



## Press Release

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### **ACEP COLLABORATES WITH RENOWNED UNIVERSITIES AND THINK TANKS IN A RESEARCH PROGRAM ON CHINESE NATIONAL OIL COMPANIES AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICAN OIL PRODUCERS**

The Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP) is pleased to announce its research collaboration with some world renowned universities and think tanks on Chinese investments in Africa's oil rich economies.

1. The partner institutions include:
2. The Open University in the United Kingdom;
3. The Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy of the University of Dundee in the United Kingdom;
4. The Party School of Central Committee of C.P.C in China; and
5. Institute Of Industrial Economics of CASS in China.

The research programme seeks to systematically assess whether and how developmental benefits may be accruing for Africa from its engagement with China on oil and gas development.

The research which is funded by the Department for International Development (DFID) and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UK; under their joint research facility called DFID-ESRC China and Africa Research Programme, is grouped under four themes:

1. China's Energy Strategy, Global competition & Chinese Outward FDI in Africa
2. The Distinctiveness of Chinese NOCs in Africa
3. African Agency and the Developmental Impact of Chinese NOC's
4. Leveraging African Development.

Whiles the Open University is the lead research institution, ACEP is expected to play its role as a research partner whiles contributing immensely from the African perspective to achieve the overall goal of the programme.

Commenting on this development, Dr. Mohammed Amin Adam, Executive Director of ACEP said, 'This collaboration is yet another manifestation of the growing influence of ACEP as an energy think tank, focusing on the best use of Africa's energy resources for its development. It places ACEP at the centre of institutions recognized for their leadership in research in global energy development and the political economy of resource development in general, thereby providing significant opportunities for ACEP to build on its capacity, expertise and profile. We believe that by the end of the three-year programme, we will consolidate our position as a thought leader in Africa's energy policy environment'.

Signed

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