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Regional

Sub-Saharan Africa could green-light 74 mil mt/year LNG capacity by 2030: ACTING

Sub-Saharan Africa could approve an additional 74 million mt/year of LNG export capacity by 2030 if market conditions allow, the African Coalition for Trade and Investment in Natural Gas said in report published Feb. 9. That would be in addition to the total 60 million mt/year of export capacity the region is expected to have by 2025, ACTING — launched Feb. 3 by the African Energy Chamber and investment research company Hawilti — said in its inaugural report. ACTING said sub-Saharan Africa had significant potential to expand its LNG export capacity and to grow its own gas consumption, particularly through gas-to-power projects. Sub-Saharan Africa currently has 33.8 million mt/year of LNG export capacity across four countries — Angola, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea and Nigeria. In addition, a further 26 million mt/year of export capacity is under construction — Nigeria LNG's seventh train, BP's floating LNG production project in Mauritania/Senegal, and two new export facilities in Mozambique (the Total-operated Mozambique LNG project and Eni's Coral FLNG). ACTING said another round of sub-Saharan LNG export capacity approvals could take place by 2030, green-lighting another 74 million mt/year of export capacity, but that it would be very much dependent on market conditions. "The quantities of gas found offshore Mauritania, Senegal and Mozambique are such that they could justify over 90 million mt/year of LNG export capacity combined, more than Qatar," it said. (Source: Club of Mozambique)

Regional

KenGen bags \$6.5m geothermal deal in Djibouti

The Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) has signed a Ksh709 million (US\$6.5mn) contract to drill three geothermal wells in Djibouti. The deal signed between State-owned power producer and Djiboutien De Développement De l'énergie Géothermique (ODDEG) will see the firm export its expertise in the field, the third such deals in the region. The deal will see the Horn of Africa country benefit from KenGen's experience and expertise, which has so far drilled more than 300 wells within the Olkaria field. Kenya has a geothermal energy potential of 10,000MW but just under 1,000MW has been successfully exploited. Through KenGen, the country hopes to offer more commercial drilling services, geothermal consulting and other energy-related services across Africa. (Source: East African)

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African Development Bank and Mozambique LNG Area 1 Project win multilateral deal of the year award

The Mozambique Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Area 1 Project and the African Development Bank have jointly received the prestigious Global Multilateral Deal of the Year 2020 award by the print and online publication Project Finance International (PFI). The project, the single largest foreign direct investment in Africa to date with a value of over \$24 billion, will exploit Mozambique's immense offshore natural

gas reserves, which can potentially transform global energy markets. The African Development Bank signed an agreement for a \$400 million senior loan to finance the project in July 2020. In signing the loan agreement, the African Development Bank joined a global syndication of commercial banks and export credit agencies that are providing financing. This financing includes direct loans as well as export credit agency-covered loans with 16- and 18-year tenors. The project is implemented by an international consortium of energy developers and operators led by Total as the operator of the project. It includes Mitsui, Oil India, Bharat Petroleum, PTTEP, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Mozambique's national oil and gas company, Empresa Nacional de Hidrocarbonetos (ENH). The consortium is providing the balance of financing through equity. Financial closing on the project is expected in 2021. (Source: AfricaNews)

Egypt

EBRD supports new dry port development in Egypt

As a country with a growing population and economy, Egypt needs urgent investment in its infrastructure capacity to alleviate the pressure on existing ports, shipment points and trade centres. New facilities are required to reduce congestion, allow for a better distribution of goods and let trade flow freely. A key element in this chain are dry ports, inland intermodal terminals directly connected by road or rail to a seaport, operating as centres for the shipment of sea cargo to inland destinations. Egypt's latest transport master plan calls for the development of nine dry port and logistics centres throughout the country under public-private partnership (PPP) structures. In a first step, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is supporting the construction of a dry port and logistics centre in 10th of Ramadan City, Egypt, with a €1 million contribution to project preparation and procurement. The new dry port is expected to improve the efficiency of Egypt's transport infrastructure by reducing congestion at seaports and creating the conditions for accelerated customs processes and procedures. Facilitating trade will contribute to an increase in the competitiveness of local producers, which will help accelerate sustainable economic growth and create employment opportunities. (Source: Railways Africa)

Ghana

Green light for Africa's first offshore gas terminal

Having recently taken delivery of a Floating Regasification Unit (FRU), the Tema LNG import terminal company (TLTC) will soon be providing services to LNG carriers. The purpose-built FRU was built in China by Jiangnan Shipbuilding, which is a subsidiary of China State Shipbuilding Corporation, and arrived at the Ghanaian port's LNG facility after having left the shipyard in November last year. The floating LNG import terminal was established in November 2017 by two UK-based investment companies, Helios Investment Partners and Africa Infrastructure Investment Managers (AIIM), with the purpose of developing, constructing and operating the terminal at the port of Tema. Once operational, the FRU will allow the Tema LNG facility to receive, regasify, store and deliver approximately 1.7 million tons per year of LNG – equivalent to 30% of Ghana's general capacity. (Source: Africa Ports)

Kenya

Kenya to deploy mobile networks infrastructure to unserved areas

Kenya plans to deploy cellular mobile network infrastructure to unserved and underserved areas spread across 19 marginalized counties in order to boost penetration rate, the communications regulator said on Thursday. Mercy Wanjau, acting director-general of the Communications Authority of Kenya told journalists in Nairobi that five firms were selected through a competitive tender process worth 1.6 billion shillings (US\$ 14.6 million) to put in place the network infrastructure in 101 sub-locations in the next 24 months. "The project is being implemented through the Universal Service Fund (USF) that seeks to avail communications services in underserved and underserved areas in Kenya," Wanjau said. (Source: Xinhua)

Namibia

Namibia invests \$88mn in infrastructure for eight airports

Namibia's Airports Company (NAC) plans to invest more than \$88m (N\$1.3 billion) in infrastructure development across eight airports in the next five years. The project was aimed at improving compliance efficiency and revenue generation. Immediate interventions include N\$250 million for terminal congestion at the Hosea Kutako International Airport (HKIA), the country's flagship airport and N\$20 million for the Eros airport runway holding action, said NAC CEO Bisey Uirab during a stakeholders' visit at the HKIA. Meanwhile, Uirab said NAC is currently seeking to secure a further N\$143 million in funds for capital expenditure projects planned within the 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial years. (Source: News Central)

Nigeria

Buhari approves the establishment of Infra-Co with initial seed capital of N1 trillion

President Muhammadu Buhari has approved the establishment Infra-Co with an initial seed capital of N1 trillion (US\$ 2.6 billion). According to a statement issued by Bashir Ahmad, Personal Assistant on New Media to President Buhari, the styled Infrastructure Company, wholly focused on critical infrastructural investments in Nigeria will be set up under a Public-Private Partnership with an initial seed capital of N1 trillion. While leveraging innovative financial strategies to pull in private sector investment, the entity is envisaged to grow to N15 trillion (US\$40 billion) in assets and capital, over time. The Infra-Co will finance public asset development, facilitate infrastructure rehabilitation and reconstruction and also drive investments in cutting-edge infrastructure projects for roads, rail, power and other key sectors. This move will help to bridge the nation's infrastructure deficit and provide a firm core for increasing national economic productivity and infrastructural growth. (Source: Nairametrics)

Nigeria

Nigerian universities to sport Africa's largest solar hybrid project

With over half of Nigeria's population under the age of eighteen, the future of the nation lies with its youth. Empowering this majority demographic is at the centre of the Rural Electrification Agency's (REA) mandate, which brought to life the Energising Education Programme (EEP). The project aims to light up 37 universities and seven teaching hospitals when completed. To date, a third of the planned 89.6MW generating capacity has been installed, bringing power to over 159,000 staff and students. With a burgeoning aspirational and educated young population, electricity shortages continue to be a huge hindrance on students and young entrepreneurs. For the country's tech scene, the continent's largest, and a significant contributor to GDP, this is a priority area of development. (Source: ESI Africa)

Rwanda

World Bank pledges \$500m to support Rwanda's Covid-19 recovery plan



The World Bank Group is preparing a \$500 million financing facility for Rwanda to be announced in coming days. The support will go into supporting vaccine procurement and deployment, financial support to Micro and Small and Medium Enterprises, commercializing agriculture and promoting digital inclusion all part of supporting Rwanda's resilient recovery.

This is according to Rolande Pryce, the World Bank Country Manager for Rwanda. While the details on the timelines of availability of funds remain sketchy, the fund is expected to assist in speeding up Covid-19 vaccine access, as well as facilitating the resumption and recovery of business activities. (Source: New Times Rwanda)

Tanzania

Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco) calls for tenders to select a consultant for the construction of the Malagarasi run-of-river hydropower plant

After obtaining a promise of financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB), Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco) is now working on the implementation of the Malagarasi hydroelectric project. To this end, the public company is launching a call for tenders for the selection of a consultant to assist it in the implementation of this renewable energy project. Companies interested in the call for expressions of interest have until February 16th, 2021 to express their interest. The Malagarasi hydroelectric project is being implemented at the Igamba Falls on the Malagarasi River. It includes the construction of a gravity overflow spillway about 600 m long which diverts the flows towards the waterway. The waterway system includes a culvert of about 1 km, which leads the discharges to the short penstocks, through an external discharge well, and then to the 50 MW power plant built on the right bank of the river. The project will also result in the construction of a 132 kV transmission line, over a distance of 54 km. It will allow the evacuation of electricity from the power station to the 400/132/33 kV Kidahwe substation. The future run-of-river power plant will enable the electrification of several surrounding localities through medium voltage (40 km) and low voltage (65 km) cross-linked lines to increase the 33 kV distribution capacity from the Kidahwe substation. The tender can be downloaded [here](#). (Source: Afrik 21)

Uganda

Govt to build Shs30 billion fruit factory in Northern Uganda

Government has partnered with Delight Uganda Limited to establish a Shs30 billion (US\$8.2mn) fruit processing plant in Nwoya district, Northern Uganda. According to the Minister of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries, Mr Vincent Ssempijja, the funds will facilitate the private sector to increase productivity and competitiveness within the agricultural sector. Speaking at the signing of the partnership, he noted that Shs16 billion (US\$4.4mn) has already been secured in this year's budget. Of this, National Agriculture Advisory Services (NAADS) has provided Shs6 billion while government through Uganda Development Cooperation has offered Shs10 billion. He noted that the balance will be provided in the subsequent budgets. In addition, the production plant will promote the nuclear farming model- which will in turn boost proper planning and marketing of agricultural produce and promotion of the agricultural value chain. (The Monitor)

Uganda

Uganda bullish on oil deal with Total, CNOOC by March

The Uganda government says it is in “advanced stages” of closing the long-awaited Final Investment Decision (FID) with the international oil companies — France’s Total E&P and China’s Cnooc — in the coming weeks. The decision will unlock billions of dollars of investment in Uganda’s oil and gas sector and turbo-charge the country’s economy. Robert Kasande, the Energy Ministry Permanent Secretary told The EastAfrican they are fine-tuning “a few minor details” ahead of the much-anticipated development that has been deferred several times owing to numerous disagreements. “Our plan is to close this by end of this month or latest mid-March,” Mr Kasande said. (Source: East African) Don’t forget to register for the Africa House Uganda & Tanzania Oil & Gas Projects: A Virtual Conference and B2B Event [here](#)

Zambia

Zambia deposits AfCFTA ratification to AU Commission

Zambia has submitted the instruments of ratification of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement to the African Union (AU) Commission. Zambia deposited its instrument of ratification to the AU Commission through its envoy, making it the 36th AU member to fully accede to the agreement, the 55-member pan African bloc has disclosed. With Zambia's ratification, only 18 members are left to comply with the requirement. Trading under the continental free trade pact started officially on January 1 this year. (Source: XinHua)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Inserts in bold and italics font indicate participation by Africa House:

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<u>Event</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact Details</u>
Africa House: Oil & Gas Focus Group	Oil & Gas	Webinar	16 February 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Agriculture Focus Group	Agriculture	Webinar	23 February 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za

Africa House: Power Focus Group	Power	Webinar	25 February 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Health Focus Group	Health	Webinar	03 March 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Transport & Logistics/ Ports & Rails	Transport	Webinar	09 March 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Mining Focus Group	Mining	Webinar	17 March 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Uganda Virtual Conference	Multi-sector	Webinar	24 & 25 March 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Rwanda Country Focus Group	Multi-sector	Webinar	31 March 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Hotels & Commercial Property Focus Group	Hotels & Commercial Property	Webinar	14 April 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Transport & Logistics/ Roads and Bridges	Transport	Webinar	22 April 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za

Africa House: Transport & Logistics/ Airports	Transport	Webinar	29 April 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Uganda Virtual Event	Multi-sector	Virtual Event	4-5 May 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Power Focus Group	Power	Webinar	20 May 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Oil & Gas Focus Group	Oil & Gas	Webinar	25 May 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Water & Sanitation Focus Group	Water & Sanitation	Webinar	01 June 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Mining Focus Group	Mining	Webinar	22 June 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
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Africa House: Transport & Logistics/ Ports & Rails	Transport	Webinar	22 July 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za

Africa House: Health Focus Group	Health	Webinar	12 August 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Oil & Gas Focus Group	Oil & Gas	Webinar	18 August 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
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Africa House: ICT Focus Group	ICT	Webinar	22 September 2021	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
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NEW!! Fragomen Webcast: The Impact of COVID-19 on African Immigration	Multi-sector	Virtual Event	17 February 2021	https://www.fragomen.com/insights/event/fragomen-webcast-impact-covid-19-african-immigration
NEW!! Enterprise Singapore Opportunities in Southern Africa	Multi-sector	Virtual Event	02 March 2021	https://gems.gevme.com/opportunities-in-southern-africa-99891349
Water Africa & East Africa Building and Construction Exhibition and Seminar	Multi-sector	Virtual Event	10-12 March 2021	https://www.iwra.org/event/water-africa-east-africa-building-and-construction-exhibition-and-seminar/
Transport Evolution Mozambique Forum & Showcase	Transport	Port of Maputo, Maputo, Mozambique	13-15 April 2021	https://www.transportevolutionmz.com/
7th Mozambique Mining, Oil & Gas and Energy Conference and Exhibition	Multi-sector	Virtual Event	21-22 April 2021	https://mozambiqueoilmining.com/

AFSIC – Investing in Africa 2020	Multi-sector	Park Plaza Westminster Bridge, London, UK	05 – 07 May 2021	https://www.afsic.net/
DEVAC-Infrasfuture 2021 Conference & Expo.	Infrastructure	Table Bay Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa	05-06 May 2021	https://infrasfuture.com/
FIDIC AFRICA Conference & General Assembly Meeting		online	18-19 May 2021	
DRC Mining Week	Mining	Virtual Event	15-17 July 2021	https://www.drcminingweek.com/
FIDIC Conference & General Assembly Meeting		Online	13-14 September 2021	
Africa Oil Week Exhibition & Conference	Oil & Gas	Singapore EXPO, Singapore	13-16 September 2021	https://www.gastechevent.com/
Africa Oil & Power	Oil & Gas	Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa	01-05 November 2021	https://www.africa-oilweek.com/Home