JODI-Gas Information Session
5th GECF Summit Events, November 26th 2019.

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Background Information

Audience:
- JODI Partners (attendees still to be confirmed)
  - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC); Eurostat; International Energy Agency (IEA); International Energy Forum (IEF); Latin America Energy Organization (OLADE); United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD); Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
- JODI Associates:
  - Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC)
- Ministers of Equatorial Guinea
- Ambassadors accredited in Equatorial Guinea
- Analysts from the Ministry of Mines and Hydrocarbons of Equatorial Guinea
- General Audience

Purpose/Main Message:
- Highlight GECF actions to support JODI, reaffirming GECF as a reliable JODI partner

Words/Estimated Time:
- 834 words / 6 minutes approximately (considering an average of 130 words per minutes)

Main points to highlight
- GECF Participation on JODI activities
- GECF Efforts to Promote JODI
- GECF Actions to support JODI Sustainability
- GECF Support of other energies databases in JODI (i.e. coal initiative)

Summary
- GECF Participation on JODI activities:
  - GECF & IEF Collaboration: Since 2010 active participation in +40 JODI related events (Inter Secretariat Meetings/JODI Heads Meetings/Workshops/User Seminars)
  - Partnership: Official partner since the 14th International Energy Forum Ministerial Meeting in Moscow on May 16, 2014
- GECF Efforts to Promote JODI:
  - On Website: GECF has an entire section of its website dedicated to JODI-Gas, with links to JODI Website and JODI logo
  - On Publications: GECF has a specific section in its Annual Brochure related to its participation in JODI. GECF Quarterly and Monthly Statistical Bulletins use as JODI-Gas World Database as source, using the slogan “powered by JODI-Gas Data”
  - On direct contact with GECF Countries: GECF organize capacity-building actions to its Member Countries, hold an annual meeting dedicated to Data and Statistics, deliver hands-on Workshops. The agenda of all the events includes a section regarding JODI, in which we explain briefly what is, our participation and other generalities
Suggested Speech (Full Text)

- HE Mr. Gabriel Mbega Obiang Lima, Minister of Mines and Hydrocarbons of Equatorial Guinea
- Excellences, Ministers of Equatorial Guinea that honor us with your presence today
- Excellences, Ambassadors attending the event
- HE Dr. Xiansheng Sun, Secretary General of International Energy Forum
- Mr. Fuad AlZayer, JODI Coordinator from IEF
- Dr. Adedapo Odulaja; Head of Data Services Department of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, OPEC, attending in representation of my dear friend, HE Dr. Mohammed Barkindo, Secretary General of OPEC
- Mr. Abdul fattah Dandi; Director of Economics Department of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, OAPEC
- Distinguished Representative of GECF Countries joining us today
- Distinguished Delegates & Representatives of JODI Partner Organization
- Ladies and Gentlemen
Good Morning!

First of all, allow me, please, to thank HE Gabriel Mbega Obiang Lima and the Government of Equatorial Guinea for the support received in the organization of this event, as well as the dedicated efforts of HE Dr. Sun and his team, Mr. AlZayer and Mr. Torikata for championing the global energy data transparency, and the JODI Partners and Associates that are with us today.

I’m confident that this gathering will be very enriching for all of us.

It is a challenge for me to talk after the two previous brilliant interventions, Excellences, you didn’t let me too much room for comments… and I’ll thank you also for that.

Today, as you all must be aware of, with this event we are initiating a week of activities that will lead us to the 5th GECF Summit. This is not only a gathering to highlight the importance of Energy Data Transparency.

It is a statement about how important GECF consider the energy data transparency and JODI.
It was back in 2014 when GECF became part of JODI, however GECF has been involved in JODI since 2010. Nine years as passed, and even when you can consider it as a short period, we have had a long journey together.

Let me please give you some numbers to bring perspective about JODI Importance for GECF.

GECF has participated since 2010 in 18 meetings, 10 workshops, 5 conferences, 3 user seminars, 3 information sessions (similar to this one that we are having today) and 2 Energy Data Transparency Exhibitions.

All combined, represent more than 40 actions.

We hosted in our headquarters in Doha the 10th Regional JODI Training Workshop and provided support for the organization of the 12th Regional JODI Training Workshop held in Trinidad and Tobago, a GECF Country.
And we also jointly organized with IEF in the sidelines of the 4th GECF Summit a JODI-Gas Seminar. That successful experience thrived and push us to organize this gathering in Malabo.

One aspect important to highlight is the overwhelming support that GECF has been receiving from our Member Countries for JODI. Since its creation, our countries expressed the importance of the exchange of data and information in the GECF Statute, and further more expressed its paramount importance in the Long Term Strategy Document.

And GECF Secretariat also supported JODI through our Declarations in the variety of events that we participate.

In practice, GECF Member Countries have been expressing their commitment to data transparency through GECF by submitting more than 930 monthly questionnaires, currently stored and publically available in the JODI-Gas World Database. A bold figure that also shows how GECF Member Countries back this initiative.
Without a doubt, we can assert that GECF is determined to continue contributing with JODI, and in the promotion of Energy Data Transparency.

JODI data, official data provided by Countries through JODI Partners represent a treasured asset. It is Trusted Data, and not only because GECF as JODI Partner say it: In the last International JODI Conference held last month in Cairo, Egypt, also a GECF Country, it was clear for the participants and attendees the value of JODI as an initiative, the value of its Data and the significant role that we will continue playing in the future as official and reliable source of data.

From our side, the Secretariat intend to continue visiting GECF Member Countries in 2020, Egypt one of them, to continue enhancing the collaboration, to keep high the quality of the data and to continue the data transparency.

With JODI Data, GECF has produced 15 Monthly and 3 Quarterly Statistical Bulletins. Powered by JODI-Gas Data, this deliverables help us to assess the global picture of Gas Markets. And JODI Data is also used in our reports and analysis.
And JODI is also part of our Capacity Building activities.

That, was a summary of our activities related to JODI.

For the future, we plan to continue supporting JODI, improving our methods and providing the needed assistance to JODI and its partners, our partners.

To conclude, we truly expect you to enjoy this short but very enriching opportunity to learn more about JODI and see how each one of you can benefit from this initiative.

Allow me to close with the slogans: Better Data Better Decisions. Gas Defines GECF. Data Leads the way.

Thank you.