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The Minister of State for petroleum Resources of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on an official visit to Brazzaville.

Brazzaville, February 25,2021 :

The Minister of State for Petroleum Resources of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Member of the APPO Council of Ministers, **His Excellency Timipre Sylva**, on Thursday, February 25, 2021 visited the APPO Secretariat in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo.

Minister Sylva had earlier visited the Minister of Hydrocarbons of the Republic of Congo, **HE Jean-Marc Thystère-Tchicaya** and was also granted audience by the Prime Minister, **HE Clément MOUAMBA**.

Sylva had informed the APPO Secretary General **HE Dr. Omar Farouk Ibrahim** that he was in the Republic of Congo as a special envoy of OPEC to four African oil producing states that are part of the OPEC Declaration of Cooperation Group. The countries are the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, the Republic of Congo, Gabon and South Sudan.

During the meeting, the two personalities discussed the challenges and prospects of the Organization since the reform, as well as the status of the study commissioned by the APPO Ministerial Council on ***The Future of the Oil and Gas Industry in Africa.***

Minister Sylva assured the Secretary General of Nigeria's continuous support for APPO noting that as the country with the longest history of oil and gas development on the continent, with the largest oil reserves, Nigeria will do all within its power to ensure that the future of the African oil and gas industry is not truncated by forces beyond the control of the continent. He added that given the overdependence of all APPO Member Countries of hydrocarbon revenue, they cannot afford to bring the life of the oil and gas industry to an end without sustainable diversification of their economies.

Minister Sylva noted with pleasure the professionalism that is being imbued in the APPO Secretariat since the reform and the assumption of office of the secretary and congratulated him for the good work he is doing for the continent.

This is the first visit by a Member of the APPO Council of Ministers to the APPO Secretariat since the relocation of the headquarters from Abuja to Brazzaville in October 2020.

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