

Timor-Leste Delegation



The Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources is responsible for the design and implementation of energy policy and management of mineral resources, including petroleum and natural gas as defined in the applicable legislation, approved by the Council of Ministers, as well as the licensing and regulation of extractive activities, industrial activity for the beneficiation of petroleum and natural gas, and minerals, including petrochemicals and refining.

The Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources is responsible to develop and propose policy and draft legislation for the sector; Establish the sectoral administration and management system and regulate the activities of the industry; Ensure maximum participation of Timor-Leste in the activities of the petroleum, natural gas and mineral resources sector through appropriate legal, administrative and technical instruments; Promote national opportunities in the industry to attract and retain foreign investment; Authorise the opening of public tenders for the conclusion of petroleum contracts, approve the terms thereof, and approve the final report of the Evaluation Committee, as established in Decree-Law no. 7/2005, of 19 October; Monitor the implementation of the relevant International Treaties, namely the "Treaty Between the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and Australia Establishing their Maritime Boundaries in the Timor Sea", and follow up on the sectoral implementation of the relevant instruments; Support the Prime Minister in conducting the negotiation process regarding the development model of the Greater Sunrise field or other matters related to the exercise of jurisdiction in the Timor Sea, as well as in the area of the "Greater Sunrise Special Regime" under the "Treaty Between the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and Australia Establishing the Respective Boundaries in the Timor Sea"; Appoint, after approval by the Council of Ministers, Timor-Leste's representatives to the Greater Sunrise Oversight Board and allocate the necessary means and resources to support these representatives; Advise the Government on petroleum and mining issues related to the delimitation of the maritime and land boundaries of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and appoint representatives and consultants to join their technical teams; Support the Prime Minister in coordinating and leading the implementation of the Tasi Mane project, setting up the legal and institutional structures, determining the allocation of resources deemed necessary or appropriate for it, and licensing and monitoring the activities carried out in areas territorially dedicated to the Tasi Mane project; Determine, following general legal conditions, the specific contractual terms for the exploration and exploitation of petroleum resources and mining licences and contracts; Ensure mandatory minimum fuel stocks and their regular supply to the market and public power generation units; Regulate, authorise and supervise the activities of the downstream petroleum sector, as defined in Decree-Law no. 1/2012, of February 1st, and complementary regulations, namely, processing, import, export, transport, storage, distribution and marketing, wholesale or retail, of fuels and other petroleum products, as well as the import of crude oil and natural gas and other raw materials for refining and other petrochemical activities; Secure natural gas

resources for domestic consumption in Timor-Leste, for residential and industrial purposes, and promote and develop the projects and approve the legislation and regulations necessary for their efficient and safe distribution and use; Coordinate, supervise and licence any natural gas regasification projects and other similar or associated projects; Coordinate, supervise, regulate and license any projects in the area of decarbonisation, including hydrogen and carbon capture and utilisation (CCUS) projects in geological reservoirs and saline cavities; Promote and develop initiatives for the training and qualification of Timorese workers for the supervised activities in coordination with the ministries and other relevant public or private entities; Authorise and license, downstream of extraction, manufacturing industry projects relating to the processing, upgrading, treatment, conversion or transformation of crude oil and natural gas and their derivatives and minerals, namely refineries, gas liquefaction or petrochemical plants, and mineral processing plants as defined in the Mining Code; Considering the complexity and technical speciality, conduct the environmental licensing procedures for the oil and gas and mineral resources sector mentioned in this paragraph, and approve the corresponding environmental licences; Exercise the powers of superintendence and supervision over the indirect administration of the State, both institutional and corporate, operating in the sector, including private law subsidiaries of public companies and private companies created by the State to operate in the industry; Develop and promote the development of knowledge and research into the geological structure of soils and subsoils and national hydrogeological resources; Propose to the Council of Ministers the enumeration and classification of strategic minerals under the terms set out in the Mining Code; Propose to the Council of Ministers the approval of the terms of reference applicable to each public tender and approve the allocation of Mining Rights; Propose to the Council of Ministers the approval of the model Mining Contract; Proceed, following the law, with the conclusion of Mining Contracts, the issuance of Prospecting, Exploration and Production Licences and the issuance of authorisations to extend existing Mineral Rights to cover other Minerals, as well as to approve all studies, reports and projects within its competence; Determine the cancellation or redemption of Mining Rights under the terms legally and contractually established; Authorise the assignment or transfer of mining rights, as well as the change of control in a company that holds mining rights; Act as the beneficiary of the expropriation and conduct the expropriation process, under the terms of Law no. 8/2017, of 26 April, concerning expropriation for public utility and the constitution of administrative easements necessary for the performance of the activities of its competence or subject to its supervision or tutelage; Any other duties that may be assigned to it by specific legislation applicable to the sector.

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	Date	Time	Event	Location
			Arrival at YYC	YYC Airport
	Sunday, September 17th	16:00	Arrival at Mayors Reception	MacLeod Hall – Telus Convention Centre
	Sunday, September 17th	18:00	Arrival at Opening Ceremonies	Telus Convention Centre
	Monday, September 18th	17:30	Arrival at Ministerial Reception	Fairmont Palliser
	Monday, September 18th	17:45	White Hat Ceremony Minister Group Photo	Fairmont Palliser – Oval Room
	Monday, September 18th	18:00	Ministerial Reception Program Starts	Fairmont Palliser – Crystal Ballroom
	Tuesday, September 19th	17:15	Canada Night Event - Ticketed	Nutrien Western Event Centre
	Tuesday, September 19th	20:00	Arrive at Cirque de Soleil Event	Lot 6 – Stampede Park
	Wednesday, September 20 th	16:15	Ministerial Roundtable - MRT4	Auditorium 1 – BMO Centre
	Thursday, September 21st	14:45	Closing Ceremonies	Big 4 Main Hall A&B
			Departure from YYC	YYC Airport

Legend	
Common Event	
Country Specific Event	

Ministerial Round Table - MRT 4	
Date	Wednesday, September 20th
Time	16:15 – 17:15
Location	Auditorium 1 – BMO Centre
Session Title	<i>Governments Role in Promoting Innovation</i>
Session Description	<i>In the pursuit of energy transformation, innovation is prevalent throughout every area of endeavor. Technical innovation will be the main driver in the shift toward a low-carbon economy, and the pace of innovation will drive the rate of progress and the timeline required to reach net zero emissions. The key element that may be applied in creating an innovative culture is collaboration. How can government collaborate effectively with academia and industry to create an optimum environment for innovation.</i>

Protocol Tips: Timor Leste

As the liaison officer hosting the official delegation from Timor Leste (East Timor), you will require a high level of cultural sensitivity. Here are some important considerations to keep in mind:

Research and Preparation: You will find the biography of the leader of your delegation in this Handbook. Please feel free to research the delegation's background, including the individuals' positions and roles. Understanding their specific interests and objectives will help you tailor your interactions effectively.

Formal Greetings and Respect: Address delegation members using their appropriate titles and honorifics, such as "Senhor" (Mr.) or "Senhora" (Mrs./Ms.). In East Timorese culture, handshakes are common. Avoid extensive physical contact beyond handshakes, especially with individuals of the opposite gender. Offer a warm and respectful greeting when meeting, showing appreciation for their visit.

Hierarchy and Titles: East Timorese society values hierarchy and age. Show respect for senior delegation members by acknowledging their status and age.

Communication Style: Use a friendly and approachable demeanor, as East Timorese culture values politeness. Maintain eye contact during conversations as a sign of engagement and respect.

Business Etiquette: East Timorese culture values harmony and indirect communication. Use a diplomatic and gentle communication style, especially when discussing sensitive matters.

Time Perception: Punctuality is appreciated but meetings might have a more relaxed sense of time due to cultural norms. Be patient and understanding if there are slight delays.

Dining and Hospitality: Given that meals such as the opening ceremonies are part of the program, inquire about any dietary restrictions or preferences within the delegation. While dietary inquiries were made as part of the delegate registration process the information provided may be incomplete. Be prepared to guide delegation to halal options wherever possible. Please note that in most cases these will be the vegetarian option.

Privacy Concerns: Be cautious about taking photographs, especially of delegation members without their permission, as privacy is highly regarded.

Cultural Taboos: Be mindful of pointing at people or objects with your index finger, as it's considered impolite.

Portuguese Language Tips

The official languages of Timor-Leste are Tetum and Portuguese. However, Portuguese is used in more formal or official settings. Here are common phrases in both languages that a Liaison Officer might find useful:

Hello - "Olá" or "Bom dia" (good morning)

Welcome - "Bem-vindo" (masculine) or "Bem-vinda" (feminine)

Please - "Por favor"

Thank you - "Obrigado" (masculine) or "Obrigada" (feminine)

Yes - "Sim"

No - "Não"