

Total Akpo: an Important Success for Local Content

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On screen:

Succession of images showing Patrick Otigbah looking at a small bottle of oil. Then going to the control room of the Akpo FPSO. View of operators in the control room. Patrick Otigbah is interviewed.

Off voice:

Patrick Otigbah is proud: so proud that he's kept a small bottle of the first oil pumped, just a few weeks ago. Patrick is Nigerian, and is in charge of the freshly inaugurated Akpo FPSO. He's far from the only Nigerian on board, but he's the boss, and he feels he represents Total's commitment to local content, something that's been good for his country.

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Patrick Otigbah
Officer Installation Manager AKPO

Patrick Otigbah:

Very good for the country, for the image, and also for the development of the petroleum industry locally in Nigeria.

On screen:

Succession of images presenting an aerial view of the Akpo FPSO offshore, then the heliport. Arrival of Christophe de Margerie on visit on the FPSO, welcomed by the staff on board.

Off voice:

Total has nurtured a culture of local content in Nigeria, a leading oil-producing country. During the FPSO inauguration a few days ago, Christophe de Margerie paid tribute to the talent of Nigeria's engineers.

On screen:

Christophe de Margerie, wearing a safety helmet, is interviewed on a footbridge of the FPSO.

Christophe de Margerie:

This country is home to extensive expertise. It's been an oil producer for years. Today's generation of engineers and technicians are petroleum experts, like their predecessors. They're proficient in everything. It's a big country. Just take a look at the platform. There are, quite naturally, many more Nigerians than Europeans or other nationalities. That, too, is something that has to continue to spread.

On screen:

Succession of images presenting operators making operations of maintenance.

Off voice:

So far, the Akpo project has entailed over 11 million man hours, worked in Nigeria, a record. That will eventually reach 15 million man hours. 85% of the platform's complement are Nigerian.

On screen:

Yves-Louis Darricarrère, wearing a safety helmet, is interviewed on a footbridge of the FPSO.

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Yves-Louis Darricarrère
General Director E/P

Yves-Louis Darricarrère:

Our challenge is to ensure that the same standards of safety, standards of ethics, transparency and professionalism apply to local and international contractors alike, and we are meeting this challenge successfully.

On screen:

Succession of images presenting operators in orange overalls on the FPSO, offshore operations and operators in room of control of the Akpo FPSO.

Off voice:

Akpo is a human and professional showcase for Total and Nigeria, and we're already planning to take things to the next level as we develop the Usan and Egina fields.

On screen:

François Raffin, wearing a safety helmet, is interviewed on a footbridge of the FPSO.

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François Raffin
Executive Director TOTAL Nigeria

François Raffin:

Akpo has been a building-block project for Nigerian industry because it deliberately required contractors to incorporate a large local-content component. Jetties, yards and production lines have been built to provide the necessary foundation. Underpinning it all is the human expertise that has been developed and cultivated. Nigeria's impressive industrial base will allow new benchmarks to be set on Usan and Egina.

On screen:

Succession of images presenting Nigerian operators then Christophe De Margerie and Patrick Otigbah shaking hands of the Nigerian Minister of State for Petroleum Resources.

Off voice:

Total and Nigeria want to increase the number of hours worked locally, with more than 60% for the Usan project. Local content is a major strategic commitment for Total in Nigeria. Akpo is an outstanding example, according to the country's Minister of State for Petroleum Resources.

On screen:

Odein Ajumogobia, wearing a safety helmet, is interviewed on a footbridge of the FPSO.

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Odein Ajumogobia
Minister of State for Petroleum Resources

Odein Ajumogobia:

It's important, it's impressive. But I'm glad to say that Total has, in fact, exceeded that benchmark. During the subsequent project which we hope to commission in 2013, the Usan project, we hope that those benchmarks will continue to rise and that we'll continue to benefit from...in terms of greater local content.

On screen:

Succession of images presenting an aerial view of the FPSO offshore and a map placing the Akpo field off the coasts of Nigeria.

Off voice:

The Akpo, Usan and Egina deep-water oil and gas fields provide, and will continue to provide, work for many people. Nigeria's oil saga is not about to end here.

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