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African Petroleum Producers' Organization pushes Africa Agenda at the 23rd World Petroleum Congress 2021

The African Petroleum Producers' Organization (APPO) amplifies advocacy for Africa's peculiar and singular position in the global energy transition and facilitates global engagement for financing energy projects and infrastructure as it hosts the Africa Pavilion at **the 23rd World Petroleum Congress** as well as a **two-day Africa Energy Futures Forum** as strategic initiatives to promote the regional energy industry.

Africa will be under the projectors and Africa's energy futures will be the focus at the global triennial petroleum conference scheduled **for 5th to 9th December 2021 in Houston**, the World's Petroleum Capital. Both initiatives will be the culmination of heightened regional and global advocacy on multiple platforms that have been ongoing throughout the year on Africa's emerging energy economy and the imminence of a stronger environment, sustainability and governance framework in the development and management of the continent's vast energy resources for the delivery of the expected social and economic dividends.

Africa's National Oil Companies, independent producers, refiners and key players in the regional energy ecosystem will be exhibiting under the Africa Pavilion in the Exhibition component of the 23rd World Petroleum Congress. The Pavilion is designed to enable a regional business and investment platform that enables APPO Countries achieve a cost effective, strategic and value-laden participation in this triennial global oil and gas industry event.

The Forum and APPO-Africa Pavilion enable a cost effective, strategic, leveraged and managed service approach to country participation in the Exhibition Program of the 23rd World Petroleum Congress that delivers immense return on investments and objectives. Both initiatives present a prime platform for the key operators in the Oil and Gas Industry to engage with the global investment community and oil and gas business ecosystem to address the critical challenges affecting the inflow of foreign direct investments in the upstream and downstream industry as well as engage with the global energy players to chart a country strategy for the emerging energy transition.

This is in congruence with the *raison d'être* of the APPO which is promoting 'cooperation in the field of hydrocarbons of its member Countries and other global institutions to foster fruitful collaboration and partnerships while utilizing petroleum as a catalyst for energy security, sustainable development and economic diversification in Africa'. It fits into the strategic vision to 'increase APPO influence on the international stage' as well as 'aligning APPO's mission and goals with the energy programmes of several international organizations including the World Petroleum Council, the World Energy Council, the African Union, the United Nations and the African Development Bank and positioning APPO as a strong African voice at these and other international forums'.

These APPO initiatives are driven by the evident and critical need for foreign direct investments, strategic partnerships to finance projects, transborder infrastructure, joint refineries and other major oil and gas; power generation, transmission and distribution projects across the continent and the corresponding glaring need to support initiatives and platforms designed to promote the growing African energy landscape characterised by new discoveries, production, refining projects, power supply industry as well as new solar, wind and renewable energy projects across the continent.

To deliver on these bold international forays, APPO has designated Dexterite Consulting and Services to design, develop and deliver a successful and measurably impactful program which will be reflected in new foreign direct investments, strategic partnerships for the national oil companies, independent producers, refiners, operators and players across the regional energy business value chain.

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