

Kigali City to host EAC petroleum meet and expo

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NEXT year's Petroleum Conference and Exhibition to be hosted by the East African Community is scheduled to be held in Kigali, with Rwandan President Paul Kagame expected to officially open the event.

The Seventh East African Petroleum Conference and Exhibition 2015 (EAPCE'15) will start on March 4 through March 6, 2015 at Kigali Serena Hotel in Rwanda, with over 1,000 delegates attending.

The EAPCEs have promoted awareness on the potential for petroleum development in the region and other important developments in the petroleum sector, including technological advancements in exploration, development and production.

The conference will bring together participants from international oil companies, oil industry service companies, government institutions, academic institutions, international geo-scientific journals, non-oil and gas institutions and the media.

The exhibition, to be held on the sidelines of the conference of the EAC Secretariat, will educate the public on the recently signed EAC Monetary Union Protocol and other regional integration initiatives.

EAPCE'15 is taking place at the peak of EAC's transformation into a Common Market, with the transformation said to be geared towards providing greater opportunities for business and investment in all sectors as the single market provides for free movement of goods, capital and services within the region.