# Nigeria targets 49 gas flare sites in new drive to boost decarbonisation and energy monetisation



In a significant move towards environmental sustainability, Nigeria's regulatory body for upstream petroleum, the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC), has identified 49 gas flare sites across the country. This initiative aims to tackle the pressing issue of gas flaring, which not only contributes to greenhouse gas emissions but also represents a drastic loss of potentially usable energy resources. Engr. Gbenga Komolafe, Chief Executive of NUPRC, outlined a comprehensive dual strategy which encompasses decarbonisation efforts and the transformation of flared gas into economically viable assets.

The initiative is closely linked to the Nigerian Gas Flare Commercialisation Programme (NGFCP), a critical framework designed to monetise what has previously been an overlooked resource. By promoting the productive utilisation of flared gas, the programme seeks to mitigate environmental repercussions while simultaneously augmenting national revenue. This not only aligns with global decarbonisation goals but also positions Nigeria as a proactive participant in the international energy transition movement.

During a courtesy visit to the NUPRC by the United Kingdom's First Secretary for Climate Diplomacy, Ms. Samantha Harrison, these strategies were further underscored. The UK has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Nigeria in its energy transition, highlighting the importance of collaboration to reduce gas flaring—an essential aspect of Nigeria's broader decarbonisation strategy. Harrison noted that dialogues during the visit revolved around potential partnerships aimed at fostering climate-resilient development, which could pave the way for long-term economic growth in Nigeria.

The NUPRC's proactive stance is buoyed by partnerships with multilateral organisations like the World Bank and initiatives associated with Net Zero World. Engr. Komolafe expressed optimism about future collaborations, asserting that ongoing efforts are essential to enhance the commission’s decarbonisation objectives. Such collaborations represent a strategic alignment with international climate goals, as nations worldwide are increasingly prioritising sustainable development practices.

Despite this positive momentum, the path to realizing these ambitious objectives will require significant investment and stakeholder engagement. Observers note that While governmental commitment is critical, attracting private sector investment and fostering community involvement are equally vital for the success of initiatives like the NGFCP. This multi-faceted approach is essential not only for achieving immediate environmental benefits but also for ensuring the long-term viability of Nigeria’s energy sector in a rapidly changing global landscape.

As Nigeria joins the ranks of nations prioritising sustainable energy practices, the outcome of these initiatives will be closely monitored. Ultimately, the success of the NUPRC's strategies will depend on effective implementation, alongside continued support from international partners such as the UK, who are keen to foster responsible and resilient energy practices in Nigeria.

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