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Chad's ARSAT joins West Africa refining summit in Abuja

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Chad's downstream petroleum regulator, ARSAT (Autorité de Régulation du Secteur Pétrolier Aval du Tchad), is representing the country at the Global Commodity Insights Conference on the West African Refined Fuel Market, which opened on 22 July 2025 at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel in Abuja, Nigeria.

The high-level conference is co-organised by Nigeria's Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA) and S&P Global Commodity Insights. The event brings together senior stakeholders from across the West African refined fuels value chain, with a focus on regional market dynamics, supply adequacy, and regulatory coordination. Chad's participation signals the landlocked country's intent to engage actively in shaping regional refining and fuel distribution frameworks that affect its import-dependent downstream sector.

For Chad, access to refined products has long been a structural challenge. The country has historically relied on fuel imports routed through Cameroon and other neighbouring states, making it acutely sensitive to regional refining capacity, pricing signals, and supply disruptions. ARSAT's presence at a forum co-convened by Nigeria's downstream regulator — the continent's largest fuel consumer — and a leading commodity intelligence provider underscores the cross-border nature of West and Central Africa's refined products challenge.

The conference format, anchored around S&P Global Commodity Insights data and NMDPRA regulatory input, is designed to surface investment gaps, trade flow inefficiencies, and policy misalignments across the sub-region. For landlocked

producers and importers like Chad, such forums serve as critical platforms for regulatory alignment and supply-chain visibility. ARSAT's attendance reflects a broader trend of francophone Central African states seeking deeper integration with anglophone West African energy governance structures.

No specific agreements, memoranda, or contract instruments have been announced in connection with ARSAT's participation at this stage. The conference represents a diplomatic and intelligence-gathering engagement rather than a commercial transaction.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a regulatory and diplomatic conference with no contracts, tenders, or FIDs announced — Norwegian service companies should monitor rather than initiate procurement outreach at this stage. The event may signal future downstream infrastructure investment in Chad or broader West African refining capacity additions, which could eventually create demand for storage, pipeline, or processing-plant service contracts. Partners active in midstream and downstream infrastructure across West and Central Africa should track ARSAT's regulatory posture and any follow-on investment signals emerging from the NMDPRA-S&P Global process.

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- **Pipeline:** Monitor whether conference outcomes accelerate any cross-border fuel pipeline or distribution infrastructure discussions relevant to Chad's landlocked supply chain.
- **Service:** Regulatory alignment emerging from this forum could eventually define standards for fuel storage and handling facilities in Chad, relevant to engineering and inspection service providers.
- **LNG:** Watch for any downstream diversification signals from ARSAT that could open LNG-to-power or gas-distribution opportunities in Chad's energy mix discussions.

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