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NNPC targets 12 bcf/d gas output by 2030

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Nigeria's state oil company, NNPC Ltd., has set gas production targets of 10 billion standard cubic feet per day (bscfd) by 2027 and 12 bscfd by 2030, stating that reaching these levels will require innovative pipeline financing mechanisms and significantly strengthened technical capacity.

NNPC Ltd. identified pipeline infrastructure as a central constraint to expanding gas output and monetisation at scale. The company's call for innovative financing signals an intent to move beyond conventional public-sector funding models, potentially opening the sector to project finance structures, public-private partnerships, or other arrangements that could attract international capital and technical partners.

Nigeria holds some of the largest proven natural gas reserves on the African continent, but chronic underinvestment in gathering, transmission, and export infrastructure has long limited the country's ability to monetise those reserves at volumes commensurate with their scale. Domestic gas supply shortfalls have constrained power generation capacity, while flaring remains a persistent challenge across producing assets in the Niger Delta. The targets articulated by NNPC Ltd. reflect a broader national ambition to convert stranded and under-utilised gas into an economic driver, both for domestic consumption and for export markets.

The 2027 and 2030 milestones represent substantial increases from current production levels, requiring parallel progress on upstream development, midstream compression and processing, and pipeline transmission capacity. NNPC Ltd.'s emphasis on technical capacity suggests the company anticipates a need for external

expertise and equipment across multiple segments of the gas value chain, from wellhead to delivery point.

No specific pipeline projects, financing structures, or procurement timelines were announced alongside the targets. The statement represents a policy direction and an ambition, rather than a sanctioned programme with defined contracting milestones. Progress toward these targets will depend on the pace at which the Nigerian government and NNPC Ltd. can attract and deploy both capital and technical partners across the upstream and midstream segments.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

These targets are aspirational at this stage — no contracts, tenders, or FIDs have been announced. Norwegian pipeline, compression, and gas processing companies should monitor NNPC Ltd. procurement channels and engage with the Nigerian Gas Transmission Company for early intelligence on project definition and prequalification timelines as specific schemes are structured.

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- **Pipeline:** Large-scale gas transmission expansion in Nigeria would require pipeline engineering, procurement, and construction expertise — monitor for FEED and EPC tender announcements as NNPC Ltd. defines specific schemes.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Offshore gas gathering tie-backs and subsea compression could feature if deepwater gas assets are brought into the production ramp-up — track upstream project sanctions linked to the 12 bscfd target.
- **LNG:** Higher gas output volumes could support LNG expansion or new liquefaction capacity; LNG plant engineering and modular liquefaction suppliers should watch for downstream offtake and infrastructure decisions.
- **Service:** NNPC Ltd.'s call for strengthened technical capacity points to potential demand for well services, compression maintenance, and gas processing technology — relationship-building with NNPC Ltd. and Nigerian midstream operators is advisable now.

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