

NIGERIA'S ENERGY ROUNDUP FOR THE YEAR 2025

Introduction

The energy landscape in Nigeria throughout 2025 has been defined by a strategic shift toward systemic reliability and international synergy. These outlooks are not merely retrospective milestones but are the primary determinants for next year's activities, providing the momentum for projects like the Aba Integrated Power Project expansion and the Liberty Free Trade Zone hydrogen hub to take an even more definitive shape in 2026.

Note: *The information provided below is a retrospective summary of industry developments based on reported events and public policy updates. It is intended for informational and educational purposes only and does not constitute financial advice, investment recommendations, or economic projections.*

Here is a detailed look at the major events that shaped the Nigerian energy sector in 2025:

Dangote Refinery's Record Price Cut to ₦699/Litre¹

On December 11, 2025, the Dangote Refinery crashed the gantry price of PMS to ₦699 per litre. This 16% reduction significantly eased the inflationary pressure on transportation, forcing private importers to adjust their prices and effectively ending the era of total reliance on expensive foreign refined fuel.

Dangote Refinery Plans for 2026 NGX Listing and Dollar² Dividends

Aliko Dangote confirmed that the \$20 billion refinery will list on the Nigerian Exchange (NGX) in 2026. In a revolutionary move for the Nigerian capital market, the refinery will allow investors to buy shares in Naira while paying out dividends in US Dollars, targeting a market cap of \$200 billion.

1. [Dangote petrol price drops to ₦699 with 10-day credit](#)

2. [Dangote to list 10% refinery stake on NGX, pay dividends in US Dollars - Nairametrics](#)

BUA Refinery Progress in Akwa Ibom ³

The BUA Group provided a major update on its 200,000bpd refinery and petrochemical plant in Ibeno, Akwa Ibom State. In early 2025, the company debunked rumors of 90% completion but confirmed that construction is "progressing steadily" in collaboration with partners like Axens of France. The project is on track to meet its revised delivery timelines, aiming to produce Euro-V quality fuels for the domestic market.



The 2025 Block Licensing Round Launch ⁴

On December 1, 2025, the NUPRC formally opened a massive licensing round offering 50 oil and gas blocks. This round is unique because it leverages the transparency of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) 2021, using a digitalized bidding process. By removing human discretion, Nigeria aims to attract \$10 billion in fresh capital, with a target of adding 2 billion barrels to the national reserves by 2026.

Seplat Revives 400 Idle Wells ⁵

Following its landmark \$1.28 billion acquisition of ExxonMobil's onshore assets, Seplat Energy Plc moved to revive over 400 dormant wells in January 2025. The company plans to ramp up production from 50,000 bpd to 120,000 bpd within six months. This project is a bellwether for indigenous capacity, proving that local players can manage complex brownfield assets more efficiently than exiting IOCs.

3. [*BUA gives update on completion of \\$3.8bn refinery - Daily Post Nigeria*](#)

4. [*Official Launch of the 2025 Block Licensing Round*](#)

5. [*https://businessday.ng/energy/article/after-acquiring-exxonmobil-seplat-moves-to-revive-400-oil-wells/*](https://businessday.ng/energy/article/after-acquiring-exxonmobil-seplat-moves-to-revive-400-oil-wells/)

\$20 Billion Ogidigben Gas Industrial Park Deal ⁶

In January, Alpha GRIP Management Company (AGMC) and the China National Chemical Engineering Corporation (CNCEC) signed an MoU to develop the \$20 billion Ogidigben Gas Revolution Industrial Park (GRIP). Located in Delta State, this 2,700-hectare facility will be Africa's largest gas transformation base, featuring fertilizer plants and a methanol plant to maximize Nigeria's 209 Tcf of gas reserves.

NNPC/First E&P's Major Discovery in OML 85 ⁷

In March, the Joint Venture announced a significant find at the Songhai Field. The well logged over 1,000 feet of hydrocarbon-bearing sands, showing excellent reservoir properties. This discovery reinforces the "Project 1MMBOPD" goal, as the field is fast-tracked for development to begin contributing to the national grid and export by late 2026.



6. <https://gbc1.net/index.php/2025/01/16/agmc-and-cncec-sign-20b-mou-to-implement-ogidigben-gas-revolution-industrial-park-in-nigeria/>

7. https://www.rigzone.com/news/firstnnpc_jv_confirms_significant_hydrocarbon_discovery-14-mar-2025-179921-article/

The Advance Cargo Declaration Solution ⁸

To tackle the systemic issue of oil theft, the NUPRC launched the Advance Cargo Declaration regime in June. This digital portal requires every vessel to have a Unique Identification Number (UIN) before loading. By integrating tracking with export permits, Nigeria aims to eliminate "illegal topping" and under-reporting, which has historically cost the nation billions.

Launch of 5 Mini-LNG Plants in Ajaokuta ⁹

In January, NNPC began construction on five mini-LNG plants in Kogi State. These facilities are designed to bypass pipeline limitations, allowing gas to be transported by truck to northern industrial hubs. This "virtual pipeline" model is expected to provide cheaper energy for local industries by early 2026.

Afreximbank's \$3 Billion Oil Import Financing ¹⁰

In April, Afreximbank launched a \$3 billion revolving programme to facilitate intra-African oil trade. For Nigeria, this provides the liquidity needed to transition from an exporter of crude to a regional hub for refined products, supporting the supply chains of the new domestic refineries.

Oando's Expansion into Angola ¹¹

Signaling the arrival of Nigerian "super-independents," Oando Plc won the bid for Block KON 13 in Angola in January. This move diversifies their portfolio across the Kwanza Basin, marking one of the first major upstream expansions by a Nigerian firm into another African OPEC nation.



8. NUPRC LAUNCHES TRANSPARENCY-DRIVEN INITIATIVES IN UPSTREAM AND GAS SECTOR – Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission

9. NNPC Ltd, Partners Launch 97mmscf/d Capacity Five Mini-LNG Plants in Ajaokuta ...As FG Restates Commitment to Use Gas for Economic Growth, Development

10. Afreximbank launches US\$3 Billion Revolving Intra-African Oil Import Financing Programme - African Export-Import Bank

11. Oando expands upstream footprint with Angola's oil assets win - Businessday NG

The Africa Energy Bank (AEB) Launch ¹²

Headquartered in Abuja, the \$5 billion Africa Energy Bank became operational in Q1 2025. Backed by APPO and Afreximbank, the AEB acts as a shield against global fossil fuel divestment, ensuring that African oil and gas projects remain bankable despite international climate pressures.

Launch of the ₦4 Trillion Power Sector Bond ¹³ and Issues First Tranche (₦590 Billion) to GenCos. ¹⁴

President Tinubu approved the Presidential Power Sector Debt Reduction Plan, authorizing a ₦4 trillion bond to settle verified arrears owed to Generation Companies (GenCos) and gas suppliers. This is the largest fiscal intervention in the sector's history, aimed at clearing a decade-long "liquidity chokehold."

In December 2025, the government floated the Series 1 bond of ₦590 billion. This included ₦300 billion in cash for the market and ₦290 billion in non-cash instruments directly allotted to GenCos. This liquidity injection allows GenCos to pay gas suppliers and perform maintenance on "stranded" plants, aiming to increase grid capacity by 2026.

Nigeria-China €7.6 Billion Green Hydrogen Deal ¹⁵

Nigeria signed a massive deal with LONGi Green Energy and APPL Hydrogen in February to produce 54,000 tons of green hydrogen annually. The project, centered in Akwa Ibom, will utilize solar power to generate hydrogen for export to Europe, positioning Nigeria as a pioneer in the global green chemical market.



NERC Transfers Regulatory Oversight to 10 States ¹⁶

By January 10, 2025, NERC began transferring regulatory power to 10 states, including Lagos, Enugu, and Oyo. States like Enugu and Ekiti have already taken full control, creating their own state commissions to license local power projects, which will lead to more competitive sub-national electricity markets in 2026.

Nigeria-China Renewable Energy Research Centre ¹⁷

In April, the Energy Commission of Nigeria (ECN) and China Energy signed an MoU to establish a Research Centre. This is not just a policy agreement; it focuses on localizing the manufacturing of solar and wind components, aiming to reduce the cost of renewable installations by 30% through indigenous production.

Transgrid Enerco Acquires Eko Disco ¹⁸

A consortium led by Stanbic IBTC and Axxela acquired a 60% stake in Eko Disco for over \$200 million in January. This deal is significant because it brings gas infrastructure experts (Axxela) directly into the distribution space, likely leading to more gas-to-power embedded generation in Lagos.



16. *Electricity: Nigerian Govt announces transfer of regulatory oversight to 10 states - Daily Post Nigeria*

17. *Nigeria and China Launch Renewable Energy Research Centre*

18. *Transgrid Enerco acquires 60% stake in Nigeria's second largest DisCo - Businessday NG*

REA's Renewable Asset Management Company¹⁹

The Rural Electrification Agency (REA) secured approval in March to establish the Renewable Asset Management Company. This entity will manage over N500 million in assets (like solar grids in universities), using them as leverage to raise N1 trillion for further rural electrification without relying solely on government grants.

MDGIF Unlocks N287 Billion for Gas Infrastructure²⁰

By November 2025, the Midstream and Downstream Gas Infrastructure Fund (MDGIF) announced it had invested over N287 billion across 62 strategic gas projects. This funding, backed by the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA), targeted the expansion of CNG stations, LPG terminals, and mini-LNG plants, effectively de-risking the sector for private players and signaling the government's transition from "policy" to "heavy capital deployment."

Afreximbank Partners with MDGIF for \$500 Million Facility²¹

To further bridge the infrastructure gap, Afreximbank signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the MDGIF to provide a \$500 million credit facility. This partnership focuses on providing senior debt and equity contributions to accelerate the modernization of Nigeria's gas sector, ensuring that the 2025–2027 rollout of CNG mother-and-daughter stations remains financially insulated from domestic currency volatility.

19. [REA Establishes Renewable Asset Management Company, Targets N500bn Funding](#)

20. [MDGIF invests N287 billion in gas infrastructure, unlocks \\$500m funding - Nairametrics](#)

21. [Afreximbank and MDGIF sign strategic MoU to accelerate development of gas infrastructure in Nigeria - African Export-Import Bank](#)



Dangote Deploys 4,000 CNG Trucks for Nationwide Distribution ²²

In a massive N720 billion move, the Dangote Petroleum Refinery completed the phased receipt of 4,000 factory-built CNG trucks by late 2025. These trucks, imported in batches from China, are being used for the direct distribution of petrol and diesel across Nigeria. By running on CNG, the fleet reduces logistics costs by an estimated 40%, a saving that Aliko Dangote announced would be passed down to help lower the pump price of fuel for Nigerians.

Conclusion

The events of 2025 mark a fundamental pivot in the trajectory of the national energy landscape. For decades, the sector was defined by structural bottlenecks and a heavy reliance on external refined products; however, this year has seen those legacy challenges met with unprecedented domestic solutions. The transition from a centralized, import-dependent model to a decentralized, gas-forward industrial base is no longer a strategic plan on paper, it is now an operational reality.

By de-risking infrastructure through targeted midstream funding and scaling local logistics with thousands of new gas-powered heavy-duty vehicles, the industry has achieved a level of integration previously unseen. These shifts, coupled with the move toward state-led electricity regulation and a diversified renewable mix, have laid a foundation for long-term stability.

This progress has been driven by a focus on local value creation, ensuring that the wealth of natural resources directly supports domestic transportation, manufacturing, and power generation.

As the initiatives of 2025 move from their rollout phases into full operational maturity, the momentum appears to be shifting toward a self-sustaining cycle of growth and efficiency. With the framework for a competitive, market-driven energy economy now firmly in place, we can only imagine what 2026 will look like.



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