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Senegal reaffirms domestic gas strategy in Moscow

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Senegal's Minister of Energy and Petroleum, Abdourahmane Diouf, used an appearance in Moscow to publicly reaffirm the country's commitment to a domestic gas development strategy designed to structurally transform its electricity system and expand industrial use of gas. The statement signals that Dakar intends to keep gas at the centre of its energy policy despite ongoing international pressure around fossil fuel transitions.

The minister's framing is significant for the upstream and midstream outlook. By explicitly linking domestic gas to electricity system transformation and industrial applications, the Senegalese government is signalling demand for the full value chain: production, processing, gas-to-power infrastructure, and distribution networks. Senegal holds material offshore gas resources, including the Greater Tortue Ahmeyim LNG project straddling the Senegal-Mauritania maritime border, and gas from these assets is intended to serve both export and domestic markets. The minister's remarks reinforce that the domestic monetisation pillar of that strategy remains government priority.

The Moscow venue is itself noteworthy. Ministerial-level energy diplomacy conducted in Russia reflects Senegal's multi-directional foreign policy posture, as the country engages a broad range of partners — Western majors, Gulf investors, and now Russian counterparts — in shaping its emerging hydrocarbon sector. While the article does not detail what specific agreements or discussions took place in Moscow, the public reaffirmation of the domestic gas strategy in an international forum suggests Dakar is actively courting diverse financing and technical partnerships.

For international energy service companies watching West Africa, the Senegalese government's sustained emphasis on domestic gas infrastructure development is the critical planning signal. Gas-to-power capacity additions, LNG receiving or regas infrastructure for domestic distribution, and industrial gas supply systems all remain on the agenda. No contracts, tenders, or formal agreements are referenced in this report, placing this firmly at the policy-signalling stage rather than procurement readiness. Nonetheless, the direction of travel is consistent and the government's public messaging has been stable across multiple forums, which reduces political risk uncertainty for companies conducting market entry assessments.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a policy-reaffirmation statement with no contract, tender, or FID attached — Norwegian service companies should monitor Senegal's domestic gas infrastructure programme and use this signal to inform market entry planning rather than initiate procurement outreach. Companies with gas processing, gas-to-power, or pipeline capabilities should continue relationship-building with Société des Pétroles du Sénégal (Petrosen) and track upcoming licensing or infrastructure tenders as the domestic monetisation strategy matures.

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- **LNG:** Senegal's domestic gas ambition may require small-scale LNG or regas infrastructure to distribute gas inland — monitor for related tenders as policy converts to procurement.
- **Pipeline:** Structural transformation of the electricity system implies gas transmission and distribution pipeline buildout; Norwegian pipeline companies should map Senegal's domestic grid gaps now.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Sustained ministerial commitment to domestic gas offtake strengthens the commercial rationale for offshore production assets already in development — relevant for operators planning subsea tie-backs.
- **Service:** Industrial gas use development will require metering, compression, and processing equipment; well-services and surface-equipment suppliers should begin distributor and agent identification in Dakar.

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