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Arдова-Diadem consortium targets 100 Nigeria CNG sites

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The Arдова Plc-Diadem Energy consortium has announced plans to develop 100 Compressed Natural Gas refuelling sites across Nigeria, targeting a nationwide network to address the country's chronic shortage of CNG infrastructure. The announcement positions the consortium as one of the more ambitious private-sector actors in Nigeria's nascent gas-to-transport market.

Nigeria's CNG refuelling gap has been a persistent constraint on the country's ambition to monetise domestic gas resources and reduce dependence on imported liquid fuels. The government has pushed CNG adoption as a cost-effective alternative for vehicle operators, particularly following the removal of the petrol subsidy, which sharply raised pump prices and squeezed transport operators across the country. A 100-site network, if delivered, would represent a material step toward making CNG a viable mass-market fuel in Nigeria.

Arдова Plc is an established downstream energy company operating in Nigeria, while Diadem Energy brings specialist gas infrastructure capability to the consortium. The article does not specify a project timeline, financing structure, or site locations beyond the nationwide scope. It also does not confirm whether any sites are currently under construction or at what stage permitting stands. The instrument here is an announced plan — not a signed contract or awarded concession — meaning the programme remains subject to financing, regulatory clearance, and execution risk.

For the broader Nigerian gas market, CNG infrastructure expansion is a strategic priority that connects upstream gas monetisation to end-user demand. Increased

refuelling capacity creates throughput incentives for gas producers and distributors alike, and aligns with federal policy goals around the Decade of Gas initiative. The scale of the Ardova-Diadem ambition — 100 sites — suggests a phased rollout will be required, and that the consortium will need to engage equipment suppliers, civil contractors, compression technology providers, and potentially project finance partners to move from announcement to delivery.

Norwegian service companies with exposure to gas compression, small-scale LNG or CNG technology, metering systems, and downstream gas infrastructure should treat this as an early-stage market signal. The opportunity is real but not yet procurement-ready. No tender, expression of interest, or prequalification process has been announced. The appropriate response at this stage is market monitoring and relationship-building with the Ardova-Diadem consortium and Nigerian gas distribution intermediaries, positioning ahead of what could become a structured procurement process once financing is confirmed.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is an announced plan without a signed contract, open tender, or confirmed financing, so Norwegian service companies should monitor and build relationships rather than engage procurement channels now.

Companies with CNG compression technology, gas metering equipment, or small-scale gas infrastructure expertise should track the Ardova-Diadem consortium's progress and establish early contact with Nigerian downstream gas intermediaries. If the programme advances to a structured procurement phase, it could offer equipment supply and engineering opportunities across multiple sites simultaneously.

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- **LNG/Gas:** Compression and metering technology suppliers should monitor the Ardova-Diadem rollout — a 100-site network implies significant equipment volumes once procurement opens.
- **Pipeline:** Gas distribution and small-bore pipeline contractors may find opportunities in connecting CNG stations to the existing network as site builds progress.

- **Service:** Project management and engineering firms with downstream gas infrastructure experience should seek early relationship-building with the consortium ahead of any formal tender process.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Limited direct relevance at this stage, but upstream FPSO operators supplying associated gas into the Nigerian grid have an indirect interest in downstream demand growth driving offtake.

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