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NCDMB launches Tech Advisory Board for Nigeria O&G

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Nigeria's Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) has inaugurated a Technical Advisory Board (TAB) in Lagos, tasked with strengthening the assessment, development, and commercialization of research, innovation, and technology solutions for the Nigerian oil and gas industry. The board was inaugurated by the NCDMB's Director of Planning, Research and — as the source article records — signals a formal institutional push to close the gap between technology development and commercial deployment within Nigeria's upstream and midstream sectors.

The TAB's mandate sits at the intersection of local content policy and technology governance. By creating a dedicated advisory structure, NCDMB is signalling that technology qualification, not just procurement compliance, will increasingly shape how international and local service companies engage with Nigerian operators. For foreign suppliers seeking to maintain or grow their footprint in Nigeria, understanding the TAB's evolving criteria for what counts as locally developed or locally adapted technology is now a regulatory consideration, not merely a commercial one.

Nigeria remains the largest oil and gas market in sub-Saharan Africa, and NCDMB's expanding institutional architecture consistently reshapes the conditions under which international service companies operate. Previous NCDMB initiatives have pushed fabrication, subsea equipment assembly, and well services toward in-country content thresholds. A board focused specifically on technology commercialization suggests the next frontier is innovation partnerships — joint development agreements, technology licensing arrangements, and pilot programmes — that allow foreign

companies to demonstrate commitment to Nigerian capability-building while accessing the market.

For Norwegian service companies, the TAB's inauguration is an early-stage regulatory signal rather than an actionable procurement event. No contracts, tenders, or formal partnership calls have been issued. However, Norwegian firms with proprietary technology in subsea systems, well integrity, flow assurance, or LNG process optimisation are well-positioned to engage NCDMB proactively. Establishing a dialogue with the TAB — presenting technology portfolios, proposing joint qualification programmes with Nigerian universities or technical institutes, or exploring memoranda of understanding with local content partners — would align with NCDMB's stated commercialization agenda and build the relationships that precede formal procurement cycles. The window for positioning is open now, before the TAB's assessment criteria and preferred technology domains are formalised.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The TAB is an early institutional development, not a tender or contract — Norwegian companies should monitor its mandate as it matures and consider relationship-building outreach to NCDMB's Planning and Research directorate. Firms with proprietary technology in subsea, well services, or process engineering should explore whether joint development or technology-transfer frameworks with Nigerian partners could align with the TAB's commercialization agenda. Saga Advisory can map relevant NCDMB contact points and identify local content partners suitable for co-development proposals.

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- **Subsea/FPSO:** Monitor TAB criteria for technology qualification; consider proposing joint subsea equipment localisation programmes with Nigerian fabricators to stay ahead of emerging local content thresholds.
- **Drilling:** Engage NCDMB proactively to position proprietary drilling or well integrity technologies as candidates for TAB-endorsed commercialization pilots, ahead of any formal tender requirement.

- **LNG:** Explore whether Norwegian LNG process technology can be packaged for TAB review as a locally adaptable solution, creating a pathway to preferred-supplier status under future Nigerian LNG projects.
- **Service:** Track the TAB's evolving definition of 'locally developed technology' — it will directly affect how foreign well services and inspection companies must structure in-country partnerships to remain compliant.

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