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South Sudan Oil & Power 2026 Conference Returns for Seventh Edition in November

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South Sudan Oil & Power is returning for its seventh edition on November 24–25, 2026, reaffirming its position as the country's premier investment and networking platform for the energy sector. The event will convene government officials, investors, operators, and energy sector leaders with the stated objective of advancing partnerships that can unlock South Sudan's energy potential and support broader national economic development.

South Sudan remains one of Sub-Saharan Africa's most challenging yet potentially significant hydrocarbon jurisdictions. The country holds substantial onshore oil reserves, and its upstream sector has faced prolonged disruption from conflict, infrastructure deficits, and capital flight. Forums such as this conference have historically served as critical touchpoints where policy signals are transmitted, investment frameworks are clarified, and operator intentions are aired — making attendance a low-cost intelligence-gathering opportunity for service companies evaluating re-entry timing.

The 2026 edition signals that stakeholders — including the national government — continue to treat South Sudan as an active rather than dormant investment target. The inclusion of 'power' in the conference title reflects an ongoing dual mandate: reviving oil production while simultaneously addressing the country's acute energy access deficit. Both tracks carry procurement and service implications, spanning upstream well services and production support on the oil side, to generation, transmission, and electrification on the power side.

For Norwegian service companies, the conference represents a structured opportunity to assess the maturity of the current investment cycle in South Sudan without committing capital. Direct project activity in-country remains constrained by security, financing, and infrastructure conditions, but the convening of government and operators in a single forum can accelerate the timeline from policy commitment to tendering activity. Companies that position themselves early — through attendance, bilateral meetings, or association membership — are better placed when contracting windows do open.

The event's longevity, now entering its seventh cycle, also reflects the persistence of international investor interest despite the country's well-documented operational difficulties. For partners tracking East African energy corridors, South Sudan sits at a strategic intersection with Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia — all markets where Norwegian service companies already have a footprint or active monitoring programmes. Intelligence gathered at South Sudan Oil & Power 2026 can therefore inform a regional portfolio view rather than a single-country bet.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian service companies should treat this conference primarily as an intelligence and relationship-building opportunity rather than an immediate bid signal, given South Sudan's current operational environment. Companies with East African regional strategies — particularly those active in Uganda or Kenya — should consider attendance or representation to track upstream rehabilitation timelines and emerging power infrastructure tenders. Saga Advisory can provide pre-event briefings and in-conference representation to ensure partners extract maximum strategic value.

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- **Drilling:** Monitor conference proceedings for signals on well rehabilitation programmes tied to any resumed upstream investment by existing or new operators.

- **Service:** Oilfield service companies should use the event to identify which operators are actively planning production restoration, informing decisions on regional equipment pre-positioning.
- **Pipeline:** Track any announcements regarding export route rehabilitation or new pipeline infrastructure, which would be a prerequisite for meaningful production growth.
- **LNG:** The power track of the conference may surface gas-to-power or small-scale LNG opportunities tied to South Sudan's electrification agenda — worth monitoring for future entry.
- **FPSO:** While South Sudan is a landlocked onshore producer, regional FPSO operators active in adjacent offshore markets should monitor conference outcomes for demand signals that affect East African energy supply chains.

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