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NOTIFICATION

Seventeenth Africa Oil, Gas and Mines Trade and Finance Conference and Exhibition (OILGASMINE)

Extractive industries and sustainable job creation

Friendship Hall, Khartoum, the Sudan, 23–26 November 2015

The seventeenth UNCTAD Africa Oil, Gas and Mines Trade and Finance Conference and Exhibition (OILGASMINE) will be held from 23 to 26 November 2015, at the Friendship Hall, Khartoum, the Sudan. This year's conference is jointly organized with the Government of the Sudan, under the patronage of President Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir. The central theme of this year's conference is "Extractive industries and sustainable job creation".

Launched in 1996, OILGASMINE has become an integral and highly relevant part of UNCTAD's work programme in assisting low-income commodity producers to achieve sustainable development based on natural resource wealth, used to promote the diversification of economies, increased value addition and beneficial integration into regional and global value chains. As a unique and neutral platform, it provides public and private sector stakeholders the opportunity to debate policies and solutions that address the perennial challenges facing this group of countries. This will help ensure resource-based inclusive development that not only contributes to intergenerational equity, but also to job creation and poverty reduction.

Key decision makers from Africa's energy and mining sectors will attend, as well as high-level experts from the extractive industries and the financial and legal sectors, academia and civil society. The OILGASMINE event is an excellent event for networking. Member States of UNCTAD are requested to help disseminate information about this event to the main stakeholders in their countries, in order to facilitate their participation.

Nomination and participation

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: [Seventeenth Africa Oil, Gas and Mines Trade and Finance Conference and Exhibition](#). Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the meeting should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, by fax: 41 22 917 0509 or e-mail: commodities@unctad.org.

Member States, specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies, as well as non-governmental organizations in the general and special categories wishing to attend, are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by **31 October 2015**.

Background documents and logistics

The concept note, information note, programme and other documentation for the OILGASMINE event may be found at the above-mentioned site. The conference website is <http://cubicglobe.com/ogtafrica/en/>. The conference will be held from 23 to 26 November 2015, at the Friendship Hall, Khartoum, the Sudan.

Further information and contact details

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