

PRESS RELEASE

Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources Partners with Lawyers in Energy Network as Anchor Partner for LEICA 2026

APPO Secretary General, Farid Ghezali, to Deliver Keynote Address at Africa's Premier Energy Law Conference

Lagos, Nigeria – [13th – 14th July, 2026] – Lawyers in Energy Network (LIEN), Nigeria's foremost professional association for energy law practitioners and stakeholders, is delighted to announce the **Lawyers in Energy International Conference (LEICA) 2026**, a premier platform for advancing dialogue on the future of energy law, policy, regulation, and investment across Africa.

Holding under the theme:

"Net Zero, Energy Law and Regulatory Reform: Managing Risk and Unlocking Opportunity in a Carbon-Constrained Energy Market,"

LEICA 2026 will convene leading legal practitioners, policymakers, regulators, judges, business executives, investors, academics, development partners, and energy professionals from across Africa and beyond to examine the legal and regulatory reforms necessary to navigate the global energy transition while safeguarding Africa's development priorities.

In a significant demonstration of its commitment to promoting dialogue and collaboration within Nigeria's energy sector, the **Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources** has officially partnered with LEICA 2026 as the **Anchor Partner**. The partnership underscores the Ministry's support for initiatives that strengthen legal and regulatory institutions, encourage investment, and advance sustainable growth within the energy industry.

A major highlight of the conference will be the keynote address by **Mr. Farid Ghezali, Secretary General of the African Petroleum Producers' Organization (APPO)**. Widely recognised for his leadership in shaping Africa's energy agenda, Mr. Ghezali will share insights on the continent's evolving energy landscape, regional cooperation, investment opportunities, and the critical role of legal and regulatory frameworks in delivering an equitable and practical energy transition.

Speaking on the significance of the conference, **George Etomi, Chairman of Lawyers in Energy Network**, said:

"LEICA has become one of Africa's most respected platforms for advancing conversations at the intersection of law, policy, and the energy industry. As countries balance energy security, sustainability, and economic growth, there is an urgent need for legal and regulatory systems that inspire investor confidence while supporting innovation and responsible resource development. LEICA 2026 will bring together the brightest minds to shape solutions for Africa's energy future."

The conference programme will feature an impressive lineup of plenary sessions, panel discussions, technical sessions, networking events, and the prestigious **LEICA Awards**, celebrating organisations and individuals whose leadership and innovation continue to shape the energy industry.

Participants will engage in robust discussions on topics including:

- Energy sector reforms for an orderly Net Zero transition.
- Regulatory certainty and investment protection.
- Carbon markets, climate finance, and ESG regulation.
- Dispute resolution in a carbon-constrained energy market.
- The future of energy law in Africa.
- Emerging trends in petroleum, gas, power, and renewable energy regulation.
- Regional integration and cross-border energy investment.

LEICA 2026 is expected to attract delegates from government institutions, regulatory agencies, international organisations, national and international energy companies, law firms, financial institutions, development partners, academia, and civil society, reinforcing its reputation as one of Africa's most influential energy law conferences.

The conference will also provide exceptional opportunities for strategic partnerships, business networking, knowledge exchange, and professional development, while recognising excellence through the LEICA Awards.

Registration, sponsorship, exhibition, and partnership opportunities are now open.

For more information, visit: **Website:** www.lawyersinenergynetwork.com

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About Lawyers in Energy Network (LIEN)

Lawyers in Energy Network (LIEN) is a leading professional association dedicated to promoting excellence in energy law and practice through education, advocacy, collaboration, research, and capacity building. Through its flagship event, the **Lawyers in Energy International Conference (LEICA)**, LIEN brings together industry leaders, legal experts, policymakers,

regulators, and investors to foster dialogue, influence policy, and strengthen Africa's energy ecosystem.

About LEICA

The **Lawyers in Energy International Conference (LEICA)** is LIEN's flagship annual conference and awards programme. It serves as a premier forum for discussing emerging issues in the energy sector while recognising outstanding individuals and organisations that have made significant contributions to the advancement of energy law, governance, sustainability, innovation, and industry development across Africa.

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