



Where Strategy *Meets* *Execution*

400+

Senior delegates from across the global energy community

35+

Countries represented including African ministers and NOCs

200+

Companies from the global energy supply chain

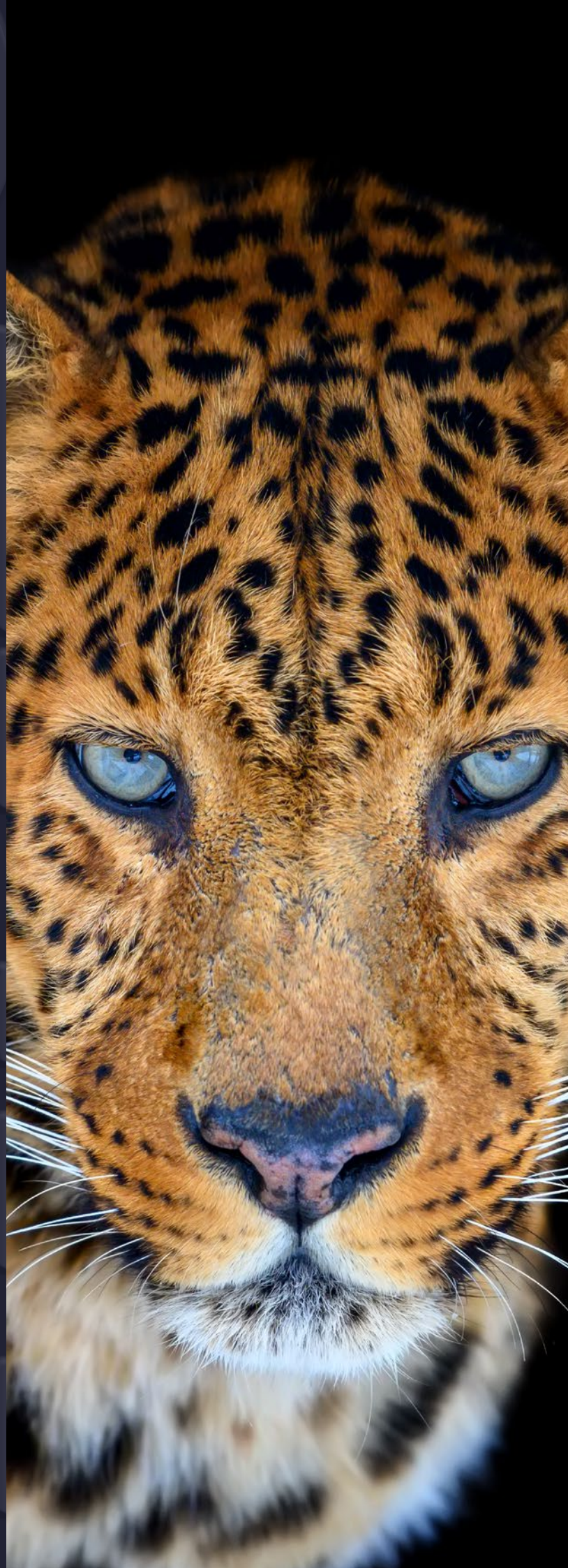
40+

Expert speakers from operators, government and finance

1st - 2nd December '26

The Pullman London
St Pancras

London



Powering the partnerships that will define *Africa's upstream decade*

The Wider African Energy Summit returns for its third year in London on 1 and 2 December 2026.

Now in its most ambitious edition yet, WAES brings together Africa's energy sector and the international supply chain at a moment of genuine inflexion: capital is returning to African upstream, regulatory reform is opening new markets, and the partnership imperative has never been more urgent.

This is not a conference about what might happen. Every session, every forum and every structured meeting at WAES is designed around a single purpose: the deals, contracts and partnerships that turn African energy potential into production reality.

For operators and NOCs, WAES provides direct access to the technology providers, service companies and financiers who can execute.

For the supply chain, it is the single most concentrated opportunity to meet the procurement decision makers who control African upstream spend.

For financiers, it is where bankable projects and the teams delivering them are in the room together.

\$41B

African upstream capex in 2026

Greenfield spending is rising to 55% of total capex, creating procurement opportunities across every tier of the supply chain.

\$17B

FDI attracted under Nigeria's PIA

Regulatory reform is turning strategy into investment, with Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal and Namibia emerging as investor-friendly frontiers.

\$2.5B

Namibia Venus subsea contracts

TotalEnergies' Orange Basin FID in 2026 will trigger the largest single subsea supply chain opportunity in African history.

13+

MMTPA LNG in heavy construction

TotalEnergies' Mozambique LNG project enters heavy construction from Q3 2026, alongside Eni's Coral Norte FLNG.

WAES 2026 history: *Launched in Accra in 2024, WAES established the model for African upstream execution events. The 2025 Aberdeen edition connected Africa's opportunities with Europe's technology hub. London 2026 is the largest and most international edition, positioned at the heart of the global energy finance community.*





The Pullman London

and three unforgettable evenings

The Pullman London St Pancras

One of London's most distinctive conference venues, the Pullman sits between King's Cross and Euston, the two most internationally connected rail hubs in the capital. The Pullman is the only London hotel with a 446-seat tiered auditorium, a 350 sq m pillar-free exhibition hall, 13 breakout suites and a panoramic 15th floor business room, all under one roof.

For African delegations, the location is unmatched: Heathrow is 35 minutes direct on the Elizabeth line, with non-stop flights from Lagos, Accra, Luanda, Nairobi, Maputo and Windhoek all serving London.

The Nile

Main conference stage · Shaw Theatre
446 seats

The Congo

Exhibition hall
Nobel Suite
351 sq m

BREAKOUT ROOMS

The Niger · The Orange
The Rovuma
The Volta · The Zambezi
The Senegal

INVESTMENT FORUM

Business Playground
15th floor
Panoramic London views · invite-only

The social programme

Sunday 30 November · Evening

VIP Pre-Summit Dinner

The Baptist at L'Oscar London · Holborn · Grade II listed 1856 octagonal chapel

A select dinner for ministers, operators and senior industry figures in one of London's most extraordinary private dining spaces. A restored Victorian chapel beneath a glass-topped dome, with a hand-painted mezzanine gallery and a mirrored bar below. The evening before WAES opens — where the conversations that become partnerships begin.

VIP invitation only · 60 guests

Monday 1 December · 17:30 to 18:30

Happy Hour

GA KingsX at The Pullman · Euston Road

Hosted drinks at The Pullman's bar following Day One sessions. The natural end-of-day gathering — an hour of conversation before the evening takes delegates to Bloomsbury. Group transfer departs at 18:30.

All delegates

Monday 1 December · From 19:00

Evening Reception

Bloomsbury Big Top · 93 Guilford Street · WC1N 1DN

London's most spectacular and unexpected event venue, a permanent Big Top in central Bloomsbury with capacity for 2,000 guests, a full AV and lighting rig, and in-house catering. The social centrepiece of WAES 2026 and the moment the full summit community comes together.

All delegates and guests





Day One — Monday 1 December

Strategic Vision · Technology · Infrastructure



The Nile Stage · Shaw Theatre · The Pullman · London St Pancras

All plenary sessions take place in the Nile, the largest tiered auditorium attached to any London hotel. The Congo Exhibition Hall is open throughout both days for networking, supplier meetings and the Africa Energy Marketplace.



PROGRAMME | DAY 1

08:00 Registration and Breakfast Networking

The Congo Exhibition Hall open. Delegates arrive, register and meet suppliers across the Africa Energy Marketplace. GEN app meeting scheduling active from this point.

09:00 OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome Address and Summit Overview

Setting the context for WAES 2026: transforming Africa's energy supply chain through technology, investment and local value creation. Introduction of the Energy Synergy concept connecting upstream execution to Africa's broader energy development.

09:20 Opening keynote

The State of African Energy in 2026: Investment, Technology and the Execution Imperative

Senior African Energy Minister or IOC Regional President. A panoramic assessment of Africa's energy landscape — the investment outlook, the project pipeline, cost challenges, and the technology and supply chain partnerships critical to turning exploration success into production reality.

10:00 Leadership dialogue

Drilling the Next Generation of Wells: Cost, Efficiency and Local Capability

3 to 4 C-level executives sharing real cost data and efficiency gains from recent African drilling campaigns. A frank discussion on innovative techniques cutting costs 20 to 30%, well construction lessons, supply chain constraints and skills transfer. Platinum and Gold sponsors invited to participate. Interactive Q&A with audience.

11:00 Coffee Break and Exhibition Networking

Technology demonstrations in the Africa Energy Marketplace. Supplier meetings and informal conversations in The Congo Exhibition Hall.

11:30 Platinum sponsor

Thought Leadership Presentation — Main Stage

15-minute keynote presentation on The Nile stage. Thought leadership content delivering actionable insight aligned with the summit's themes — not a sales pitch.

12:00 Fireside chat

Unlocking Deepwater Value: Subsea Innovation and Floating Production

NOC CEO or Deepwater Project Director in intimate conversation on subsea CAPEX reduction, FPSO economics, international partnership models and lessons from recent deepwater discoveries. Moderated by senior industry analyst.

13:00 Networking Lunch

The Congo Exhibition Hall open. Private meeting rooms available for pre-scheduled discussions via the GEN app.

14:15 Market spotlight

Featured Partner Country Investment Showcase

Government Minister, NOC CEO and Investment Promotion Agency presenting current licensing rounds, upcoming tenders, local content requirements and practical guidance on market entry. Followed by structured Q&A and facilitated matchmaking with in-country decision makers.

15:15 Innovation showcase

Digital Oilfield and the Future of Energy Operations

Fast-paced format — 4 presentations of 10 minutes each including a Gold Sponsor slot. AI for predictive maintenance, digital twins, IoT reservoir management and cybersecurity. No death by PowerPoint: timer enforced.

16:30 CEO roundtable

Financing African Energy Projects: What Makes Deals Bankable

African DFI, UK Export Finance, commercial bank energy finance head, private equity fund manager and project finance advisor discussing what they look for, how they structure deals and where the bottlenecks are. Sponsor plenary participation available.

17:30 Day One Wrap-Up and Day Two Preview

Key takeaways from the day and a preview of tomorrow's programme.

17:30 Happy Hour

Happy Hour at The Pullman GA KingsX Bar

Hosted drinks at The Pullman for all delegates. Group transfer to Bloomsbury Big Top departs 18:30.

19:00 Evening reception

WAES Evening Reception Bloomsbury Big Top

Open to all delegates and guests. Up to 2,000 guests, full AV and lighting rig, in-house catering. 93 Guilford Street, Bloomsbury WC1N 1DN.





Day Two — Tuesday 2 December

Execution · Local Value Creation · Partnerships



The Congo · Nobel Suite ·

The Pullman · London St Pancras

The Nobel Suite at the Pullman London is a versatile ground-floor event space used in conjunction with the adjacent Shaw Theatre. The Congo Exhibition Hall is open throughout both days for networking, supplier meetings and the Africa Energy Marketplace.



PROGRAMME | DAY 2

08:30 Breakfast and Morning Networking
 The Congo Exhibition Hall open. Final opportunity to schedule morning meetings via the GEN app before sessions begin.

09:00 Keynote
Brownfield Renaissance: Extending Asset Life Profitably
 Senior Operations Director from a major operator. Africa holds billions of barrels in mature fields that are underperforming or approaching end of life. This keynote makes the investment case for brownfield optimisation – the technologies, the economics and the case studies that show how operators are adding 10 or more years to ageing assets.

09:30 Fireside chat
Gas: Africa's Transition Fuel – Monetisation, Infrastructure and Investment
 An intimate conversation with an African gas industry leader on LNG versus domestic gas strategies, FLNG technology, stranded gas economics and the infrastructure investment required to unlock Africa's vast gas reserves. Gas monetisation sits at the intersection of upstream production and Africa's industrialisation agenda.

10:30 Coffee Break and Exhibition
 Continued supplier engagement and Africa Energy Marketplace activity in The Congo.

11:00 Gold sponsor
Thought Leadership Presentation – Main Stage
 10-minute focused thought leadership presentation by the WAES Gold Sponsor, sharing insight on a topic aligned with Day Two's execution and partnerships theme.

11:10 Leadership dialogue
Building the African Upstream Workforce: Skills Transfer, Local Value Creation and Capability Development
 Training academy director, NOC HR and capability development head, international contractor with a localisation programme, and local content regulator on closing the skills gap at scale, expatriate-to-local transitions and the local value creation frameworks that ensure African communities benefit from the projects in their basins.

12:10 Deal-making forum
Working Lunch and Deal-Making Forum
 WAES's signature structured matchmaking session. Pre-scheduled 20-minute meetings via the GEN app between operators and pre-qualified suppliers, financiers and project sponsors, and potential JV partners. Private meeting rooms available. Lunch served throughout. The single most commercially productive session at the summit.

13:30 Procurement forum
Operator Procurement Forum: How to Win Our Business
 A WAES original. 3 to 4 operators and NOCs present their procurement pipelines, qualification requirements and upcoming tender timelines, then take questions focused on "how do I get on your vendor list?" Followed by structured networking with procurement teams. The most valuable session for supply chain companies seeking African upstream contracts.

14:30 Spotlight session
Women in African Energy: Leadership, Opportunity and the Path Forward
 A candid conversation with 2 to 3 senior women leaders in African energy on the leadership pipeline, the business case for gender diversity, mentorship models that work and the policies translating rhetoric into real progress.

15:00 Energy synergy
How Upstream Capabilities Power Africa's Broader Energy Future
 NOC executive, renewable energy developer, EPC leader and African supply chain company CEO on how fabrication yards, offshore logistics companies and upstream engineering expertise are creating the foundation for solar, wind and broader energy development. Positioning African supply chain companies for multi-sector opportunities.

15:40 Afternoon Refreshments and Final Exhibition Networking
 Last opportunity for meetings, exhibition visits and Africa Energy Marketplace engagement in The Congo.

16:00 Closing summit
The Year Ahead: 2027 Upstream Projects, Opportunities and the African Energy Outlook
 High-level panel of operators, analysts, government officials and financiers. Major projects approaching FID in 2027, upcoming licensing rounds across Africa, technology trends, market outlook and regional hotspots. Where the investment and partnership opportunities lie in the year ahead.

17:00 Closing Remarks and Summit Wrap-Up
WAES Leadership. Preview of WAES 2027.

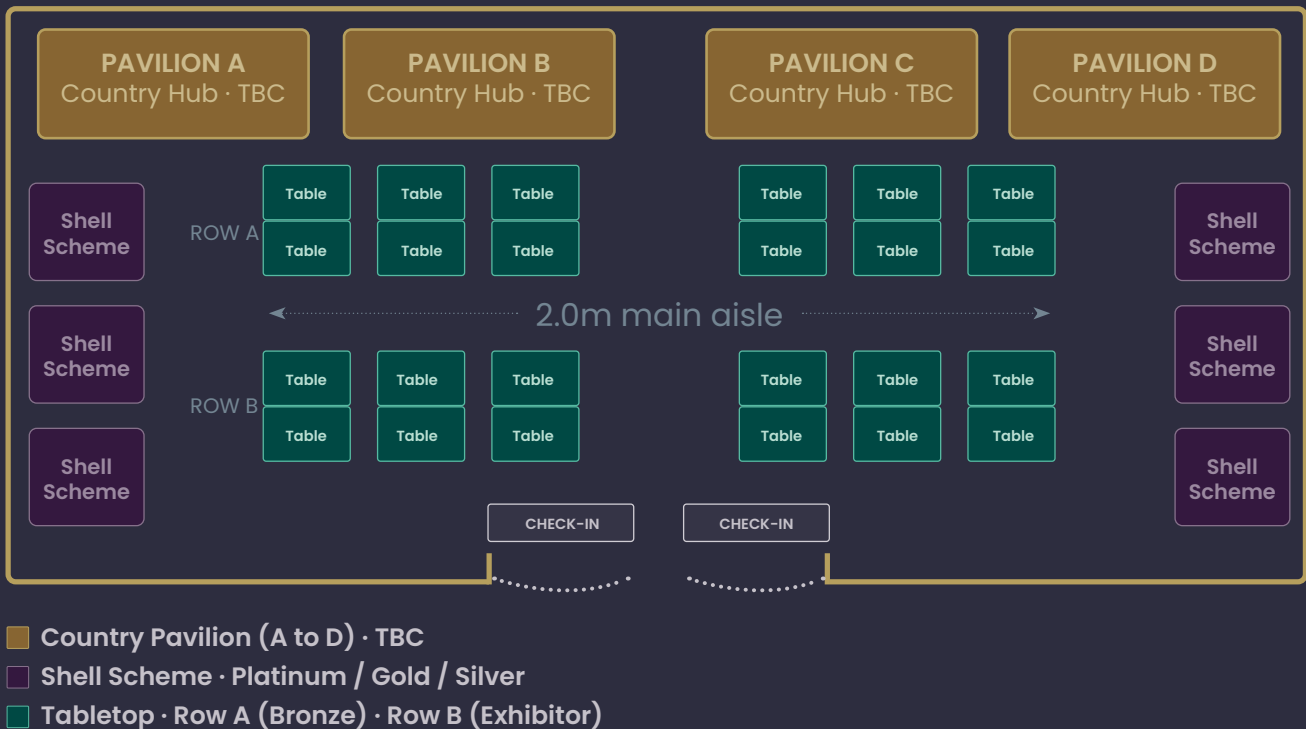
The Congo

Africa Energy Marketplace

The Congo Exhibition Hall occupies the full Nobel Suite at The Pullman — approximately 351 sq m of pillar-free space operated as a single combined room, with the partition wall removed. It is open throughout both days, running from registration to close, and is the commercial engine of the summit.

With a confirmed 2.0m main aisle between island rows A and B, the hall is designed for comfort and movement — delegates circulate naturally between country pavilions, exhibitor stands and the Africa Energy Marketplace without the congestion that characterises smaller exhibition floors.

THE CONGO · EXHIBITION HALL · SCHEMATIC LAYOUT



Pavilion

Country Pavilion (A, B, C, D)

Top wall. ~5.0m × 2.3m · ~11.5 sq m. The largest individual stand at the event, anchored against the operator delegation zone. Branded backdrop, fascia, table and 3 chairs.

Shell

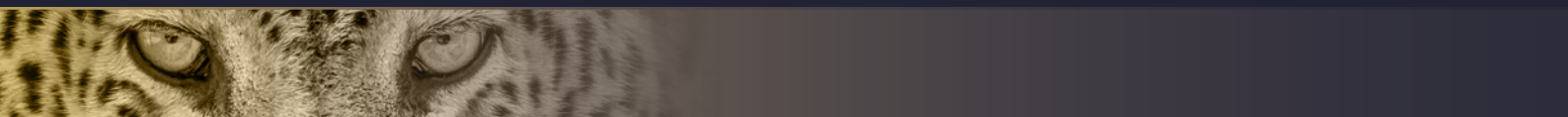
Shell Scheme (Platinum, Gold, Silver)

Perimeter walls. ~2.6m × 2.2m · 4m² stand including walled panels, fascia, carpet and power. 6 positions across left and right walls.

Table

Tabletop Stand (Bronze and Exhibitor)

Island rows. ~1.8m wide tabletop. Row A (Bronze) faces the country pavilions — highest footfall position. Row B (standard exhibitor) is the main island. 24 stands total.



Exhibitor stand

what is included

All exhibitor stands include the following as standard.

Tabletop Exhibitor Stand

- 1 all-access delegate pass for WAES 2026 (both days)
- Tabletop stand in The Congo – 1 table (1.8m), 2 chairs, power supply and socket
- Space for roller banner display
- Company bio included in the WAES event brochure
- Branding in promotional material, WAES website and social media
- Access to Happy Hour at The Pullman (Day 1, 17:30)
- Access to evening reception at Bloomsbury Big Top

Pricing

GEN Network member: £2,100 + VAT

Non-member: £2,500 + VAT

GEN Network members save £400. Annual membership is £540. Join before booking your stand and save £2,460 overall.

Contact sales@globalenergynetwork.net

Graphics Support

The GEN in house creative team can design roller banners, backdrop graphics and stand branding to ensure your exhibition presence is professional and on brand. Contact the team at studioinfo@waesummit.com

Delegate pricing

£975

Full rate + VAT

£750

GEN Community
Member rate + VAT

Group discounts available: 5 or more delegates 15% off · 10 or more 20% off. Contact info@waesummit.com for group bookings.

Partner with *Africa's premier energy execution platform*

WAES 2026 offers direct access to Africa's energy sector decision makers, procurement teams and government officials. Every package is built around measurable commercial engagement rather than passive brand visibility. Six partnership levels — each with a defined floor position, stage presence and social programme access.

Platinum

Platinum Sponsor

£25,000 + VAT

Shell scheme

- **Premium corner shell scheme** in The Congo — top perimeter, highest footfall
- Exclusive use of a named breakout room for the full event duration (private meetings and operator briefings)
- Lanyard, event brochure and 3 plenary session sponsorships on The Nile stage
- 10 delegate passes · 5 VIP dinner passes at The Baptist, L'Oscar London
- Sponsorship of the VIP pre-summit dinner
- 15-minute keynote on The Nile stage
- Invitation to 2 panel sessions on The Nile stage
- 3 thought leadership pieces · 1 podcast episode · 1 video interview
- Priority access to the WAES delegate matching programme
- Happy Hour at The Pullman and Bloomsbury Big Top (10 passes)

Gold

Gold Sponsor

£15,000 + VAT

Shell scheme

- Shell scheme in The Congo — wall mid-position with full aisle frontage
- Choice: registration desk sponsorship, opening video or opening Nile stage session
- 6 delegate passes · 2 VIP dinner passes at The Baptist, L'Oscar London
- 10-minute presentation on The Nile stage
- Invitation to 2 panel sessions on The Nile stage
- 3 thought leadership pieces · 1 video interview
- Happy Hour at The Pullman and Bloomsbury Big Top (6 passes)
- Acknowledged as Gold sponsor on all signage, website, brochure and social media

Upgraded for 2026

Silver Sponsor

£10,000 + VAT

Shell scheme

- Shell scheme in The Congo (bottom perimeter, high entry footfall). Upgraded from tabletop for 2026.
- 4 delegate passes · 1 VIP dinner pass at The Baptist, L'Oscar London
- Invitation to participate in or sponsor a plenary session on The Nile stage
- 2 thought leadership pieces · 1 video interview
- Happy Hour at The Pullman and Bloomsbury Big Top (4 passes)
- Acknowledged as Silver sponsor on all signage, website, brochure and social media Shell scheme in The Congo

Exhibition stand

Exhibitor Stand

£2100/£2500 + VAT

Tabletop

- Tabletop stand in The Congo exhibition hall (standard island position)
- 1 all-access delegate pass
- Table (1.8m), 2 chairs, power supply, roller banner space
- Bio in WAES brochure and branding in promotional material
- Happy Hour at The Pullman and Bloomsbury Big Top
- GEN member rate: £2,100 + VAT
- Non-member: £2,500 + VAT

Exhibition stand

Premium Exhibitor Stand

£6000/£5500 + VAT

Shell Scheme

- Walled shell scheme in the The Congo exhibition hall
- 2 all-access delegate pass
- Table, 2 chairs, power supply
- Bio in WAES brochure and branding in promotional material
- 1 VIP dinner pass at the Baptist, L'Oscar
- Happy Hour at The Pullman and Bloomsbury Big Top
- Stage time on the Nile stage (15 minutes)

Bronze

Bronze Sponsor

£7,500 + VAT

Tabletop

- Tabletop stand in Row A of The Congo — facing the operator hubs, the highest footfall island position at the event
- 3 delegate passes · 1 VIP dinner pass at The Baptist, L'Oscar London
- Invitation to participate in or sponsor a plenary session on The Nile stage
- 1 thought leadership piece via WAES website and GEN platform
- Happy Hour at The Pullman and Bloomsbury Big Top (3 passes)
- Acknowledged as Bronze sponsor on signage and event brochure

NEW FOR 2026

Operator Hub

£10,000 + VAT

Country Partner · (Pavilions A to D)

- **Operator Hub in The Congo** the largest stand at the event, anchored to an African country delegation
- Full branding: backdrop, fascia, table and 3 chairs
- 4 delegate passes
- 1 thought leadership piece via WAES and GEN platform
- 1 video interview produced and distributed
- Happy Hour at The Pullman and Bloomsbury Big Top reception (all 4 passes)
- Named on The Congo floor plan and all event materials

NEW FOR 2026

Custom Sponsorship

Custom sponsorship opportunities are available for the Bloomsbury Big Top evening reception, individual Nile stage sessions, breakout room naming, the WAES GEN Intel pre-event report, Happy Hour at The Pullman, delegate Wi-Fi and lanyards.

Contact info@waesummit.com for bespoke packages.

Partner with *Africa's premier energy execution platform*

The room where *African energy* decisions get made

WAES 2026 brings together the complete African energy value chain in a single venue. Operators, NOCs, technology and service companies, financiers, legal advisors, government officials and investment agencies — all with a direct stake in the projects and partnerships being discussed.

The London location places WAES 2026 at the heart of a unique financing and commercial ecosystem: UK Export Finance, Standard Bank's London office, Africa-focused law firms, EPC contractors and European technology providers are all within a mile of The Pullman — making every conversation a short step from execution.

Operators and NOCs	Service and technology	Finance and advisory
ExxonMobil	TechnipFMC	Standard Bank
TotalEnergies	Baker Hughes	Stanbic
Eni	SLB	UK Export Finance
bp	Halliburton	African Development Bank
Shell	Aker Solutions	IFC
Chevron	Wood	Watson Farley Williams
GNPC	Petrofac	White and Case
NNPC	Worley	S&P Global
Sonangol	Subsea7	Wood Mackenzie
ENH Mozambique	McDermott	Rystad Energy
Azule Energy	Saipem	McKinsey
NAMCOR	ABB	Deloitte

Why attend WAES

For operators and national oil companies

Access pre-qualified suppliers and technology providers. Benchmark efficiency strategies across African basins. Meet financing partners for project execution. Structured one-on-one meetings with selected vendors booked before the event via the GEN app.

For supply chain companies

Meet procurement decision makers from across Africa. Showcase technology and services to operators at the Operator Procurement Forum. Understand upcoming tenders and RFIs before they are publicly released. Build partnerships with African local content companies seeking international capability.

For financiers and advisors

Identify bankable projects ready for FID. Meet operators seeking project financing in person, with introductions facilitated by the WAES matchmaking programme. Network with DFIs, commercial banks and private equity. Understand regional investment opportunities from the government officials who shape them.

WAES 2025 sponsors and partners

ABB · CNR International · NOV · Global Maritime · Paradigm · AGL · Altera · Fugro · African Energy Chamber · EIC · SPE International · SABA · UK-Ghana Chamber · Global Energy Network · Subsea UK · AFBE-UK · Energia Africa

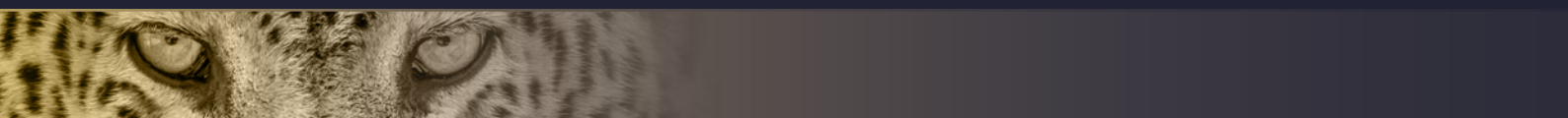
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In partnership with *Global Energy Network*

WAES 2026 is produced in partnership with Global Energy Network (GEN), the leading open-access media, intelligence and community platform for the global energy supply chain. With offices in Aberdeen, Stavanger and Perth, GEN provides WAES with unmatched audience reach across the UK, Norway and Australia – and the market intelligence infrastructure to position the summit as the year-round authority on African energy, not just a two-day event.

92,000+

LinkedIn followers

50,000+

Newsletter subscribers

6M+

Annual website visitors

40%+

Newsletter open rate

GEN publishes 13 weekly intelligence reports covering tenders, M&A, rig movements, FID activity, operator capex and supply chain indicators – available to GEN Network members. In the months leading to WAES 2026, GEN publishes a dedicated WAES Africa edition of the GEN Intel suite, giving 50,000 subscribers advanced sight of the summit's programme, speakers and participating countries.

Every sponsor and exhibitor at WAES 2026 benefits directly from GEN's media reach: video interviews produced at the event are distributed across GEN's platforms; thought leadership pieces are published to GEN's global audience; and company branding appears across GEN's digital channels in the run-up to and following the summit.

GEN Network membership:

WAES exhibitors who are GEN Network members receive the **discounted stand rate of £2,100 (saving £400)** and access to the full GEN Intel suite. Annual membership costs **£540**. Join before booking your stand and **save £2,460** overall. Contact sales@globalenergynetwork.net

Why London for WAES 2026

London is the global capital of African energy finance. No other city concentrates the same breadth of African energy-focused activity within a comparable geography.

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The finance community

UK Export Finance, Standard Bank, Afreximbank, major development finance institutions and the concentration of African energy law firms are all within a mile of The Pullman. London is where African project finance is structured

02

The supply chain gateway

The UK and European supply chain – subsea contractors, FPSO integrators, drilling services, digital technology and EPC firms – are all accessible from London in a way they are not from Accra or Lagos. WAES London brings the market to the supply chain, and the supply chain to the market.

03

African delegation connectivity

London Heathrow serves Lagos, Accra, Luanda, Nairobi, Maputo, Windhoek, Algiers and Cairo with direct flights. St Pancras International connects to Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam. No other UK city gives African delegations this quality of inbound connection.

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The GEN platform advantage

GEN's offices in Aberdeen, Stavanger and Perth mean WAES 2026 is promoted directly and personally to the supply chain communities that matter most – the UK North Sea, the Norwegian Continental Shelf and the Australian market, where African upstream expertise and capital are concentrated



Secure your place at *WAES 2026*



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The Pullman London • St Pancras

Limited delegate, exhibition and sponsorship positions available. The Operator Hub partnerships will be announced before positions are publicly confirmed, contact us to reserve yours.

Sponsorship and partnerships

For Operator Hub, Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze packages and custom sponsorship opportunities.

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Exhibition and stand bookings

For tabletop stands, shell scheme positions and GEN Network member pricing.

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GEN Network:

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Delegate registration

Individual and group delegate passes, early bird pricing and GEN community member rates.

waesummit.com/book-tickets

info@waesummit.com

Speaking and programme enquiries

Speaker proposals, country partnership expressions of interest and Stewardship Council enquiries.

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Proposals deadline: 31 July 2026

Media and press

Press accreditation, media partnerships and GEN Studio video interview bookings at the event.

studioinfo@waesummit.com

Graphics and design support

Roller banners, backdrop graphics, stand branding and event collateral. Produced by The GEN Studio.

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