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NUPRC greenlights \$47.6bn Nigeria oil projects

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Nigeria's upstream regulator, the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC), has approved a portfolio of oil and gas projects valued at \$47.6 billion as the country's crude output reaches 1.82 million barrels per day. The approvals signal a significant acceleration in capital commitment to Nigeria's upstream sector, which has struggled for years with underinvestment, security challenges, and production decline.

The NUPRC's batch approval of projects at this scale represents one of the more concrete demonstrations of regulatory intent to restore and grow Nigerian production capacity. At 1.82 million bopd, output remains below Nigeria's OPEC quota and well short of the government's stated ambition to return to 2 million bopd and beyond. The approved project portfolio, if fully executed, would constitute the largest coordinated investment wave in the Nigerian upstream in over a decade.

The article does not specify the individual projects, operators, or contract structures included within the \$47.6 billion envelope, nor does it identify whether the investments are weighted toward onshore, shallow-water, or deepwater activity. However, the scale of the figure — and the regulator's active approval role — suggests involvement across multiple asset classes and likely includes both international oil companies and indigenous operators active in Nigerian acreage. The NUPRC has in recent years positioned itself as a more proactive licensing and project-facilitation body under the Petroleum Industry Act framework.

For the international supply chain, the significance lies in the downstream consequence of these approvals: once projects move from regulatory sign-off into front-end engineering, tendering, and execution phases, procurement activity across drilling, subsea, FPSO, and surface facilities will follow. The timing of individual tenders is not yet clear from the available information, but the aggregate approval figure establishes the addressable market that will come to market over the medium term.

Nigeria remains Africa's largest oil producer by volume and one of the most complex operating environments on the continent. The combination of a more structured regulatory regime under NUPRC and a renewed push for production growth creates conditions that Norwegian service companies — many of which have existing relationships with IOCs and indigenous operators in Nigeria — should monitor closely as project-level details emerge.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

With \$47.6bn in projects formally approved by NUPRC, Norwegian service companies should focus on monitoring which individual projects enter FEED and tender phases, as procurement opportunities across subsea, drilling, and FPSO segments will follow sequentially. At this stage — regulatory approval without disclosed contract structures or operator identities — the appropriate action is relationship reinforcement with IOC and indigenous operator procurement teams already active in Nigeria, not unsolicited outreach. Saga Advisory recommends tracking NUPRC project registers and DPR successor databases for operator-level project disclosures as execution timelines crystallise.

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- **Subsea/FPSO:** A \$47.6bn project pipeline in Nigeria will likely include deepwater and shallow-water tiebacks requiring subsea hardware and FPSO upgrades — Norwegian subsea and FPSO specialists should identify which operators hold the approved projects and engage early in FEED cycles.
- **Drilling:** Increased capital approval at this scale typically drives rig demand for development and appraisal wells; drilling contractors and well-services companies

should assess rig availability and readiness for Nigeria-specific well programmes as project schedules are disclosed.

- **Pipeline:** Large upstream investment programmes in Nigeria routinely include export pipeline and trunkline components; pipeline engineering and integrity service providers should monitor project-level scopes as they emerge from NUPRC filings.
- **Service:** Well intervention, production chemicals, and maintenance services will all be required as Nigeria seeks to sustain 1.82 mbopd and grow output; Norwegian well-services firms with existing Nigeria presence should ensure framework agreements are in place ahead of activity ramp-up.

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