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Côte d'Ivoire PIRME targets doubled mining-energy GDP share

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Côte d'Ivoire's Minister of Mines, Petroleum and Energy, Mamadou Sangafowa-Coulibaly, unveiled the Integrated Policy for Mineral and Energy Resources (PIRME) on 9 November 2026 at the Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire. The strategic framework sets a 15-year target to double the combined contribution of the country's extractive and energy sectors to the national economy.

The PIRME is designed to serve as the overarching governance and investment framework for both the mining and energy sectors in Côte d'Ivoire. By consolidating policy direction across mineral resources and petroleum and energy into a single integrated document, the government signals an intent to streamline regulatory conditions and attract sustained private-sector investment across both upstream and downstream activities.

The policy's 15-year horizon places its target well into the 2040s, encompassing anticipated cycles of exploration, development, and production across multiple resource classes. The doubling ambition implies a material uplift in fiscal revenues, employment, and infrastructure development linked to the extractive industries — sectors that, across comparable West African economies, have historically driven significant FDI inflows and infrastructure investment when backed by coherent policy frameworks.

The formal launch at a high-profile Abidjan venue reflects the government's desire to signal the PIRME to international investors and industry stakeholders simultaneously. No specific capital expenditure targets, licensing round announcements, or individual

project commitments were disclosed at the event as reported. The policy framework as presented is a strategic instrument — a statement of intent — rather than a contract award, licence issuance, or investment decision. Implementation details, including any regulatory reforms or fiscal incentive structures tied to the PIRME, have not yet been made public.

Côte d'Ivoire has in recent years attracted renewed interest from international oil companies in its offshore acreage, while the mining sector — particularly gold — has drawn exploration and development activity. A coherent, long-duration policy framework of this nature, if followed by concrete regulatory and fiscal measures, would typically precede a structured licensing or investment promotion campaign. Industry observers will watch for follow-on announcements translating the PIRME's ambitions into specific procurement, licensing, or regulatory actions.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a policy announcement — no procurement or contract is open at this stage. Norwegian service companies and technology providers should monitor for follow-on licensing round announcements, regulatory reform packages, or investment promotion events linked to the PIRME, and consider relationship-building with the Ministry of Mines, Petroleum and Energy and state entities to position ahead of any structured tender processes.

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- **Drilling:** Monitor for any offshore licensing round or exploration campaign that the PIRME may catalyse; early operator engagement will be key when acreage is awarded.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Track whether PIRME implementation unlocks development financing for existing offshore discoveries that have stalled pending policy clarity.
- **Pipeline:** A doubling of energy-sector contribution implies significant midstream and gas infrastructure investment — watch for project tenders emerging from the 15-year programme.
- **LNG:** Côte d'Ivoire's gas ambitions under a unified energy policy may create opportunities in gas processing and monetisation infrastructure; monitor for specific project mandates.

- **Service:** Establish contact with the Ministry and state energy entities now to ensure visibility when the PIRME transitions from policy to funded project pipeline.

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