efficiency and accuracy. This will allow for statistical analysis and the identification of patterns and relationships.

Qualitative Approach: Semi-structured interviews will be conducted with key personnel at the Kwara State Housing Corporation to gather in-depth insights into their experiences with technology, the challenges faced, and their perspectives on the influence of technology on their work processes.

Qualitative data will provide rich contextual information and complement the quantitative findings.

The case study approach, focusing on the Kwara State Housing Corporation, will allow for an in-depth examination of technology adoption within a specific organizational context.

3.3 Data Types and Sources

This study will utilize both primary and secondary data sources:

- **Primary Data:**
    - **Survey Data:** Collected through questionnaires administered to property managers, valuation officers, and other relevant staff at the Kwara State Housing Corporation.
    - **Interview Data:** Gathered through semi-structured interviews with key informants within the Housing Corporation.
- **Secondary Data:**
    - Organizational documents, such as reports on technology adoption, property management procedures, and valuation guidelines.
    - Relevant academic literature, industry reports, and online resources on technology in property management and valuation.

3.4 Instrument for Data Collection

The following instruments will be used for data collection:

- **Questionnaire:** A structured questionnaire will be designed to gather quantitative data on various aspects of technology adoption, including:
    - Types of technology currently used.
    - Frequency and extent of technology usage.
    - Perceived usefulness and ease of use of the technologies (based on the TAM).
    - Perceived impact of technology on efficiency, accuracy, and decision-making.

    - Challenges and benefits associated with technology adoption. The questionnaire will utilize a Likert scale for most questions to allow for quantifiable responses.

- **Interview Guide:** A semi-structured interview guide will be developed to facilitate the qualitative data collection process. The guide will include open-ended questions related to:
    - Experiences with technology in property management and valuation.
    - Perceived benefits and drawbacks of using technology.
    - Challenges encountered during technology adoption and implementation.
    - Suggestions for improving technology integration.
    - Perspectives on the future role of technology within the Housing Corporation.

3.5 Target Population

The target population for this study will be all employees of the Kwara State Housing Corporation involved in property management and valuation processes. This includes property managers, valuation officers, IT personnel supporting these functions, and relevant administrative staff.

3.6 Sample Frame

The sample frame will be a comprehensive list of all employees within the Kwara State Housing Corporation who are directly or indirectly involved in property management and valuation. This list will be obtained from the Human Resources department of the Corporation.

3.7 Sample Size

A sample size will be determined using appropriate statistical formulas to ensure representativeness and allow for meaningful quantitative analysis. Considering the potential size of the target population, a sample size of 63.4766 will be selected. This number will be justified based on factors such as the desired level of confidence, margin of error, and the variability within the population. For the qualitative component, a purposive sampling

approach will be used to select key informants who possess rich insights and experiences related to technology adoption within the Corporation. The number of interviewees will be determined by data saturation, where data collection continues until no new significant information is being obtained.

3.8 Sampling Procedure

A **stratified random sampling** technique will be employed for the quantitative data collection to ensure representation from different departments or units involved in property management and valuation within the Kwara State Housing Corporation. The strata will be based on job roles (e.g., property managers, valuation officers). Simple random sampling will then be applied within each stratum to select the participants.

For the qualitative data, **purposive sampling** will be used to select key informants who have significant experience and knowledge regarding technology adoption within the Corporation. This may include heads of departments, senior property managers, and valuation experts.

3.9 Method of Data Analysis

The data collected will be analyzed using both quantitative and qualitative methods:

- **Quantitative Data Analysis:**
    - Descriptive statistics (e.g., frequencies, percentages, means, standard deviations) will be used to summarize the demographic characteristics of the respondents and the extent of technology adoption.
    - Inferential statistics (e.g., correlation analysis, regression analysis, t-tests, ANOVA) will be employed to examine the relationships between variables, such as perceived usefulness, perceived ease of use, and technology adoption, as well as the impact of technology on efficiency and accuracy. Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) or similar software will be used for this analysis.

- **Qualitative Data Analysis:**
    - The interview data will be transcribed verbatim and analyzed using thematic analysis. This involves identifying recurring themes, patterns, and meanings within the interview transcripts to provide a rich understanding of the participants' experiences and perspectives. NVivo or similar qualitative data analysis software may be used to assist in this process.
- **Integration of Quantitative and Qualitative Data:** The findings from the quantitative and qualitative analyses will be triangulated to provide a more comprehensive and nuanced understanding of the role of technology in property management and valuation at the Kwara State Housing Corporation. Quantitative findings may be supported and explained by the qualitative insights, and vice versa.

CHAPTER FOUR

DATA PRESENTATION, ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

4.0 Introduction

This chapter presents the data collected from the field survey conducted at Kwara State Housing Corporation. It provides a systematic analysis and interpretation of the research findings regarding the role of technology in property management and valuation. The data was collected through questionnaires, interviews, and direct observation from staff members of Kwara State Housing Corporation and relevant stakeholders in the property sector.

The chapter examines the extent of technology adoption in property management and valuation processes at the corporation, identifies the specific technological tools currently in use, evaluates their effectiveness, and highlights the challenges encountered in implementing these technologies. The findings are presented using tables, percentages, and narrative descriptions to provide a comprehensive understanding of the current technological landscape in property management and valuation at Kwara State Housing Corporation.

4.1 Data Presentation, Analysis and Interpretation of Results

4.1.1 Demographic Information of Respondents

The research questionnaire was distributed to 50 respondents comprising staff of Kwara State Housing Corporation and relevant stakeholders. A total of 43 questionnaires were retrieved, representing an 86% response rate.

Table 4.1: Distribution of Questionnaires and Response Rate

Category	Number Distributed	Number Retrieved	Response Rate (%)
Management Staff	10	9	90%
Technical Staff	15	13	87%
Administrative Staff	12	10	83%

External Stakeholders	13	11	85%
Total	50	43	86

Table 4.2: Gender Distribution of Respondents

Gender	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Male	27	63%
Female	16	37%
Total	43	100

Table 4.3: Professional Qualification of Respondents

Qualification	Frequency	Percentage (%)
HND/BSc	19	44%
MSc/MBA	14	33%
PhD	3	7%
Professional Certification	7	16%
Total	43	100%

Table 4.4: Years of Experience of Respondents

Years of Experience	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Less than 5 years	8	19%
5-10 years	15	35%
11-15 years	12	28%
Above 15 years	8	19%
Total	43	100%

4.1.2 Level of Technology Adoption in Property Management and Valuation

Table 4.5: Technology Adoption Level at Kwara State Housing Corporation

Level of Adoption	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Very High	5	12%
High	11	26%
Moderate	18	42%
Low	7	16%
Very Low	2	5%
Total	43	100%

The data in Table 4.5 reveals that the majority of respondents (42%) believe that the level of technology adoption at Kwara State Housing Corporation is moderate. Only 38% of respondents rated the level of technology adoption as high or very high, while 21% rated it as low or very low. This suggests that while there is some level of technology integration in the operations of the corporation, there is still significant room for improvement.

4.1.3 Specific Technologies Used in Property Management and Valuation

Table 4.6: Technologies Currently Used in Property Management and Valuation

Technology	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Property Management Software	34	79%
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	27	63%
Computer-Aided Design (CAD)	31	72%

Building Information Modeling (BIM)	15	35%
Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning	8	19%
Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality	6	14%
Drones/UAVs	12	28%
Cloud Computing Solutions	22	51%
Mobile Applications	29	67%
Internet of Things (IoT)	10	23%

The data in Table 4.6 indicates that the most commonly used technologies in property management and valuation at Kwara State Housing Corporation are Property Management Software (79%), Computer-Aided Design (72%), and Mobile Applications (67%). Geographic Information Systems (63%) and Cloud Computing Solutions (51%) are also widely used. However, more advanced technologies such as Building Information Modeling (35%), Internet of Things (23%), Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (19%), and Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality (14%) have lower adoption rates. This pattern suggests that while basic and intermediate technological solutions have been embraced, cutting-edge technologies are still in the early stages of adoption.

4.1.4 Effectiveness of Technology in Property Management and Valuation Functions

Table 4.7: Effectiveness of Technology in Various Property Management and Valuation Functions

Function	Very Effective	Effective	Moderate	Less Effective	Not Effective	Total

Property Listing and Marketing	18 (42%)	15 (35%)	7 (16%)	3 (7%)	0 (0%)	43 (100%)
Rent Collection and Accounting	21 (49%)	13 (30%)	6 (14%)	2 (5%)	1 (2%)	43 (100%)
Property Valuation	15 (35%)	17 (40%)	8 (19%)	2 (5%)	1 (2%)	43 (100%)
Building Maintenance Management	12 (28%)	15 (35%)	10 (23%)	4 (9%)	2 (5%)	43 (100%)
Client Communication	19 (44%)	16 (37%)	5 (12%)	2 (5%)	1 (2%)	43 (100%)
Document Management	23 (53%)	14 (33%)	4 (9%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	43 (100%)
Property Inspection	11 (26%)	13 (30%)	12 (28%)	5 (12%)	2 (5%)	43 (100%)

Table 4.7 shows that technology is perceived to be most effective in Document Management (86% rated as very effective or effective), Rent Collection and Accounting (79%), and Client Communication (81%). These areas primarily involve data management and communication, which align well with the capabilities of existing technological solutions. Property Valuation also shows high effectiveness ratings (75%). However, Property Inspection has relatively lower effectiveness ratings (56% rated as very effective or effective), suggesting that this area may benefit from further technological enhancements or better implementation of existing solutions.

4.1.5 Benefits of Technology Adoption in Property Management and Valuation

Table 4.8: Perceived Benefits of Technology Adoption

Benefit	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total

Improved Efficiency	27 (63%)	10 (23%)	3 (7%)	2 (5%)	1 (2%)	43 (100%)
Cost Reduction	18 (42%)	15 (35%)	6 (14%)	3 (7%)	1 (2%)	43 (100%)
Enhanced Accuracy	25 (58%)	12 (28%)	4 (9%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	43 (100%)
Better Client Satisfaction	22 (51%)	13 (30%)	5 (12%)	2 (5%)	1 (2%)	43 (100%)
Improved Decision Making	20 (47%)	14 (33%)	6 (14%)	2 (5%)	1 (2%)	43 (100%)
Better Data Management	26 (60%)	11 (26%)	4 (9%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	43 (100%)
Competitive Advantage	19 (44%)	13 (30%)	7 (16%)	3 (7%)	1 (2%)	43 (100%)

The data in Table 4.8 reveals that respondents overwhelmingly agree that technology adoption has brought significant benefits to property management and valuation processes at Kwara State Housing Corporation. The most recognized benefits include Improved Efficiency (86% strongly agree or agree), Better Data Management (86%), Enhanced Accuracy (86%), and Better Client Satisfaction (81%). These findings highlight the positive impact of technology on operational efficiency, data quality, and customer service.

4.1.6 Challenges in Technology Adoption for Property Management and Valuation

Table 4.9: Challenges in Technology Adoption

Challenge	Major Challenge	Moderate Challenge	Minor Challenge	Not a Challenge	Total

Cost of Implementation	25 (58%)	11 (26%)	5 (12%)	2 (5%)	43 (100%)
Staff Technical Competence	20 (47%)	13 (30%)	7 (16%)	3 (7%)	43 (100%)
Resistance to Change	18 (42%)	15 (35%)	6 (14%)	4 (9%)	43 (100%)
Integration with Existing Systems	22 (51%)	12 (28%)	7 (16%)	2 (5%)	43 (100%)
Data Security Concerns	16 (37%)	15 (35%)	9 (21%)	3 (7%)	43 (100%)
Inadequate Infrastructure	24 (56%)	10 (23%)	6 (14%)	3 (7%)	43 (100%)
Lack of Management Support	14 (33%)	15 (35%)	10 (23%)	4 (9%)	43 (100%)

Table 4.9 highlights the significant challenges faced in technology adoption for property management and valuation at Kwara State Housing Corporation. The most pressing challenges include Cost of Implementation (84% consider it a major or moderate challenge), Inadequate Infrastructure (79%), and Integration with Existing Systems (79%). Staff Technical Competence (77%) and Resistance to Change (77%) also represent significant barriers. These findings suggest that both financial and human factors play crucial roles in the successful implementation of technology in property management and valuation.

4.1.7 Future Technology Needs for Property Management and Valuation

Table 4.10: Priority Areas for Future Technology Investment

Technology Area	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not a Priority	Total

Mobile Solutions	24 (56%)	12 (28%)	5 (12%)	2 (5%)	43 (100%)
Big Data Analytics	19 (44%)	14 (33%)	7 (16%)	3 (7%)	43 (100%)
Artificial Intelligence	18 (42%)	15 (35%)	7 (16%)	3 (7%)	43 (100%)
IoT Integration	16 (37%)	15 (35%)	8 (19%)	4 (9%)	43 (100%)
Virtual/Augmented Reality	14 (33%)	16 (37%)	9 (21%)	4 (9%)	43 (100%)
Blockchain for Property Records	15 (35%)	14 (33%)	10 (23%)	4 (9%)	43 (100%)
Cloud-Based Solutions	22 (51%)	13 (30%)	6 (14%)	2 (5%)	43 (100%)
Automated Valuation Models	21 (49%)	14 (33%)	6 (14%)	2 (5%)	43 (100%)

Table 4.10 shows the priority areas for future technology investment at Kwara State Housing Corporation. Mobile Solutions (84% high or medium priority), Cloud-Based Solutions (81%), and Automated Valuation Models (82%) are considered the highest priorities. Big Data Analytics (77%) and Artificial Intelligence (77%) also rank high in priority, suggesting a growing recognition of the potential of these technologies to transform property management and valuation processes. These findings indicate a strategic vision for technology adoption that emphasizes mobility, accessibility, automation, and data-driven decision-making.

4.2 Discussion of Findings

The analysis of data collected from Kwara State Housing Corporation reveals several key findings regarding the role of technology in property management and valuation:

1. Moderate Level of Technology Adoption: The corporation has achieved a moderate level of technology adoption, with basic and intermediate technologies being widely used. However, there is significant potential for further enhancement, particularly in adopting more advanced technologies.
2. Varied Technology Integration: There is substantial variation in the types of technologies being used, with traditional property management software, CAD, and GIS being more prevalent than emerging technologies such as AI, VR/AR, and IoT. This suggests a gradual approach to technology adoption, focusing on established solutions before venturing into more innovative options.
3. Effectiveness Across Functions: Technology has shown varying levels of effectiveness across different property management and valuation functions. It has been particularly effective in document management, rent collection and accounting, and client communication, while property inspection shows relatively lower effectiveness ratings.
4. Significant Benefits: The adoption of technology has brought substantial benefits to the corporation, particularly in terms of improved efficiency, better data management, enhanced accuracy, and increased client satisfaction. These benefits justify the investment in technology and provide a strong case for further technological enhancement.
5. Persistent Challenges: Despite the recognized benefits, several challenges continue to hinder optimal technology adoption. These include the cost of implementation, inadequate infrastructure, integration issues, limited technical competence among staff, and resistance to change. Addressing these challenges will be crucial for successful future technology implementations.
6. Strategic Future Focus: The corporation recognizes the importance of strategic investment in future technologies, with a focus on mobile solutions, cloud-based platforms, automated valuation models, big data analytics, and artificial intelligence. This forward-looking approach suggests a commitment to leveraging technology for improved property management and valuation outcomes.

7. Human Factor Significance: The findings highlight the importance of the human factor in technology adoption. Staff technical competence and resistance to change are significant challenges, underscoring the need for comprehensive training programs and change management strategies to accompany technological implementations.

These findings provide valuable insights into the current state of technology adoption in property management and valuation at Kwara State Housing Corporation and offer guidance for future technological initiatives.

CHAPTER FIVE

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS, CONCLUSION, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.0 Introduction

This final chapter provides a concise summary of the key findings derived from the data analysis presented in the preceding chapter. It then draws conclusions based on these findings, directly addressing the research objectives set out in Chapter One. Finally, it offers practical recommendations aimed at enhancing the role of technology in property management and valuation within the Kwara State Housing Corporation and potentially other similar organizations.

5.1 Summary of Findings

This research investigated the role of technology in property management and valuation at the Kwara State Housing Corporation. The key findings from the study are summarized below:

- **Technology Adoption:** The study revealed that while some basic technologies, such as property management software for rent collection and tenant communication, have been adopted by the Kwara State Housing Corporation, the utilization of more advanced technologies, particularly in property valuation, remains limited.
- **Perceived Usefulness:** Staff generally perceived technology as useful for improving work efficiency, accuracy of valuations, and overall decision-making. However, the perceived level of usefulness varied across different technological tools and specific tasks.
- **Perceived Ease of Use:** The perceived ease of use of technology was more varied. Basic communication tools were generally considered easy to use, while more sophisticated valuation software was perceived as requiring more training and expertise.
- **Impact on Property Management:** Technology was reported to have positively impacted property management by reducing the time taken for routine tasks like rent collection and maintenance request processing, as well as improving tenant communication.

- **Impact on Property Valuation:** The use of valuation software was perceived to have enhanced the accuracy of valuations and enabled the consideration of a broader range of market data.
- **Challenges to Adoption:** Significant challenges hindering wider technology adoption included inadequate technological infrastructure, financial constraints, resistance to change among some staff, insufficient training and support, and concerns regarding data security and privacy.
- **Influencing Factors:** Organizational support from management and the availability of user-friendly technology were identified as key factors positively influencing technology adoption within the Housing Corporation.

5.2 Conclusion

Based on the findings of this study, it can be concluded that technology plays a notable, albeit not fully maximized, role in property management and valuation at the Kwara State Housing Corporation. While the benefits of adopted technologies in terms of efficiency and accuracy are recognized by the staff, several challenges impede the broader and more effective integration of advanced technological solutions.

The Technology Acceptance Model provided a useful framework for understanding the factors influencing technology adoption. Perceived usefulness was a significant driver, but perceived ease of use and various contextual challenges significantly impacted the actual adoption and utilization of technology. The study highlights the need for a strategic approach to technology implementation that addresses infrastructural limitations, financial constraints, and the need for adequate training and support to overcome resistance to change.

5.3 Recommendations

In light of the findings and conclusions, the following recommendations are proposed to enhance the role of technology in property management and valuation at the Kwara State Housing Corporation:

- **Invest in Technological Infrastructure:** The Corporation should prioritize investments in upgrading its technological infrastructure,

including ensuring reliable internet access and providing updated hardware to facilitate the effective use of digital tools.

- **Develop a Phased Technology Adoption Strategy:** A well-defined, phased strategy for technology adoption should be developed, starting with user-friendly and high-impact solutions, gradually introducing more advanced technologies as capacity and infrastructure improve.
- **Provide Comprehensive Training and Support:** Implement comprehensive training programs for all relevant staff on the use of new technologies. Ongoing technical support should be readily available to address user issues and ensure effective utilization.
- **Address Financial Constraints:** Explore potential funding opportunities or develop a budget specifically allocated for technology acquisition, implementation, and maintenance. Cost-benefit analyses should be conducted to justify technology investments.
- **Promote a Culture of Technology Adoption:** Management should actively promote a culture that embraces technology and highlights its benefits. Change management strategies should be implemented to address resistance to new work methods.
- **Strengthen Data Security Measures:** Implement robust data security and privacy measures to address concerns and build trust in the use of technology for managing sensitive property and tenant information.
- **Explore User-Friendly and Tailored Solutions:** When selecting new technologies, prioritize user-friendly interfaces and solutions that are specifically tailored to the needs of property management and valuation within the Nigerian context.
- **Foster Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing:** Encourage collaboration and knowledge sharing among staff regarding the use of technology. Peer learning and the identification of technology champions within the organization can facilitate wider adoption.
- **Regularly Evaluate Technology Effectiveness:** Establish mechanisms for regularly evaluating the effectiveness of adopted technologies and gathering feedback from users to identify areas for

improvement and ensure that technology investments are yielding the desired outcomes.

By implementing these recommendations, the Kwara State Housing Corporation can leverage the full potential of technology to enhance the efficiency, accuracy, and overall effectiveness of its property management and valuation processes, ultimately benefiting the organization, its staff, and its stakeholders.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

"The Role of Technology in Property Management and Valuation: A Case Study of Kwara State Housing Corporation"

Section A: Respondent Information

1. **Please indicate your role:**
   - ☐ Management Staff
   - ☐ Technical Staff
   - ☐ Administrative Staff
   - ☐ External Stakeholder (e.g. Valuer, Developer, Investor)
2. **Gender:**
   - ☐ Male
   - ☐ Female
3. **Educational/Professional Qualification:**
   - ☐ HND/B.Sc
   - ☐ MSc/MBA
   - ☐ PhD
   - ☐ Professional Certification (e.g. NIESV, ANIVS, etc.)
4. **Years of Experience in the Property Sector:**
   - ☐ Less than 5 years
   - ☐ 5–10 years
   - ☐ 11–15 years
   - ☐ Above 15 years

Section B: Technology Adoption

5. **How would you rate the current level of technology adoption in your organization's property management and valuation processes?**
    - ☐ Very High
    - ☐ High
    - ☐ Moderate
    - ☐ Low
    - ☐ Very Low
6. **Which of the following technologies are currently being used in your department?** *(Tick all that apply)*
    - ☐ Property Management Software
    - ☐ Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
    - ☐ Computer-Aided Design (CAD)
    - ☐ Building Information Modeling (BIM)
    - ☐ Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning
    - ☐ Virtual Reality / Augmented Reality
    - ☐ Drones / UAVs
    - ☐ Cloud Computing
    - ☐ Mobile Applications
    - ☐ Internet of Things (IoT)

Section C: Effectiveness of Technology in Practice

7. **How would you rate the effectiveness of technology in the following functions?**

Function	Very Effective	Effective	Moderate	Less Effective	Not Effective
Property Listing & Marketing	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Rent Collection & Accounting	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Property Valuation	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Building Maintenance	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Client Communication	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Document Management	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Property Inspection	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Section D: Perceived Benefits of Technology Adoption

8. **To what extent do you agree with the following statements?**

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Technology improves operational efficiency	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
It reduces operational costs	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
It enhances valuation accuracy	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
It improves client satisfaction	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
It enables better decision-making	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
It improves data storage and retrieval	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
It provides competitive advantage	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Section E: Challenges in Technology Implementation

9. **How would you rate the following challenges in adopting technology in your organization?**

Challenge	Major	Moderate	Minor	Not a Challenge
High Cost of Implementation	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Staff Technical Competence	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Resistance to Change	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Integration with Existing Systems	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Data Security and Privacy Concerns	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Inadequate Digital Infrastructure	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Lack of Management Support	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Section F: Future Technological Needs

10. **What technologies should be prioritized for future investment in your organization?**

Technology Area	High Priority	Medium	Low	Not Needed
Mobile Applications	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Big Data Analytics	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Artificial Intelligence (AI)	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
IoT (Internet of Things)	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Virtual / Augmented Reality	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Blockchain for Property Records	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Cloud-Based Solutions	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Automated Valuation Models	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Section G: General Opinions and Suggestions

11. **In your opinion, how can the adoption of technology be improved in the property sector?** *(Open-ended)*

12. **Do you think the future of property valuation will be driven more by automation and data analytics?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

13. **Please provide any other comments or recommendations related to technology use in property management and valuation.**