

## Africa's most senior-ranked naval and maritime industry event to include Chiefs of Navy from Ghana, Benin and Senegal

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ABUJA, NIGERIA, July 24, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ --International naval experts are due to meet at Africa's seminal naval and maritime business conference OPV Africa: Industry Conference, two-day event dedicated to covering the critical maritime security issues of 2014 and displaying many of the services and products to overcome those challenges.

Industry Focus Day, 1-day event focusing on the hydrocarbon offshore facilities security, which will bring some of the key players in petroleum resources security together to discuss the imminent requirements.



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The conference, hosted by Defence IQ – a division of global events company IQPC – in partnership with ECOWAS will be a unique opportunity for naval and maritime vendors and suppliers to meet with

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The event is Chaired by the recent Chief of Naval Staff of Nigeria, Vice Admiral (R) Dele Joseph Ezeoba and speakers at this industry forum will include:

• Senator Chris ND Anyanwu, Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Navy, Federal Government of Nigeria

- Rear Admiral Geoffrey M Biekro, Chief of Naval Staff, Ghana Navy
- Rear Admiral Cheikh Bara Cissokho, Chief of Naval Staff, Senegalese Navy
- Her Excellency Ambassador Véronique Roger-Lacan, Special Representative for Anti-Maritime Piracy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of France

• Mr Alain Michel Luvambano, Secretary General, MOWCA (Maritime Organisation for West and Central Africa)

• Professor Guy Thomas, Inventor of Space Based AIS

OPV Africa will take place on 26 – 28 August 2014 in Abuja, Nigeria. Find the full programme, speaker list and registration form at <u>www.offshorepatrolvesselsafrica.com/news</u>, call +971 4 364 2975 or email enquiry@iqpc.ae.

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