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25 Movers & Shakers to Watch

At the African Energy Chamber, we believe that deal-making is all about relationships. The Chamber boasts an unmatched capability to bring together key stakeholders in industry, government and with a clear focus on forging new ground in Africa's energy sector. In this feature, we profile some of the key individuals and organisations that we expect to see at the forefront of our industry in 2021.



1.

NICOLAS TERRAZ

President for Africa

Total Exploration & production

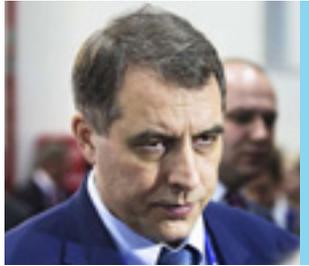
In charge of Total's upstream portfolio across Africa, Nicolas Terraz is expected to deliver on a lot of historic firsts for the continent, including bringing Uganda's Tilenga project to financial close and to first oil, building a 1,443km pipeline to Tanzania, and ensuring that the continent's biggest ongoing LNG project gets executed on time and on budget in Mozambique. Meanwhile, Total is anticipated to deliver on three high-impact wells in South Africa, Namibia and Angola. Will he be able to face current headwinds and deliver on expectations in each of these frontier markets?



2.

MUHAMMADU BUHARI
President
Federal Republic of Nigeria

When he assented to the Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contract (Amendment) Act in late 2019, President Muhammadu Buhari put in jeopardy billions of dollars of investments into Nigerian deep water fields. However, strong political will to support the Nigerian economic recovery could translate in 2021 into the passing, adoption and signing of the long-awaited Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB). As a result, President Buhari's ability to rally stakeholders and push for much-needed reforms could actually inaugurate the start of a new era for Nigeria's energy industry in 2021.



3.

YURY SENTURYIN
Secretary-General
GECF

As Africa turns to natural gas to power its industries and generate revenue for its economies, the role of global organisations such as the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) is set to take a more prominent place. In November 2019, the Declaration of Malabo reaffirmed the GECF's resolve to promote natural gas as an affordable, abundant and reliable source of energy by encouraging the expansion of natural gas utilization domestically and internationally. As more African nations start exporting LNG and seek to attract capital into gas infrastructure, will the GECF prove to be an efficient catalyst to support Africa's gas revolution?



4.

GUIDO BRUSCO
Upstream Director
Eni

Eni's former Executive Vice President for Sub-Saharan Africa now manages the global upstream portfolio of the Italian major and will have strategic decisions to make on rationalising the company's upstream spend. From Egypt all the way down to Angola, Eni is one of Africa's major international player and sits on strategic fields and acreages from Zohr in Egypt, OCTP in Ghana, Area 4 in Mozambique, onshore gas-rich licenses in Nigeria and Block 15/06 in Angola. As the company enters the global energy transition, the impact the move has on its upstream developments in Africa could shape the continent's E&P industry for years.



5.

VAGIT ALEKPEROV
President and CEO
PJSC LUKOIL

LUKOIL is one of Russia's most international energy companies with investments all across the world and a growing investment portfolio in Africa. As Russia commits to grow its presence across the continent, LUKOIL could be a next major investor for Africa's upstream and infrastructure industries. The company is already participating in key projects such as Cameroon's Etinde development, and its recent acquisition of Cairn Energy's stake in Senegal's Sangomar oil project, though unsuccessful, showed a strong appetite for investing in African hydrocarbons. Where will Vagit Alekperov invest next?



6.

FÉLIX ANTOINE TSHISEKEDI TSHILOMBO
President
Democratic Republic of Congo

The Democratic Republic of Congo remains amongst the poorest African performers when it comes to energy access. Upon coming to power, President Tshisekedi made it a priority to further diversify the country's energy mix and bring in new investments and technology across existing and upcoming energy infrastructure projects. Under his leadership, Congo could not only break ground on one of the world's biggest hydropower plants, Inga III, but also become a new emerging African gas frontier if the right environment is put in place to further explore and monetize the country's hydrocarbons reserves.



7.

TONY ATTAH
Managing Director/CEO
Nigeria LNG

As the head of Nigeria LNG, Tony Attah is currently piloting one of Africa's most strategic liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects, NLNG-SevenPlus. Its plans notably include a \$6.5bn project consisting of a new 4.2 mtpa Train 7 and the debottlenecking of existing trains to add a further 3.4 mtpa of LNG liquefaction and export capacity to sub-Saharan Africa's biggest LNG export terminal. The execution of the project has the power to support Nigeria's economic recovery and local content development, while further positioning NLNG as an African gas success story.



8.

JOÃO LOURENÇO
President
Republic of Angola

President João Lourenço's direct involvement in reforming and reviving Angola's oil & gas sector is bearing fruits. His presidential decrees have made lots of difference over the past three years for operators and investors, and provided the right enabling environment to make Angola a competitive African jurisdiction to invest in. As Angola recovers from the Covid-19 pandemic and yet another economic crisis, President Lourenço's leadership is more important than ever to further support sector recovery and boost local content development.



9.

ABBAS MAHAMAT TOLLI
Governor
Bank of the Central African States (BEAC)

Abbas Mahamat Toli oversees the monetary policy over Central African states, including Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo-Brazzaville, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Chad. All these nations are heavily dependent on oil & gas to fuel economic recovery post-Covid19. However, strict foreign exchange regulations imposed by the Bank of the Central African States (BEAC) have severely and negatively impacted the attractiveness of these countries for foreign investment. Will Abbas Mahamat Toli open up to public and private sector calls to reform the region's foreign exchange policy and bring back much-needed investors in the region?



10.

MELE KOLO KYARI

Group Managing Director,
Nigerian National Petroleum
Corporation (NNPC)

At the head of one of Africa's biggest national oil companies, Mele Kolo Kyari is expected to remain one of the industry's leading figures in 2021 and beyond. As the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) embarks on several strategic programmes and projects to boost refining capacity, cut upstream operational costs, develop energy infrastructure and unlock Nigeria's gas potential, Mele Kolo Kyari's actions and decisions can profoundly impact the short and medium-term outlook for Africa's biggest oil & gas producing country.



11.

HRH PRINCE ABDUL AZIZ BIN SALMAN

Minister of Energy
Head of OPEC Delegation

As Head of Saudi Arabia's delegation at the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), HRH Prince Abdul Aziz Bin Salman controls Saudi Arabia's voice and influence over key decisions that influence global oil prices. Saudi Arabia's support or not to global production cuts has a direct impact on oil prices and on Africa's macro-economic outlook. As seen in 2020, what Saudi Arabia decides to do with its oil and at OPEC has a direct impact on what happens for African producing countries and energy sector jobs on the continent.



12.

BENOÎT DE LA FOUCHARDIERE

CEO
Perenco

While relatively discrete, the French-British independent Perenco pilots strategic assets and projects across Central Africa. More importantly, the company's focus on strategic gas developments in countries such as Cameroon, Gabon or the Democratic Republic of Congo could just be what the region need to diversify away from oil and develop a robust natural gas value chain. Benoît de la Fouchardiere's leadership will thus have long-term implications for the gas and LNG industry of Central Africa: can Perenco become the investor the region needs to unlock its natural gas potential?



13.

REBECCA MIANO

CEO, Kenya Electricity
Generating Company PLC
(KenGen)

Kenya is positioning itself as a green energy leader and a strong power hub in East Africa. Leading these efforts is the Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen), under the leadership of Rebecca Miano. As Kenya further increases geothermal generation and seeks to augment power generation capacity, Rebecca's strategic decisions will impact the country's ability to reach its renewable energy targets, and ultimately shape East Africa's regional energy market.



14.

DAMILOLA OGUNBIYI

CEO and Special Representative
of the UN Secretary-General for
Sustainable Energy for All and
Co-Chair of UN-Energy

As a strong African energy advocate, Damilola Ogunbiyi has become a key figure of the global fight against energy poverty. Her ability to bridge gaps, form new partnerships and scale up private sector involvement around key issues such as energy access, off-grid renewables and LPG promotion could go a long way in supporting Africans' access to clean and affordable energy. As CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and Co-Chair of UN-Energy, Damilola's work has the power to transform the way Africans access and consume energy.



15.

HEATHER K. LANIGAN

Regional Director, sub-Saharan
Africa, U.S. Trade and Develop-
ment Agency

At the head of the USDA's Africa operations, Heather is piloting several US investments supporting key gas and energy projects on the continent, especially in the areas of midstream gas infrastructure and gas-to-power. As the continent further puts natural gas at the forefront of industrialisation and economic growth priorities, Heather can become a pillar of a renewed and successful US-African energy cooperation that supports capital and technology transfers across Africa's natural gas value chain.



16.

HU XIAO LIAN

Chairwoman
The Export-Import Bank of China

China's EXIM Bank is one of the most significant investors in African energy infrastructure projects, especially when it comes to the financing of power generation facilities. In a post Covid-19 era, what strategic direction and guidance will Hu give the bank in Africa? Several massive African energy projects are already in negotiations with the bank across energy sources, and their sanctioning could significantly contribute to increasing power generation capacities across the continent and further support industrialisation.



17.

AMINA BENKHADRA

Director General
National Office of Hydrocarbons
and Mines (ONHYM)

Morocco is at strategic cross roads as it massively increases renewable energy generation while securing domestic gas to become self-sufficient and develop its first ever liquefied natural gas (LNG) export and import projects. As the Director General of the National Office of Hydrocarbons and Mines (ONHYM), Amina Benkhadra is spearheading the country's efforts to reach self sufficiency in gas and decrease the country's overall carbon footprint. Her guidance and support will tell if Morocco is able to succeed in its journey to build a vibrant domestic gas industry.



18.

KHADIJA AMOAH
Country Director
Aker Energy Ghana

In Ghana, Khadija Amoah is piloting one of the country's most strategic upstream ventures, the development of the Pecan field. Discovered in the early 2010s by American independent Hess Corporation, Pecan is now operated by Aker Energy and will be Ghana's next major offshore oil & gas project, with an expected peak of 110,000 bopd. With Covid-19 putting initial development plans in jeopardy, can Khadija work on a new solution for the field's development and carry it through to final investment decision (FID)?



19.

MARY GORETTI KITUTU
Minister of Energy and Mineral
Development, Uganda

As Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Mary Goretti Kitutu is directing Uganda's energy sector at a crucial time for the country. After several years of delay, the Tilenga oil project operated by Total, and the Kingfisher one operated by CNOOC, are set to move forward and produce first oil before 2030. Both are set to be developed along with a 60,000 bpd refinery and a 1,443km export pipeline to Tanzania. With multi-billion dollar investments taking shape in Uganda, how will she manage to support the execution of multi-billion dollars projects while ensuring they benefits to the local economy?



20.

VIBHUTI JAIN
Regional Director for Africa
U.S. International Development
Finance Corporation

As the United States increases its investment in Africa, key government agencies such as the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) will be playing a key role in securing the capital and investment Africa needs to expand its energy infrastructure. Set up to replace the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), the DFC has launched a regional team in Africa, headed by Vibhuti Jain. The DFC is a powerful partner for Africa to have as it seeks to attract the best capital and technology partners it needs to fight energy poverty. Will be the DFC's future strategic investments in Africa successfully address the continent's energy needs?



21.

SEUN SULEIMAN
Managing Director and CEO
Siemens Nigeria

To find a long-lasting solution to its never-ending power crisis, Nigeria has formed in 2018 the Presidential Power Initiative in partnership with Germany, and to be executed by Siemens. As the programme kicks off, Siemens' ability to execute it will now determine the future of investments into Nigeria's power industry. Heading Siemens' operations in Nigeria since 2020, Seun Suleiman is now in charge of rolling out an ambitious project to upgrade the country's transmission and distribution systems, increasing the overall national system's capacity from 5 to 7 GW first, before ramping up to 11 GW and ultimately 25 GW.



22.

FOUMAKOYE GADO
Minister of Petroleum, Niger

Niger remains one of Africa's most attractive onshore energy frontiers, significantly de-risked by previous exploration programmes carried out by Chinese operators. The ongoing construction of the Niger-Benin oil export pipeline will be opening up a new route to monetize such reserves and could result in a profound transformation of Niger's economy by as soon as 2025. Can Minister Gado manage the execution of the pipeline and deliver on promises of an oil boom?



23.

BERNARD LOONEY
CEO, BP

BP's new charismatic CEO has made it clear he intends to take BP into the global energy transition by setting an ambition for net zero by 2050. This notably includes achieving net zero on carbon in BP's oil and gas production on an absolute basis by 2050 or sooner, a 50% cut in the carbon intensity of products BP sells by 2050 or sooner, and an increase in the company's proportion of investment into non-oil and gas businesses over time. Can Bernard Looney leverage on the organisation's new energy transition strategy to reinvent itself in Africa?



24.

GWEDE MANTASHE
Minister of Mineral and Energy
Resources, South Africa

Hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic, South Africa's economy is in desperate need of a strong recovery agenda backed up by private sector investment. Its energy industry has been identified as a key pillar of the country's economic recovery moving forward, and Minister Gwede Mantashe will be expected to pilot several strategic programmes to boost investment and further diversity the country's energy mix. Chief amongst them is the launch and execution of the long-delayed fifth window of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement (REIPPP) programme. Can he carry it through to aid economic recovery while supporting upcoming upstream and midstream gas developments in the country?



25.

ERNESTO MAX ELIAS TONELA
Minister of Energy and Mineral
Resources, Mozambique

As Mozambique prepares to ship its first cargoes of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to global markets in a few years, the country's Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources, Ernesto Elias Tonela, has strategic decisions ahead of him. Between preparing the domestic market for a gas revolution and ensuring local content development and jobs creation don't get lost in the process, he oversees Mozambique's energy sector at a crucial time in the country's history. His leadership and guidance will be central to turning Mozambique's resources into economic growth.