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Chad ARSAT signs training pact with Senegal's INPG

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Chad's downstream oil sector regulator ARSAT and Senegal's National Institute of Oil and Gas (INPG) signed a formal partnership agreement on 14 January, committing both institutions to joint capacity-building across the petroleum sector. The accord was concluded by ARSAT Director-General Hassan Adoum Younousmi and INPG Director Dr Fall Mbaye, alongside their respective delegations.

The agreement is a bilateral institutional MoU focused on strengthening regulatory and technical expertise within both countries' oil sectors. The partnership reflects a broader trend of South-South cooperation in Africa, where newer hydrocarbon producers — Senegal most prominently, following its recent offshore gas and oil discoveries — are positioning their public institutions as knowledge hubs for the wider continent. Chad, a long-established but landlocked producer, stands to benefit from Senegal's expanding technical training infrastructure as its own downstream regulatory framework matures.

No financial terms, specific training programmes, or project timelines were disclosed in the announcement. The instrument is an MoU — an expression of intent to collaborate — rather than a funded contract or operational agreement. The practical outputs, whether staff exchanges, curriculum sharing, or joint certification frameworks, remain to be defined through follow-on negotiations between the two authorities.

For companies operating in either market, the agreement signals that both Chad and Senegal are investing in the institutional capacity needed to regulate more complex

hydrocarbon activity. A more capable ARSAT in Chad improves the downstream operating environment for fuel logistics and distribution businesses. In Senegal, INPG's growing regional role suggests Dakar intends to become a centre of petroleum education for Francophone Africa, which could in turn support faster local-content compliance and workforce development for operators entering the Senegalese market.

The story carries limited immediate commercial weight but is a useful indicator of regulatory maturation in both jurisdictions. Norwegian service companies with existing or prospective exposure to Chad's downstream sector or Senegal's emerging upstream should file this as a market-environment signal rather than an actionable procurement opportunity.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is an institutional MoU with no procurement, tender, or contract attached — Norwegian service companies should monitor rather than act. Partners with local-content obligations in Senegal or Chad may find INPG a useful future interlocutor for workforce training and certification alignment. Relationship-building with both regulatory bodies is the appropriate step at this stage.

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- **Drilling:** Monitor INPG's evolving curriculum for signals on local drilling-crew certification standards that will affect staffing plans for Senegal's offshore wells.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** A more institutionally capable Senegalese regulator, supported by regional partnerships, raises the baseline for local-content compliance — track how INPG shapes workforce requirements for offshore projects.
- **Service:** Companies providing downstream services in Chad should note ARSAT's active capacity-building agenda as a sign the regulator is tightening its oversight environment.
- **LNG:** Senegal's LNG ambitions depend partly on a skilled domestic workforce; INPG's regional partnerships are early infrastructure for that human-capital pipeline — worth monitoring as offtake and operating agreements are negotiated.

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