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# E&P activities in Mauritania Current status and perspectives

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#### Summary

- Legal framework
- Geological framework
- Recent developments of the sector
- Current projects
- Conclusion

#### **LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

- Hydrocarbons Law: Adopted in 2010 (Loi N° 2010-033), amended in 2011 (Loi N° 2011-044), and in 2015 (N° 2015-016).
  Key new elements:
  - Approval of PSCs by decree (instead of law): flexibility;
  - Possibility for non exclusive reconnaissance authorization;
  - Operators to adhere to the ITIE;
  - Clarity on the fiscal regime, treated on the contractual level;
- Exploration/Production Contract model

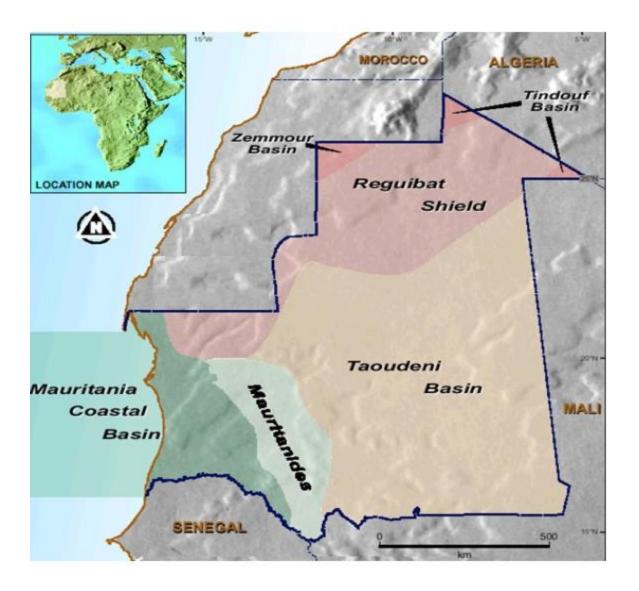


#### **LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

- Key elements of the PSC
  - Bonus : Signature/ Production : negotiable;
  - Training / Promotion budgets : negotiable;
  - Environmental Commission : negotiable;
  - NOC Capacity building : negotiable;
  - Exploration Period: 10 years maximum / 3 phases;
  - Relinquishment: 25% at each renewal;
  - Production Period: 25 years (Oil) & 30 years (Gas), renewable once for 10 years;
  - Cost Oil: Negotiable, with « cost stop » (60% for Oil / 65% for Gas);
  - P.O. share : based on "R factor", Negotiable;
  - Income Tax : negotiable (common rate: 25% and UP).



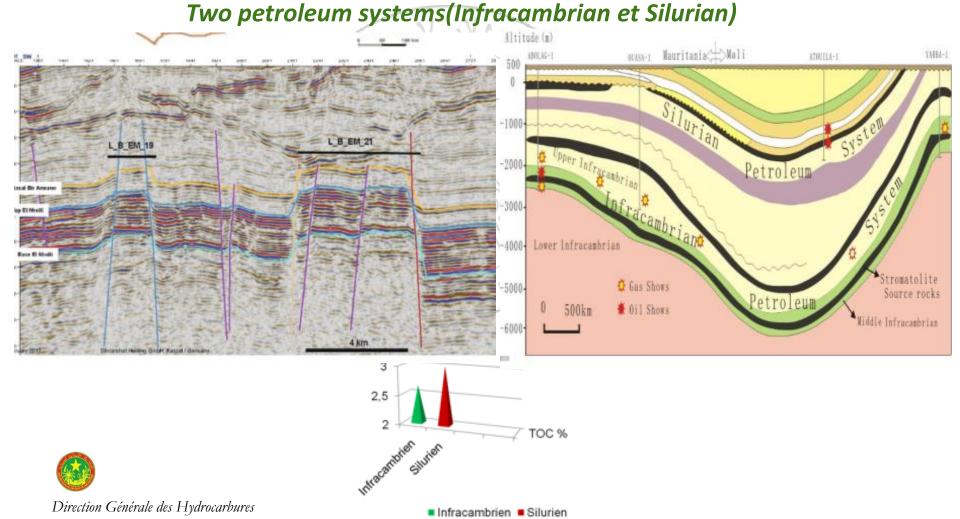
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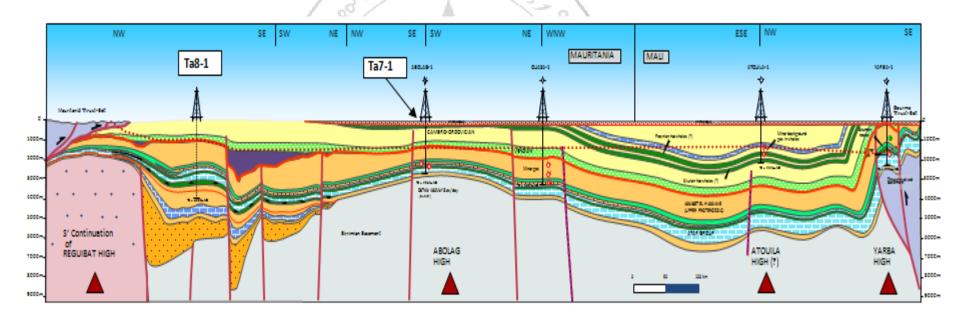
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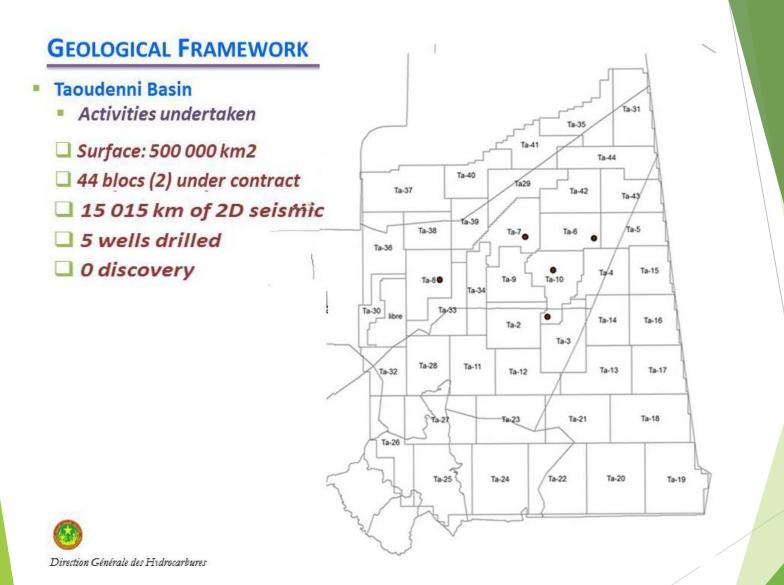
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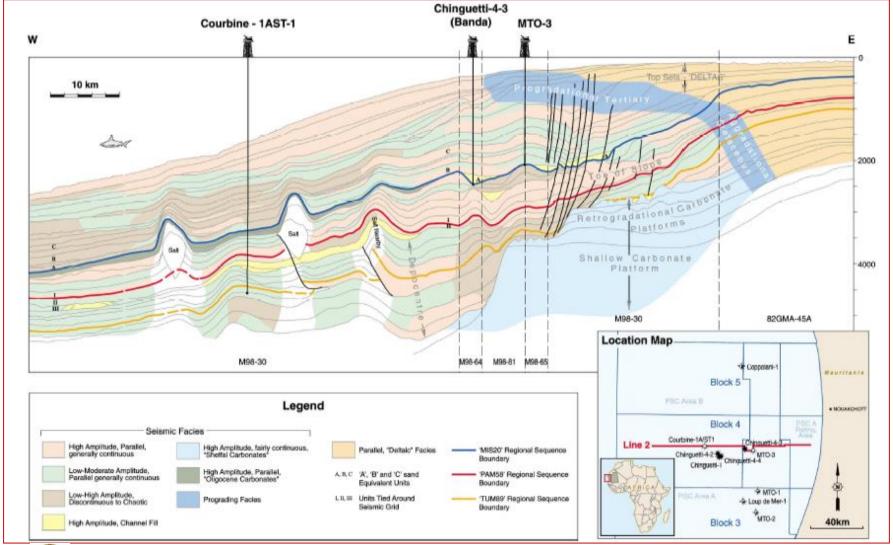
#### Taoudenni Basin

## Two main reservoirs(up to 20% porosity) Two petroleum systems(Infracambrian et Silurian)





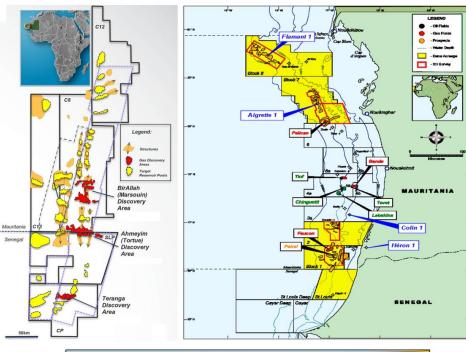
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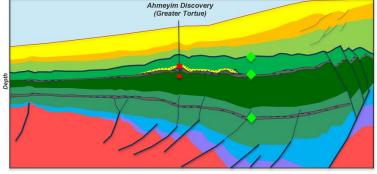




- Coastal Basin
  - Activities undertaken
  - 4 Majors present Surface: 184 000 km2 32 blocs (14) under contract 6 Operators present 84 694 km of 2D seismic Almost 85 000 km2 of 3D seismic C-22 71 wells drilled C-25 9 discoveries C-26 C-20 ΒP ExxonMobil C-9 res C-11 Shell C-12 C-27 C-16 Total C-10 Tullow libre Zone interdite aux activités pétrolières C-5 C-31 C-15 C-13 C-14

- Coastal Basin
  - Discoveries
    - ☐ Chinguetti (2001), Zone B
    - Banda (2002), Zone A
    - **☐ Walata** (2003), Zone B
    - ☐ Pélican (2003), C7
    - ☐ **Tevet** (2004), Zone B
    - Labeidna (2005), Zone B
    - ☐ Aigrette (2006), C7
    - ☐ Ahmeyim (Ex-Tortue) (2015), C8
    - ☐ Bir Allah (Ex- Marsouin) (2015), C8







#### **CURRENT PROJECTS**



- CICA signed in February 2018
- FID expected end of this year
- First gas 2021/2022
- Project Gas To Power (Banda)

Integrated development of C10 discoveries

Chinguetti abandonment (First phase finished)



#### **2019 AND BEYOND OUTLOOK**

- Massive 3D seismic volume acquisition (30 000 of km2)
  - ExxonMobil on blocks C14, C17 and C22
  - Shell on blocks C10 and C19
- Wells to be drilled (2019-2020)
  - Total, BP and Tullow
- Development of GTA (first gas 2021-2022)
- Others small fields development
- Taoudenni Basin new strategy of promotion

### Importation of Oil Products

- The importation of oil product in Mauritania is subject to tender, where the suplier is selected.
- Mauritania's imports of oil products in 2017 amounted to about 6.9 million barrels.

#### **CONCLUSION**

- An attractive and modern legal and investment framework
- Transparent procedure of PSC awarding
- Transparency in petroleum resources management (ITIE), Mauritania has been declared in 2017 compliant with the 2016 ITIE standards
- Security climate
- Proactivity and business understanding (Oil Culture)



