AFRICA ENERGY UPDATE

1. ICYMI: Nigerians to pay more for electricity consumption

- The Federal Government through the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission has increased the tariff payable by power consumers across the country.
- Findings from various documents obtained from the NERC on Wednesday in Abuja showed that beginning from next year, power consumers will have to pay an additional sum of between N8 and N14 for every kilowatt-hour of energy provided by their respective distribution companies.
- The NERC also revealed the actual cost reflective tariff for each of the 11 power distribution companies operating in Nigeria.
- The government disclosed the cost reflective tariff of each of the Discos in separate documents for each particular distributor in a regulatory instrument cited as 'The 2016-2018 Minor Review of Multi-Year Tariff Order 2015 and Minimum Remittance Order for the Year 2019'.
- The tariff increase for each Disco differs, going by figures in the documents from the commission.

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2. Rwanda: BBOXX celebrates 80,000 electrified households in Rwanda

- A few weeks after the launch of BBOXX Cook, a system that enables one to have full access to a gas cylinder at a pocket-friendly price, the utility company on Saturday afternoon celebrated electrifying 80,000 households countrywide in a tournament dubbed "BBOXX Customer Cup 2019."
- The tournament that is held once every year began last month where BBOXX East eliminated the combined team of BBOXX South & West 2-0 while BBOXX Kigali beat BBOXX North 6-1. The result set the stage for the finals between BBOXX Kigali and BBOXX East as well as celebrations to close the tournament and reward the 80,000th client, Xavier Kaziyabagabo.
- The rewarding took place after a football match at the football pitch of IPRC-Kigali in Kicukiro District in which the team from Eastern Province won the game 2-0 and walk away with a trophy.
- Justus Mucyo, BBOXX Managing Director, called upon Rwandans to join the ever growing community of BBOXX customers because their products and services are affordable and environmental friendly. Not only that, he said that there are many newest innovations on their way from BBOXX for their customers.

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3. Nigeria: Nigeria's daily oil production hit 1.95m barrels per day in July

- The nation's crude oil production rose by eight per cent to 1.95 million barrels per day in July, data released on Friday by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries showed.
- OPEC, in its monthly oil market report for August, put Nigeria's production in June at 1.80 million bpd, based on direct communication.
- According to secondary sources, total OPEC's preliminary crude oil production averaged 29.61 million bpd in July, lower by 246,000 bpd month-on-month.

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4. Mozambique: Eni and Exxonmobil to open 4 exploratory wells in Mozambique

- The Italian energy company ENI and the US oil and gas giant Exxon Mobil plan to open four exploratory wells next year, off the Zambezi delta and near the town of Angoche, in the northern province of Nampula, according to Carlos Zacarias, chairperson of the National Petroleum Institute (INP), cited by the independent television station STV.
- The blocks concerned were among those covered by the fifth licensing round, launched by the government in 2014. Contracts were signed in 2018 with the companies that won the blocks.
- ENI was awarded Area 5A off the shore of Angoche. The neighbouring block, Angoche Area 5B went to Exxon Mobil. Two Zambezi Delta blocks (A5C and A5D) were also awarded to ExxonMobil.

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5. Angola: Chevron led Angola LNG floats single-cargo tender

- Chevron-led Angola LNG project in Soyo has reportedly floated a tender to sell a single cargo of the chilled fuel.
- Citing sources, Reuters reports that the facility has offered a cargo for delivery later this month or early September.
- The cargo is for delivery to Europe or the Americas which will dictate the delivery window. The cargo is being offered on a delivered-ex-ship basis with bids due August 6.
- Angola LNG is a joint venture between Chevron (36.4%), Sonangol (22.8%), BP (13.6%), Eni (13.6%), and Total (13.6%) and has the capacity to produce 5.2 million tons per year at its facility in Soyo.

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6. Nigeria: NEPAL Oil expands into aviation sector

- NEPAL Oil and Gas services Limited, one of the leading indigenous companies operating in Nigeria's downstream oil and gas industry, has ventured into the Aviation business with the introduction of its newest subsidiary, NEPAL Fly Limited.
- According to the company, the expansion is line with its plans to extend business operations to every part of Nigeria and sub-Saharan Africa. Nepal Fly limited is currently operating its aviation tank farm

along the Murtala Muhammed Airport, Ikeja.

- NEPAL has been responsible for the coastal supply of petroleum products to several establishments including renowned oil majors within the country. The company owns a state of the arts modern tank farm facility located in Oghara, Delta State, which is capable of warehousing over 60,000 metric tons of different petroleum products.
- The company said it also has plans to expand its aviation business to other locations within and outside the country. Presently being considered are Abuja, Owerri and Port-Harcourt and other locations within the sub-Saharan Africa in the nearest future.

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7. Mozambique: Mozambique Government reduces fuel prices

- The Mozambican government has cut the price of liquid fuels by between 0.9 and 3.2 per cent, with the new prices taking effect as from Thursday, according to a Wednesday press release from the Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy.
- The largest price reduction is for LPG cooking gas, which falls from 63.26 to 61.23 meticals (from 1.05 to 1.02 US dollars) a kilo, a decline of 3.2 per cent.
- The price of a litre of petrol falls by 0.9 per cent, from 67.07 to 66.49 meticais, while the price of diesel falls by 1.6 per cent, from 64.55 to 63.51 meticais a litre. A litre of kerosene will now cost 48.43 rather than 49.08 meticais, a reduction of 1.3 per cent.
- The Ministry's release says that these price cuts were possible because of the falling price of oil on the world market, and the stability of the exchange rate of the metical.

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8. New discoveries position Egypt as attractive LNG investment destination - Report

- Egypt has become an important investment destination for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), supported by new discoveries, according to a report released on Wednesday by Africa Oil & Power Conference.
- In the first half of 2019, Egypt's Zohr offshore gas field produced 11.3 billion cubic meters, 300.6% higher than the year before, the report said.
- The recent boom in the Egyptian LNG output is expected to be boosted by Italy's Eni new discovery in the Nour North Sinai concession.
- In February, the Egyptian Natural Gas Holding Corporation awarded five new gas exploration concessions to Shell, ExxonMobil, Petronas, DEA, and Eni.
- As per Africa Oil & Power Conference, African LNG sector is expected to attract \$103 billion in investments in 2019. The continent is forecast to contribute 10% of global LNG output growth by 2024.

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9. Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe's solar irrigated farms face threats from elephants

- When one of Zimbabwe's first solar mini-grid systems was installed in this drought-prone village near the Botswana border in 2016, residents thought their problems were solved.
- Cheap, clean power ran irrigation pumps that kept the community's wheat, maize and vegetable fields a sea of green even as climate change-fueled droughts parched the surrounding landscape.
- But the verdant fields have attracted a new problem to Mashaba: herds of hungry elephants.
- As drought makes grass and other fodder harder to find, elephants have begun invading the village's tempting irrigated fields, destroying crops and irrigation canals and exasperating farmers.
- According to Mashaba residents, up to 60 elephants now appear to see the village's irrigated fields as one of their main sources of food.

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