

# AfricaHARDBALL

Political risk perspectives for the African energy industry

29 June, Basel



## CRITICAL ISSUES OF SECURITY AND GOVERNANCE FOR INVESTORS

Now in its fifth year, *AfricaHardball* is an executive dialogue that brings together policy-makers, industry leaders and analysts to discuss the political issues that will shape African energy markets. Held prior to the start of EnergyNet Ltd's annual *Africa Energy Forum*, *AfricaHardball* is played out under the **Chatham House Rule** – participants can openly discuss critical issues but must not be quoted by name – allowing participants to provide insights rarely voiced in open forums.

The dialogue is led by **Jon Marks**, *African Energy* editorial director and a fellow of Chatham House – a political scientist committed to understanding the drivers behind the African energy industry. Comment is provided by eminent Africanist **Patrick Smith**, editor of *Africa Confidential*. Other eminent experts will participate.

This year, *AfricaHardball* will discuss key trends in **governance, compliance, political risk and security** as they apply to the African industry

### THIS WILL COVER:

How perceived security risks impact on investment decisions.

- **'Governance'**, 'corruption' and other buzzwords – between the theory and practise of business ethics
  - with discussion of the emerging energy industry in **Ghana**
  - how the more settled economies of East Africa (**Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania**) are managing to enlarge the number of players in their energy industries while maintaining internationally accepted standards of governance
- **Compliance:** What should companies know about the due diligence and 'know your partner' process?
  - including discussion of the involvement of government intelligence services and private operators in business deals
- **Political risk:** which African crises/problems are causing western planners most concern? Including **DR Congo** and its regional affiliations, post-election **Ethiopia** and **Somalia**
  - Making sense of **Nigeria** after Yar'Adua
- **Security issues** linked to interconnections and other cross-border projects
- What can project developers do to mitigate the risks discussed above?

The fourth annual *AfricaHardball*, held in Bordeaux, pioneered a scenario-building exercise, which was very well received. This sought to involve all participants in trying to establish patterns to the ideas produced by the meeting. We intend to build on this positive experience at *AfricaHardball* in Basel.

**BOOK NOW** – places are limited to preserve the roundtable format

**Price: €478.82 per delegate (€445 + €33.82 Swiss VAT)** - (additional discounts available for multiple delegates)

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