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Mozambique ENH flags 25 upstream opportunities at LNG summit

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Mozambique's state hydrocarbon company Empresa Nacional de Hidrocarbonetos (ENH) has identified 25 opportunities for international oil and gas operators, presenting them at the Africa Gas & LNG Summit. The disclosure positions Mozambique as an active destination for upstream investment at a time when the country's LNG sector is seeking renewed international engagement following years of project disruption.

ENH's presentation covered the full breadth of upstream opportunity available to foreign operators, though the summit materials as reported did not specify whether individual opportunities are classified by block, basin, or development stage. The 25 openings span oil and gas, signalling that ENH is marketing both exploration acreage and potential development partnerships across its portfolio. No specific block names, reserve estimates, or licensing round timelines were disclosed in the available reporting.

Mozambique holds some of the largest natural gas discoveries made globally in the past two decades, concentrated in the Rovuma Basin in the country's north. However, the development of that resource has been significantly delayed. TotalEnergies declared force majeure on its Area 1 Mozambique LNG project in 2021 following an insurgency in Cabo Delgado province, and the project has yet to resume construction. ENH's move to present a package of 25 opportunities at an international LNG forum suggests the state company is working to maintain investor interest and attract new entrants despite the ongoing security and financing challenges affecting flagship developments.

The Africa Gas & LNG Summit serves as a key convening point for producers, investors, and service companies active in sub-Saharan gas and LNG. ENH's decision to present a structured slate of opportunities — rather than referencing individual projects — indicates a deliberate strategy to signal openness across multiple entry points, potentially including exploration licences, farm-in arrangements, and development partnerships. The format suggests ENH is in early-stage marketing rather than announcing concluded awards or signed agreements.

For the international oil and gas service industry, Mozambique remains a country of significant long-term potential. If even a portion of the 25 opportunities progress to formal licensing rounds or block awards, they would generate substantial demand for seismic, drilling, subsea, and eventually LNG infrastructure services. The timeline for any such progression remains uncertain given the current project environment, but ENH's public engagement at a major industry forum is a meaningful indicator of institutional intent to advance the portfolio.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian service companies should monitor ENH's follow-up communications for any formal licensing round announcement or EOI/ prequalification notice — no procurement outreach is warranted at this stage. If opportunities progress to block awards or farm-in agreements, subsea, drilling, and LNG infrastructure suppliers should position for early relationship-building with any incoming operators. Rovuma Basin deepwater and LNG infrastructure scopes are historically large-ticket items suited to Norwegian subsea and FPSO contractors.

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- **Subsea:** Monitor whether any of the 25 opportunities include deepwater Rovuma acreage, where subsea tieback and umbilical scopes would be substantial if development proceeds.
- **FPSO:** Offshore gas and condensate opportunities in ENH's portfolio could require floating production solutions; track which blocks attract operator interest post-licensing.

- **Drilling:** Exploration and appraisal drilling demand will follow any formal block awards; rig owners and well-services companies should watch for operator entry announcements.
- **LNG:** If ENH's marketed opportunities include new LNG liquefaction or modular LNG scopes, Norwegian LNG engineering and cold-chain specialists should engage ENH directly once formal tenders emerge.
- **Service:** Seismic acquisition and data processing firms may find early-entry opportunities if ENH's exploration blocks require new data campaigns ahead of formal licensing rounds.

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