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Angola's Reform Model Offers Mozambique a Blueprint for LNG Revival

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Mozambique's liquefied natural gas sector is entering what industry observers describe as a new phase of development, and a comparative analysis published by the African Energy Chamber argues that Angola's recent oil and gas sector reforms offer a compelling template for how to unlock that potential. The core argument is straightforward: political stability, when combined with deliberate regulatory reform, can convert world-class gas resources into sustained foreign investment and measurable long-term economic growth.

Angola has spent the better part of the past several years recalibrating its hydrocarbons framework, streamlining licensing procedures, improving fiscal terms, and signalling to international capital that the country is open for business. The results, according to the African Energy Chamber, demonstrate what disciplined governance reform can achieve even in a sector that had previously struggled with bureaucratic inertia and investor uncertainty. For Mozambique, which sits atop some of the largest natural gas discoveries made anywhere in the world over the past two decades, the parallels are instructive.

Mozambique's LNG ambitions have faced well-documented headwinds. Security challenges in the northern Cabo Delgado province, where major offshore gas developments are anchored, forced TotalEnergies to declare force majeure on its Mozambique LNG project and prompted a broader reassessment of risk across the basin. While some progress has continued — most notably with the Coral Sul floating

LNG facility, which achieved first cargo — the large-scale onshore liquefaction projects that were expected to transform Mozambique into a top-tier global LNG supplier remain on hold or subject to ongoing uncertainty. The African Energy Chamber's framing suggests that governance and reform credibility, not just security conditions, will determine how quickly investor confidence can be restored.

For Norwegian oil and gas service companies, the Angola-Mozambique comparison matters because it frames the Mozambique opportunity not as permanently impaired, but as deferred pending the right enabling conditions. Angola's reform trajectory shows that regulatory predictability and political commitment to the sector can re-attract the kind of long-cycle capital commitments that underpin large offshore LNG infrastructure. If Mozambique follows a similar reform path — and the African Energy Chamber is clearly advocating that it should — the downstream consequence would be renewed tendering activity across the full project lifecycle: offshore drilling, subsea infrastructure, FPSO and FLNG vessel deployment, pipeline systems, and specialised well services.

Norwegian service companies should treat this as a monitoring and positioning moment. The reform thesis is credible, but the timeline remains uncertain. Companies with existing relationships in Angola, where the reform model is already live, are well placed to transfer knowledge and bid on analogous Mozambique scopes as conditions improve. Early engagement with Mozambican authorities and project developers on technical standards, local content frameworks, and supply chain readiness will be more productive now than waiting for formal tender processes to open.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian service companies should monitor Mozambique's regulatory trajectory closely, using Angola as a reference point for when reform momentum translates into actionable procurement. Those already active in Angola's reformed sector carry transferable credibility and should consider early-stage positioning with Mozambique project developers. The window between reform signalling and first tenders is when supply chain and partnership conversations deliver the most leverage.

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- **LNG:** Track Mozambique's reform milestones as lead indicators for when stalled onshore LNG projects may re-enter active procurement, and prepare technical proposals accordingly.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Angola's reform experience demonstrates that improved fiscal terms attract long-cycle FPSO and FLNG commitments — Mozambique's offshore basin could follow the same pattern if governance conditions align.
- **Drilling:** Deferred exploration and appraisal drilling in the Mozambique basin represents latent demand that could mobilise quickly once investment confidence is restored through regulatory reform.
- **Pipeline:** Onshore and nearshore gas transmission infrastructure linked to Mozambique's LNG value chain remains largely unbuilt, presenting pipeline engineering and installation opportunities contingent on project FIDs being reinstated.
- **Service:** Well services and maintenance companies should assess whether Angola-based operational models and local content frameworks can be adapted and pre-positioned for Mozambique as a risk-efficient market entry strategy.

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