



ORGANISATION DES PRODUCTEURS DE PETROLE AFRICAINS  
*AFRICAN PETROLEUM PRODUCERS' ORGANIZATION*  
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***APPO decides to organize the 1st Summit of Heads of State and Government of Member Countries in July 2021 in Brazzaville, Congo.***

**Niamey, 19 November 2020:** The Council of Ministers in charge of hydrocarbons of the Member Countries of the African Petroleum Producers' Organization (APPO) met in its 39th<sup>e</sup> Ordinary Session on 19 November 2020 in Niamey, Republic of Niger, under the very High Patronage of **H.E.M. MAHAMADOU ISSOUFOU**, President of the Republic of Niger.

The 39th<sup>e</sup> Session was conducted in a hybrid manner with Ministers and Heads of Delegations present in Niamey and via videoconference from some capitals of the Member States for other Independents who were unable to make the trip.

The opening ceremony was presided over by **S.E.M. BRIGI RAFINI**, Prime Minister, Head of Government.

The working Sessions was chaired by the Senior Minister, Minister of Petroleum of Niger, **Foumakoye Gado**, President of APPO in a friendly atmosphere.

At the end of the Session, the Council approved the work programme and the budget of the APPO Secretariat for 2021.

Furthermore, after several postponements, the Council decided to hold the 1st Summit of Heads of State and Government of APPO Member Countries during the month of July 2021 in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, APPO's Headquarters Country, subject to the evolution of the situation of COVID 19 pandemic.

In addition, addressing the situation of the African Energy Investment Corporation (AEICORP) and the official launching of the fundraising during this Session, the President of APPO and his peers urged Member Countries that have not yet done so to subscribe to the seed capital of the African Energy Investment Corporation.

The Council of Ministers unanimously appointed Algeria's Energy Ministers, **S.E.M. ABDELMADJID ATAR** and Angola's Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, **S.E.M. DIAMANTINO PEDRO AZEVEDO** as President and Vice-President of APPO for 2021 fiscal year.

In accordance with the statutory provisions in force, the Council of Ministers decided to hold the 40th Ordinary Session in the last quarter of 2021 in Algiers, the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria at a date to be agreed on.

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