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The Gas Investment Forum (GIF) has formalized a strategic partnership with The African Catalyst (TAC) in a move aimed at accelerating early-stage gas infrastructure projects and unlocking new investments within Nigeria's growing gas sector. **The partnership, ratified through a Memorandum of Understanding signed on June 18, 2025, reflects a shared ambition to empower project developers, deepen public-private engagement, and catalyze financing for gas commercialization initiatives aligned with the nation's Decade of Gas agenda.**

As part of this alliance, The African Catalyst will deploy its signature Early-Stage Infrastructure Investment Readiness (ESIIR) Programme as a key build-up to Gas Investment Forum 2025, which is scheduled to take place from 7-8 October 2025 at the Oriental Hotel in Lagos.

The ESIIR Programme will run from 7 August to 3 October 2025 and is designed to equip early-stage project sponsors with the critical tools required to move from concept to bankability. Participants will benefit from hands-on support in project structuring, risk identification, financial modelling, and investment communication – all tailored toward gas commercialization projects including **Gas-to-Power, Gas Processing, LPG, Autogas, and Gas-to-Liquids.**

More importantly, this **partnership also introduces a novel signature Gas Commercialization Pitching Session, which will spotlight select projects which have undergone capacity-building and de-risking through the ESIIR process.** These entrepreneurs and developers will pitch live at the GIF to a curated audience of institutional investors, commercial financiers, development finance institutions, and corporate off-takers during the Forum – providing an unmatched opportunity to secure capital and commercial partnerships

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To further deepen the value of participation at the GIF, both parties will also collaborate to deliver a Structured Event Networking (SEN) Session. **This feature is designed to facilitate curated, high-impact connections among delegates using a proprietary matchmaking algorithm developed by TAC.** It reflects the Forum's commitment not only to convening industry players but to ensuring meaningful interactions that can lead to real deals, partnerships, and outcomes.

Speaking on the partnership, Osaze Iselele, Executive Director of the Gas Investment Forum, stated: *"This partnership underscores our mission to make GIF a launchpad for investible gas projects in Africa. We are proud to collaborate with TAC in unlocking Nigeria's gas potential through action-oriented dialogue and capacity building."*

Also commenting, Babafemi Awofala, CEO of The African Catalyst, emphasized the strategic importance of the alliance, noting: *"By integrating the ESIR Programme into GIF 2025, we're closing the gap between early-stage innovation and bankable gas infrastructure. Our goal is to drive Nigeria's Decade of Gas agenda by turning concepts into investible opportunities."*

The Gas Investment Forum 2025 is expected to convene over 1,000 key stakeholders from across Nigeria's gas value chain and beyond, including ministers, policymakers, global investors, national and international oil companies, project developers, and civil society leaders. With billions of dollars' worth of opportunities in gas infrastructure, modular LNG, autogas, and industrial gas utilization expected to be showcased, the Forum is poised to solidify its position as West Africa's most influential energy investment platform. **This year's edition will particularly amplify the voices of indigenous developers and early-stage entrepreneurs, many of whom have historically been underrepresented in energy investment dialogues.**

With two successful editions already in its portfolio, the Gas Investment Forum continues to serve as a critical driver of Nigeria's energy future, fostering inclusive growth, supporting local content, and enabling policy evolution through multilateral stakeholder engagement. **This landmark collaboration with The African Catalyst signals a deepened commitment to ensuring that Nigeria's gas transition is not only ambitious but actionable – delivering results for businesses, communities, and the broader economy.**

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