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São Tomé launches 3D seismic push on Blocks 7-14

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São Tomé and Príncipe's national petroleum regulator, ANP-STP, has conducted public consultation sessions on Príncipe island and in São Tomé city covering a planned 3D seismic acquisition programme across Blocks 7, 8, 9 and 14. The two sessions, held on the 6th and 10th of the current month, form part of the environmental and social scoping process required before seismic operations can commence.

Public consultations of this type are a standard regulatory step in the pre-acquisition phase, allowing communities and stakeholders to raise concerns before fieldwork begins. The fact that ANP-STP has now formally initiated this process signals that the 3D seismic campaign is advancing through the permitting pipeline, though no operator, contractor, acquisition schedule, or data-purchase terms have been disclosed in the regulator's announcement. The blocks involved — 7, 8, 9 and 14 — span both the São Tomé and Príncipe zones of the country's acreage, indicating a broad-based effort to refresh subsurface imaging across multiple licence areas simultaneously.

São Tomé and Príncipe sits in the Gulf of Guinea, geologically contiguous with the prolific Niger Delta petroleum system and neighbouring acreage held by major operators in Nigerian and Equatorial Guinean waters. Fresh 3D seismic data is typically the precursor to either farm-out marketing or a formal licensing round, as modern imaging significantly improves the attractiveness of blocks to prospective investors. ANP-STP's move to cover four blocks in a single programme suggests a

coordinated strategy to repackage the country's upstream offering for international interest.

At this stage the process remains at the pre-study and environmental consultation level — no seismic contract has been awarded, no vessel has been mobilised, and no data-licensing terms have been announced. Norwegian and other international service companies should treat this as an early-stage monitoring opportunity. The next material trigger for commercial engagement would be the issuance of a formal tender or expression of interest for the seismic acquisition itself.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This activity is at the environmental-consultation stage, well before any procurement decision; Saga partners should monitor ANP-STP closely for a formal seismic acquisition tender, which would represent the first concrete commercial entry point. Geophysical acquisition companies and data-processing specialists within the Norwegian supply chain should register interest with ANP-STP now to ensure they receive tender notifications when issued. Relationship-building with the regulator and any appointed project manager in São Tomé is the appropriate action at this stage — outreach to procurement is premature.

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- **Subsea/FPSO:** Monitor whether 3D results on Blocks 7-14 trigger a farm-out or licensing round that could anchor a future FPSO or subsea development.
- **Drilling:** Improved 3D imaging is typically the precursor to exploration drilling; track ANP-STP announcements for well-permit activity following data interpretation.
- **Service:** Seismic acquisition and data-processing specialists should register with ANP-STP now to position for the forthcoming tender covering four blocks.
- **LNG/Pipeline:** Any material gas discovery on Blocks 7-14 would require export infrastructure planning; flag this programme as a long-lead watch item for LNG or pipeline developers.

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