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Welcome

“ In June this year, the Greater Tortue Ahmeyim Phase 1 project reached another key milestone with the arrival of the floating production Storage and offloading (FPSO) vessel. This final piece of GTA is testament to the hard work and determination of all teams involved and could not have been possible without the steadfast collaboration between our countries.

As we move closer to a safe start-up, it’s inspiring to see the progress made, not only from a technical aspect, but also on the ground through the community projects we have actively participated in. We are enjoying collaborating with and hearing directly from members of the community, we’ve learnt so much!

This helps us continue our commitment to both countries, ensuring they benefit from the progress of GTA. We’re excited to share in this newsletter the work our teams have been doing across the project as we move towards the next chapter of this journey.”



Massaer Cisse
vice-president and
head of country,
Senegal



Mohamed Limam
vice-president and
head of country,
Mauritania

Greater Tortue Ahmeyim (GTA) project

GTA highlights

All of the key components of the GTA development are now in place in field and focus is on the safe start-up of the project.

The floating liquefied natural gas (FLNG) vessel has recently started receiving hydrocarbons as part of the next stage of testing. This has been achieved with the help of the British Sponsor LNG carrier, which has been brought into the GTA Hub with a cargo of LNG, to provide a source of gas for the testing of equipment and early commissioning, before gas is available from the project's own wells.

For Subsea, all significant structures that comprise the subsea system have now been successfully installed and the two pipelines connecting the wells to the Floating Production Storage and Offloading vessel (FPSO) have been prepared, ready for start-up.

The FPSO is progressing well and the team are finalizing and testing readiness for start-up and introduction of gas from the wells.



FLNG gangway to Hub



GTA Phase1

98%

complete



Greater Tortue Ahmeyim (GTA) project

FPSO spotlight

The floating production storage and offloading vessel (FPSO) is the final key element of the GTA project, installed 40km offshore at the Mauritania/Senegal border. Soon after its arrival, mooring was safely completed, with 16 mooring lines and 6 risers connected. Until recently, a temporary accommodation vessel, known as a flotel, was connected to the FPSO, providing additional workforce access in preparation for first gas.

The FPSO is expected to process gas from deep-water wells 2850m below the surface, removing condensate, water and other impurities. It will then export gas via a subsea pipeline to the FLNG facility at the Hub Terminal. Once production begins, the FPSO will process up to 500 million cubic feet of gas per day.

40km
offshore

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VIP visit to FPSO

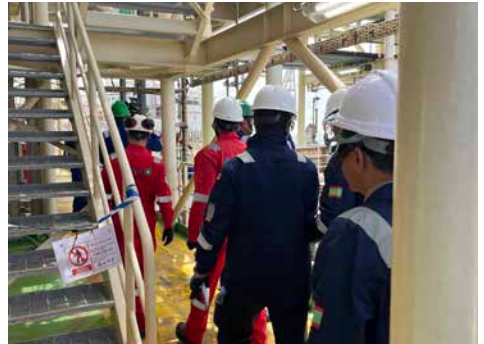
The GTA team recently welcomed a joint visit from Mauritania and Senegal government representatives.



Left to right: SVP M&S Dave Campbell, former Petroleum, Mines and Energy Minister of Mauritania Nani Chrougha, Petroleum, Mines and Energy Minister of Senegal Birame Diop

H.E. Nani Chrougha, former Minister of Petroleum, Mines and Energy for Mauritania, and H.E. Birame Souleye Diop, Minister of Petroleum and Energies for Senegal were joined by other distinguished guests from both states, and representatives from project partners, PETROSEN, SMH and Kosmos Energy.

The visit provided our honoured guests with the unique opportunity to tour the FPSO platform and find out about the progress being made towards first gas. Dave Campbell, SVP M&S and the FPSO team hosted the tour, which included meeting our colleagues from Mauritania and Senegal who are working in critical roles from catering to process engineering. The visitors were able to witness first-hand, the sheer size and scale of the facility. To close the tour, guests were treated to the warm and generous hospitality of Mauritanian and Senegalese culture by the local hire catering team who provided a special luncheon and ceremonial cake.



Onboard the FPSO



FPSO ceremonial cake

Sponsorships - Events - Engagements

Saint-Louis jazz festival

From 16 to 20 May earlier this year, we were honoured to return as a sponsor of the Jazz Festival in Saint-Louis for the third consecutive year. For the first time we held an exclusive offsite event hosted by our Mauritania and Senegal heads of countries. The event presented an opportunity to engage with stakeholders from the Saint-Louis community including those from the fishing community. Attendees learned even more about the GTA project, with some experiencing a virtual tour of the GTA field using VR headsets.

We also hosted a booth in the sponsor village providing visitors, both local and international, with the latest updates on the GTA project and its benefits for the region. The festival remains a vital cultural event attracting international performers and guests, and we are proud to be part of its ongoing success.



Jazz festival opening ceremony



Visitors at the offsite event



Saint-Louis Regattas

bp is proud to be one of the key sponsors of the Saint-Louis cultural regatta, for the fourth consecutive year. Held in August, the regatta enables the showcase of excellence on the water through skill, endurance and teamwork, as well as celebrating culture and art.

Members of the GTA project team attended the event again this year and thoroughly enjoyed the energy and pace of the atmosphere. This event attracts global interest and sailing enthusiasts, boosting local tourism and bringing excitement to participants and spectators alike.



Spectators on the Saint-Louis Faïdherbe bridge



Celebrating the winners



One of the Regatta teams greets the crowd before the race begins

International Women's Day

On March 7, bp Mauritania celebrated International Women's Day by hosting a Women in Energy event focusing on empowering women in the energy sector. The event took place at Hotel Fasq in Nouakchott with over 80 attendees providing networking opportunities and professional development through educational sessions. Key discussions addressed strategies to minimize obstacles for women in the industry, promoting a more inclusive environment. The event also showcased bp's commitment to diversity and inclusion in Mauritania and Senegal. The event was a success, offering valuable resources and inspiration for women pursuing careers in the energy industry.



Speakers right to left: M&S finance manager Asma Dey, former M&S procurement manager Sarah Taylor, Fatimetou Belamech from APIM



Event attendees

Local content - social investment

Institute of Energy Young
Professional Award winner

Thierno Talla

A big congratulations to Senegalese GTA apprentice technician Thierno Talla who received the prestigious Institute of Energy Young Professional award earlier this year.

The award recognizes future outstanding energy leaders, with candidates being assessed by their contribution to the industry through innovation, drive and passion. Thierno was recognized for 'contributing to a positive change in providing clean energy to vulnerable communities in Senegal and advancing sustainability in oil and gas' at the prestigious awards ceremony held in London.



Thierno Talla left, receiving his award

We are very proud of Thierno who is currently on operational placement before returning to Senegal to be an operator on the GTA project, with his fellow colleagues from the GTA apprentice technician programme.



Left to right: SVP Engineering Aleida Rios, VP M&S Rebecca King, award winner Thierno Talla, EVP production and operations Gordon Birrell, runner up winner Heather Legan

FPSO arrival fishing safety campaign

To prepare for the arrival of the FPSO, bp Community Liaison Officers and Fishing Liaison Officers launched an extensive awareness safety campaign from Nouadhibou to N'diago (Mauritania), and in Saint-Louis (Senegal).

Their objective was to inform and prepare fishermen and local stakeholders of the large vessel's arrival.

The campaign engaged fishing federations, community leaders, and local authorities including the Governor, Coastguards and Navy. Focus group discussions facilitated dialogue and flyers were distributed with detailed maps showing the FPSO's planned route and GPS coordinates. These engagements allowed for in-depth discussions around certain safety measures needed for the safety of the local fishing communities.



Senior community liaison officer Aminata Ndiaye delivering the safety campaign in Saint-Louis



Community liaison officer Haja Lehoueij with members of the Nouakchott fishing community

Our partners within the communities and the fishermen play an integral role in ensuring that together we continue to maintain the safety of our communities. This activity served to highlight bp's long-term commitment to the safety of the people and communities in Mauritania and Senegal.



Community liaison officer Haja Lehoueij delivering the safety campaign in Nouakchott

Water project inauguration

bp, and GTA partners SMH and Kosmos Energy, have completed a \$900,000 water project in N'diogo, providing clean drinking water to over 3,000 residents. The project, featuring a 200m³ water tower and an extended pipeline system, was inaugurated on 9 May 2024 with local authorities present, including the Governor of Trarza Mohamed Ahmed Maouloud, representatives of the Ministry of Water, and the Mayor of N'diogo, Boydiel Ould Houmeid.

Water from the Senegal River is treated at a new station in Ebden, processing 150m³ per day, benefiting N'diogo and Mboyo islands, and providing clean water to many for the first time.

This project was truly a collaborative effort from both bp and the government represented by the Office National des Services d'Eau en milieu Rural; a government institution responsible for water management in rural areas. Implemented by non-governmental organization Ecodev, this project addresses critical water needs identified through a community assessment. The project has been regarded as a significant social investment by the Mayor of N'diogo, cementing bp's commitment to sustainable development.



Aerial view of the water project

\$900,000

water project in N'diogo, providing clean drinking water to over 3,000 residents

200m³

water tower and an extended pipeline system

3,000

residents will receive clean drinking water



Residents from the local community gather for the inauguration

Fishing Livelihood programme

We launched Phase 4 of our project to improve the livelihoods of fishing communities and their families in Saint-Louis through various targeted initiatives.

Working in partnership with non-governmental organization; Association of the Development of Artisanal Fisheries, the launch in Langue de Barbarie and Gandiol highlighted key initiatives:

- **Maritime Safety Training:** for fishermen's safety at sea.
- **Support for Women Fish Processors:** building smoking ovens and a salt processing center.
- **Exchange Visits:** facilitating knowledge-sharing trips for 15 women in shellfish farming.



Left: Dr Demba Yeum Kane President of ADEPA. Right: bp stakeholder engagement advisor Alioune Dieng

These efforts aim to boost local economies while preserving marine resources. We're grateful to all the partners who contributed to the success of this launch. At bp we remain passionately committed to supporting the communities where we operate and building an equitable future for all.



Attendees

Fishing Safety Forum

The Fishing Safety Forum took place in Saint-Louis, hosted by bp with partners Kosmos Energy, PETROSEN, and in collaboration with marine associations, local authorities, and community stakeholders. Our teams shared an update on the GTA project and its upcoming pre-commissioning phase, to be inclusive of routine operational safety flaring.

A key topic covered was the enforcing of the 500m safety zone around the GTA Hub and FPSO, which is in place for the safety of fishermen, marine traffic, and operational activities.

Safety protocols, including fire safety at sea, were also covered. The forum allowed open dialogue on project concerns, safety measures, and the installation of an artificial reef.



bp stakeholder engagement advisor Amadou Diallo speaking



Centre: former prefect of Saint-Louis Diadia Dia surrounded by reps from PETROSEN, CLPA and bp



Attendees

Ker Entrepreneur Centre Inauguration

In July, bp proudly inaugurated 'Kër Entrepreneur', an entrepreneurship business hub in Saint-Louis supporting regional startups and small businesses. Since its launch in 2021, the Entrepreneur program, also supported by GTA partners bp, Kosmos Energy and Petrosen, is delivered in collaboration with our local partner Concree.

So far over 4,100 people have participated in workshops on how to start a business, of which 210 received micro-finance credits, business coaching and tools to launch their business ideas. Currently 10 young entrepreneurs located in the Langue de Barbarie and Gandiol communities are piloting an aquaculture project with the support of university professors to boost the reproduction of fry fish, which is an important component of Senegalese gastronomy.



Regional Fisheries Inspector Mouhamadou Lamine Diagne addressing the attendees at the Ker Centre opening

This initiative represents a significant achievement in the Saint-Louis region, attracting considerable interest and demonstrating the potential for sustainable fish sourcing alternatives beyond traditional sea fishing. The Kër Entrepreneur Centre aims to sustainably support local talent and entrepreneurs with essential tools for success. We are excited to see this initiative develop, given its ability to empower future talent.



In-office training session



Trainers and participants at shoreline training

Oil spill training for regulators

In 2020, bp committed to providing International Maritime Organization (IMO) level 2 oil spill response training. In July this year the training was successfully delivered to Senegalese regulators, marking a key milestone in local capacity building.

The sessions, provided by Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) and Woodside, were accredited by the Nautical Institute and designed for incident management teams and environmental planning staff. Held in Dakar, the four-day sessions, each attended by up to 20 people, covered marine spill response fundamentals, including shoreline operations, waste management, dispersant use, and monitoring. Sessions for Mauritania regulators are being scheduled at a later date.

Community Consultative Committee meeting

The second Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting took place in Mauritania on 5 March, making significant progress. As a reminder, the CCC's purpose is to identify, review and approve social investment projects, allowing stakeholders to collaborate directly with bp on enhancing their effectiveness and impact.

Attendees approved the rules of procedure, operational manual, and code of conduct, and the GTA project team introduced a complaints management mechanism.

A large part of the meeting focused on challenges and successes in social investment projects, sharing best practices to address regulatory, funding, and monitoring issues. Moving forward, the CCC group committed to improve outreach through greater

communication and stakeholder engagement. The meeting ended with a call to action for participants to support sustainable practices and work collaboratively with Senegalese peers to meet 2024 social investment goals in Saint-Louis. This was followed by the third successful CCC meeting held in September with praise from the Mayor:

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Expectations are high from the communities, but we are delighted with our cooperation with bp. From the beginning of the explorations to the present, bp has worked perfectly with the local communities and has implemented numerous projects to improve access to basic social services in N'diogo.

We look forward to continuing this valuable collaboration with communities and meeting participants.”

Boydjel Ould Houmeid



Attendees and bp staff

Contractor Safety Forum

The bp-led Mauritania and Senegal Contractor Safety Forum, held in Dakar on 7-8 February 2024 focused on GTA project safety.



Attendees



Attendees

Senior management from key contractors gathered with the aim of fostering a strong safety culture, discussing operational risks, bp's safety expectations and the contractors' roles in safe operations, and the impact of safety culture.

With over 70 local and international contractors involved in the bp-operated LNG facility, the forum was crucial for collaboration and strengthening safety foundations.

70 local and international contractors

Local content - supplier development

Supplier Development Programme

The Supplier Development Programme launched in July, beginning a series of online and in-person sessions designed to enhance skills and capabilities in bp's selected local suppliers.



Participants taking part in a face to face session

Sessions take place twice per month and are delivered by bp's subject matter experts.

The focus is on improving safety, processes, quality and efficiency. This allows our chosen suppliers to upskill and gain a strong competitive advantage in the energy industry while meeting energy industry standards.

Our ambition is that our selected suppliers will use their skills and that we continue to strengthen our partnerships with each of them, driving mutual success and sustainability in the region.

M&S Supplier Development Program

Topic: GTA Tax Awareness for suppliers

13 June 2024

09:30 -10:30 UTC time

Teams



Online Tax session



Online Quality Management session

A day in the life of

Mariama Ndao

We are joined by, deputy country manager and business development manager Mariama Ndao. With 15 years experience in the energy industry after leaving Senegal in her earlier years, Mariama has carved herself an international career and is keen to share the insights she has gained along the way...



Mariama at work

Tell us about a day in your current role:

My day starts by reviewing the latest developments in the industry and economy that have an impact on Mauritania and Senegal. My role is to be the face of bp's business development activities in the region, which involves a mix of strategy, negotiations, relationship-building, and problem-solving.

Meetings, both internal and external, are usually sprinkled throughout the day. They are dedicated to discussing/resolving commercial and strategic matters in line with the broader vision for the region. It's a team effort, and I'm constantly collaborating with colleagues across different functions.

As the day winds down, I often reflect on the progress we've made and the work that lies ahead. My role isn't just about driving business success; it's about contributing to something larger—a sustainable and inclusive future for the energy sector in the region.

What do you find most rewarding about working on an innovative global project such as GTA?

One of the most rewarding aspects of my job is engaging with various stakeholders, from government officials to industry partners. These interactions are crucial in shaping the commercial and financing strategies that support our project. I'm always learning from these conversations as they give me a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities we face. I try to approach them with humility and an open mind, knowing that every agreement requires careful consideration and respect for all parties involved. These interactions also remind me of the impact our work has on the local economy/ communities and the importance of doing things right.

Beyond the strategic and commercial aspects, I'm deeply passionate about developing the people around me. Having been in the industry for over 15 years across upstream and downstream, I see it as part of my responsibility to transfer the knowledge and skills I've gained to my colleagues. I am always looking for opportunities to ensure they have the tools and confidence to realize their greatest potential. It's incredibly fulfilling to watch them grow and succeed, knowing that I've played a small part in their journey.

How do you plan to make an impact for other women in the region who aspire to grow in their careers?

When I moved back to Senegal two years ago, I noticed a gap in opportunities for networking and career development, especially for women in the energy sector. This inspired me to organize the first Women in Energy Conference in Senegal which was about creating a space where women can share, learn, and grow together in this new and exciting field.

For women looking to build their careers in this industry, my advice is simple: Don't shy away from opportunities...especially the difficult ones. Build your brain muscle for resilience and grit, develop your technical skills, be proactive, and never be afraid to go after what you want.

“The path may be challenging, but it's incredibly rewarding”

Mariama Ndao

Get to know



Isselmou Weddad

Tell us about your role?

Hello, my name is Isselmou Weddad, I'm the social performance manager for bp Mauritania and am part of the communications and external affairs team. My responsibilities include coordinating social investment activities and managing local community stakeholder relationships. The team's objective is to ensure our projects are impactful and meet local needs and that we have strong community relationships in place so that we can work collaboratively.



What is the most important aspect of your role?

The most important aspect of my role is building trust. Without this we cannot work as partners and respond to community needs through well-implemented projects. The positive impact on people's lives brings me huge joy, seeing enhanced learning conditions in schools, and pregnant women benefiting from ultrasound equipment for close monitoring until they give birth. Recent initiatives have also included the water project Inauguration in N'diago,





Isselmou in N'diago with stakeholders

delivering clean water to over 3000 residents, and fishermen receiving support through infrastructure building, safety training and equipment distribution. This progress is the ultimate satisfaction for me.

How does your role allow bp to support local communities?

As bp's ambassador in the N'diago area, my role has a direct impact on supporting the communities in Mauritania.

I engage with locals regularly, listen to their needs and concerns and most importantly, try to address them. We focus on priority needs and respond to them through projects which go through rigorous evaluation and monitoring processes.



Speaking at a social performance workshop in Nouakchott

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