

Africa's Mega Gas Pipeline Project Takes Shape

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A groundbreaking project is underway to construct a massive gas pipeline spanning 16 African countries, with a projected cost of £20 billion. This ambitious initiative, part of the 2025 Action Plan by the National Office of Hydrocarbons and Mines (ONHYM), aims to bolster Africa's energy security and foster economic growth.

Morocco will spearhead the project, launching tenders in 2025 for the initial phases. The first phase will connect Morocco, Mauritania, and Senegal, with agreements for gas transport expected to be signed next year.

The pipeline will ultimately connect to the Morocco-Europe gas pipeline and the European gas network, benefiting both Africa and Europe. This integration will enhance energy security and promote regional cooperation.

Morocco's King Mohammed VI emphasized the project's significance in a 2022 speech, stating, "This is a project for peace, for African economic integration, and for co-development: a project for the present and for future generations."

With Morocco hosting 1,038 miles of the pipeline, the project is poised to positively impact over 340 million people across the continent.

The project's realization will not only address Africa's energy needs but also contribute to global efforts to diversify energy sources and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.