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Nigeria LNG exports surge 30% in ten months

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Nigeria's international liquefied natural gas deliveries rose by 30 percent between January and October, adding approximately five billion cubic metres to global supply, according to the International Energy Agency. The IEA attributed the increase to higher feedgas availability reaching the liquefaction facilities, reversing a prolonged period of underperformance caused by upstream supply disruptions and pipeline vandalism that had suppressed output for several years.

The improvement signals a meaningful recovery in Nigeria LNG's ability to utilise its installed liquefaction capacity. Nigeria LNG Limited operates the Bonny Island terminal, one of the largest LNG export facilities in Africa, and had seen throughput constrained by unreliable gas deliveries from producing fields in the Niger Delta. Higher feedgas volumes arriving at the plant translate directly into more cargoes available for international buyers, strengthening Nigeria's position as a global LNG supplier.

The 30 percent year-on-year increase represents one of the more significant output recoveries recorded among established LNG exporters in the period covered by the IEA data. For global gas markets, additional Nigerian supply contributes to easing tightness that has persisted since the 2022 energy price shock, particularly for European buyers who accelerated LNG import infrastructure buildout and diversified away from pipeline gas. Nigeria's geographic position and existing long-term offtake contracts mean incremental volumes can be placed relatively quickly into Atlantic Basin markets.

Looking ahead, the sustainability of this recovery depends on continued upstream investment and maintenance of pipeline integrity in the Niger Delta. Nigeria LNG has also been advancing the Train 7 expansion project, which would add further liquefaction capacity and require a commensurate increase in feedgas supply to operate at nameplate rates. The current production recovery provides a more credible feedgas baseline against which Train 7 ramp-up planning can proceed, though the expansion timeline remains subject to final investment decisions and financing milestones not detailed in the IEA report.

For the broader West African gas sector, Nigeria's output recovery carries demonstration value. It indicates that feedgas supply reliability, rather than liquefaction hardware alone, is the binding constraint on the country's LNG performance, and that targeted upstream and midstream interventions can produce measurable results within a single operating year. Sustained throughput at current or higher levels would reinforce Nigeria's credibility with long-term offtake counterparties and support the case for future capacity additions.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The recovery in feedgas throughput and the ongoing Train 7 expansion keep Nigeria as a priority LNG market to monitor. Norwegian LNG plant services, compressor maintenance specialists, and pipeline integrity firms should track Train 7 procurement cycles and feedgas pipeline rehabilitation tenders. No procurement outreach is warranted at this stage; relationship-building with Nigeria LNG and upstream operators feeding the Bonny Island terminal is the appropriate step.

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- **LNG:** Train 7 expansion and rising throughput create a pipeline of potential equipment supply, maintenance, and commissioning contracts worth monitoring through Nigeria LNG's procurement channels.
- **Pipeline:** Feedgas supply recovery points to pipeline rehabilitation work in the Niger Delta; integrity management and anti-corrosion service providers should map current operators and EPC contractors active on those trunklines.

- **Drilling/Well Services:** Higher feedgas demand to sustain and grow LNG throughput requires continued upstream drilling activity in the Niger Delta gas fields; well services firms should track operator work programmes.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** If offshore gas tie-backs are developed to supplement onshore feedgas, subsea umbilical and flowline contractors could find near-term opportunities as operators seek more reliable supply routes to Bonny Island.

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