

OIL FIELD AFRICA REVIEW · NIGERIA

Nigeria hits 1.84m bbl/d, meets OPEC quota fifth month

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Nigeria's daily crude oil production peaked at 1.84 million barrels in the most recent reporting month, according to data from the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC), marking the fifth consecutive month the country has met its OPEC production quota. The milestone reinforces Nigeria's standing as Africa's largest crude oil producer following years of output disruption driven by theft, vandalism, and underinvestment.

NUPRC data shows that even at its lowest single-day output during the month, Nigeria sustained 1.68 million barrels of crude production — a floor that itself would have represented an aspirational target just two years ago. The figures cited are for strict crude oil volumes and exclude condensate, meaning the total hydrocarbon production picture is broader still. The sustained compliance with OPEC quota commitments signals a degree of operational stability that had been elusive for much of the post-2020 period.

The recovery in Nigerian output reflects a combination of improved security along key pipeline corridors, increased investment from both international and indigenous operators, and stronger regulatory oversight under NUPRC since the Petroleum Industry Act came into force. Several producing fields that were previously shut in due to sabotage or force majeure have progressively returned to production, gradually rebuilding the country's output base. Nigeria's ambition, as stated by government officials in recent periods, has been to push production toward 2 million barrels per day and ultimately beyond — a target that now looks more credible given the current trajectory.

For the upstream services sector, sustained and rising production volumes translate directly into increased demand across the full well-services and production-optimisation value chain. Fields producing at or near capacity require ongoing workover activity, integrity management, and subsea intervention to maintain plateau rates. The pipeline and export infrastructure carrying these volumes also demands continuous inspection, maintenance, and in some cases expansion. As operators gain greater confidence in the security and fiscal environment, sanctioning of new wells and tieback projects is likely to accelerate, creating a forward pipeline of contracting opportunities that was difficult to project with confidence during Nigeria's extended output slump.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Nigeria's return to sustained quota-compliant production signals a more active contracting environment across well services, subsea maintenance, and production infrastructure — Norwegian service companies should monitor upcoming tender releases from NUPRC-registered operators closely. At this stage the data represents an operational milestone rather than a specific contract award, so the appropriate action is market monitoring and relationship-building with active operators rather than direct procurement outreach. Partners with track records in production optimisation, integrity management, or pipeline inspection are well positioned to engage as the output growth story attracts fresh capital allocation.

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- **Subsea/FPSO:** Rising plateau production increases demand for subsea integrity inspections and potential tieback scopes on existing deepwater and shallow-water FPSO-tied assets.
- **Drilling:** Sustained output near 1.8m bbl/d will require infill and workover drilling to offset natural decline — monitor rig demand signals from active Nigerian operators.
- **Service:** Production optimisation, well intervention, and flow assurance services are in growing demand as operators work to hold plateau rates across a recovering field portfolio.

- **Pipeline:** Export and trunk pipeline infrastructure underpinning current volumes will need inspection and maintenance programmes — a concrete entry point for Norwegian pipeline integrity firms.

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