Exploration in Africa has undergone several exploration cycles throughout its history. In many places where giant discoveries have been made, production is in decline and investment has not sustained the growth of the industry. The theme for the 2020 Conference is focused on what can be and what has been done differently. What ideas should be tested? What has industry learned that should guide us toward new ways of thinking about exploration and development in Africa? What are the potential new areas with hydrocarbon potential? What technology(s) can help unlock additional reserves in existing basins and help find new reserves in unexplored areas? How government can attract and promote investment in new and existing areas.

**Technical Session Themes**

1) Africa – New ideas in an old area
   a. Known plays to be tested in new areas
   b. Mapping known plays across multiple basins

2) Applications of New Technology
   a. Adding reserves in existing basins
   b. Reducing cycle time and costs in exploration
   c. Integration of multiple technologies to unlock future potential

3) Africa - New areas and ideas
   a. Frontier exploration plays
   b. New exploration plays in under explored areas

4) Africa – A new approach to increase investment
   a. Government participation and cooperation
   b. Corporate responsibility and ways to engage communities
   c. Sustainable solutions to Africa’s energy needs.

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