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Nigeria hits 1.84m bopd in September, NUPRC confirms

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Nigeria's daily crude oil production reached a peak of 1.84 million barrels per day in September, according to the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC). The figure marks a notable output level for Africa's largest oil producer, which has spent several years battling chronic underproduction driven by crude theft, pipeline vandalism, and underinvestment in upstream infrastructure.

The NUPRC data point signals that ongoing efforts to stabilise and grow Nigerian production are producing measurable results. Nigerian authorities and international operators have intensified security operations along key export pipelines and terminal infrastructure over the past year, with the government setting ambitious production targets as part of its broader revenue recovery agenda. The 1.84 million bopd figure, while still below Nigeria's OPEC quota ceiling and the 2-million-plus bopd levels seen in earlier years, represents a directional improvement that the upstream sector will be watching closely.

For the wider investment community, sustained production recovery at this scale has layered implications. Higher throughput through existing export terminals and pipeline networks increases utilisation of installed infrastructure, but it also exposes aging systems to greater operational stress, raising the maintenance and integrity management workload for service providers already active in-country. Fields contributing to the September peak will require continued well intervention, artificial lift optimisation, and subsea or surface facility upkeep to sustain — and ideally exceed — current rates.

The NUPRC has not provided a field-by-field or operator-by-operator breakdown in the available reporting, so it is not possible to attribute the production gains to specific assets or development programmes at this stage. Nonetheless, the headline number reinforces Nigeria's position as the continent's most consequential upstream market by volume, and any sustained move toward — or beyond — the 2 million bopd threshold would materially increase activity levels across drilling, well services, and production operations.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a production-performance data release, not a contract or tender, so Norwegian service companies should treat it as a market-conditions indicator rather than an actionable procurement opportunity. Partners with existing Nigeria exposure — particularly in well services, integrity management, and production optimisation — should monitor NUPRC monthly data for trend confirmation and use improving output figures to reinforce conversations with operators about capacity and workscope expansion. Companies without a current Nigeria footprint should continue relationship-building with NUPRC and active operators, positioning ahead of any formal tendering that may follow sustained production growth.

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- **Drilling:** Rising production implies active well stock; drilling contractors and well-services companies should track which operators are sustaining output gains and engage on infill and workover programmes.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Higher throughput on existing deepwater and shallow-water FPSOs increases inspection, maintenance, and modification demand — a near-term opportunity for Norwegian FPSO service providers already mobilised in-country.
- **Pipeline:** Sustained export volumes put greater stress on trunk lines and export terminals, creating openings for pipeline integrity and corrosion-management specialists to expand scopes with terminal operators.
- **Service:** Production optimisation and artificial lift service companies should use the positive output trend as a commercial trigger to approach operators about sustaining and growing current rates beyond 1.84 million bopd.

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