





As Liberia explores for oil, a major focus is on how this potentially lucrative industry could transform the country.

Firm policies and laws that promote good governance, support for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), and the ambition of improving the quality of life for present and future generations will be critical for Liberia.

CURRENT PLAYERS

30 blocks for exploration in the Liberian basin

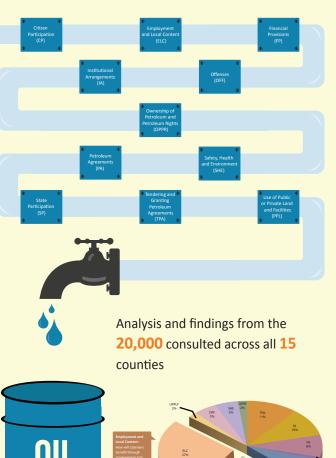
5 International Oil Companies (IOCs) have been awarded 10 production sharing contracts



LIBERIANS' INTERESTS

The National Oil Company of Liberia (NOCAL) held consultations in all **15** counties on the draft Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Act of 2013.

20,000 participants provided comments and feedback on the draft petroleum law.



BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMES

Liberia's Local Content Policies will be critical for Liberian SMEs to be successful in delivering Specialist, Direct, and Indirect services to International Oil Companies. However, due to limited technical skills and access to finance, Liberian SMEs may be limited in their capacity to deliver services within the Specialist and Direct Services.

Indirect services represent the biggest opportunity for Liberia's SMEs to contribute to and benefit from the oil and gas sector.



Liberia would also need to develop an Enterprise Development Center (EDC) for business training, capacity development, advisory services, and access to market and information.

JOB CREATION



Youth account for 65% of Liberia's 4.1 million population.

Youth unemployment is estimated as high as 85%.

The Oil and Gas industry has the potential to create **HUNDREDS** of direct jobs through the International Oil Companies but **THOUSANDS** of indirect jobs through the SME sector.

