

## Timor-Leste and Australia strengthen commitment to Greater Sunrise development

Prime Minister Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão met with Australia's Special Representative for the Greater Sunrise Project, Steve Bracks, at the Government Palace in Dili on November 21st, 2024. Agio Pereira, the Minister for the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and Timor-Leste's Interlocutor for the Greater Sunrise Project, and Francisco da Costa Monteiro, the Minister for Petroleum and Mineral Resources, also attended the meeting.



The purpose of the meeting was to analyse the current state of the project and promote dialogue on the next steps following the delivery of the conceptual study prepared by Wood Australia to the consortium developing the Greater Sunrise fields (Sunrise Joint Venture), made up of TIMOR GAP (56.6%), Woodside (33.44%) and Osaka Gas Australia (10%). The conceptual study identifies the best options for developing, processing and commercialising the gas extracted from Greater Sunrise, a strategic project for Timor-Leste, which is considered essential for the country's sustainable economic growth.

During the meeting, the parties discussed ways to maximise the project's benefits for both nations. They focused on implementing an infrastructure that ensures gas transport to the south coast of Timor-Leste, a national priority that significantly impacts the country's economic and social development.

After the meeting, Steve Bracks told reporters that it had been "a very good meeting", "to address the Greater Sunrise gas field and make sure we're in a position to get this project up".

Steve Bracks emphasised the importance of Wood's conceptual study, which is still "obviously commercial in confidence", "but that's an important next step, having received that report to getting this project up and getting support for it".

Australia's Special Representative reinforced the Australian Government's commitment to supporting the project, stating, "as said to the Prime Minister today, Australia stands ready, our government stands ready to assist and support in getting this project up".

The conclusion of the conceptual study and the continuation of negotiations between Timor-Leste and Australia represents an important step in strengthening the strategic partnership between the two countries for the development of Greater Sunrise, with a focus on sustainable development and economic progress for both countries.



# **Timor-Leste no Austrália reforsa kompromisu iha dezenvolvimentu Greater Sunrise**

Primeiru-Ministru, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão hasoru malu ohin, loron 21 fulan-novembru 2024, ho Representante Espesiál Austrália nian ba Projeto Greater Sunrise, Steve Bracks, iha Palásiu Governu, Dili. Iha enkontru ne'e hetan mós partisipasaun husi Ministru Prezidénsia Konsellu Ministrus no Interlokutór Timor-Leste nian ba Projeto Greater Sunrise, Agio Pereira, no Ministru Petróleo no Rekursus Minerais, Francisco da Costa Monteiro.

Sorumutu ne'e ho objetivu atu analiza situasaun atuál projeto nian no promove diálogu kona-ba pasu sira tuirmai, hafoin entrega estudu konsetuál ne'ebé elabora hosi Wood Australia ba konsórsiu dezenvolvimentu kampus Greater Sunrise (Sunrise Joint Venture), ne'ebé kompostu hosi TIMOR GAP (56,6%), Woodside (33,44%) no Osaka Gas Australia (10%). Estudu konsetuál ne'e identifika opsaun sira ne'ebé di'ak liu ba dezenvolvimentu, prosesamentu no komersializasaun gás ne'ebé hasai hosi Greater Sunrise, projeto estratégiku ida ba Timor-Leste, ne'ebé konsidera esensiál ba kreiximentu ekonómiku sustentável país nian.

Durante sorumutu ne'e, parte sira diskute kona-ba formas atu maximiza benefísius projeto nian ba nasaun rua ne'e, ho foku ba implementasaun infraestrutura ne'ebé garante transporta gás ba kosta súl Timor-Leste nian, prioridade nasional ida ho impaktu signifikativu ba dezenvolvimentu ekonómiku no sosiál nasaun nian.

Hafoin sorumutu, Steve Bracks hatete ba jornalista sira katak ida-ne'e “enkontru ida ne'ebé di'ak tebes”, “atu avansa kampu gás Greater Sunrise no atu garante katak ami iha pozisaun ne'ebé loos atu hala'o projeto ida-ne'e.”

Steve Bracks subliña importânsia hosi estudu konsetuál ne'ebé hala'o hosi Wood, ne'ebé “klaru tuir komérsiu konfidensiál” hela, maibé hanesan “pasu importante ida hodi lori projeto ida-ne'e ba oin no hetan apoiu ba ninia implementasaun.”

Representante Espesiál Austrália nian reforsa kompromisu Governu Austrália nian atu apoia projeto ne'e, hodi dehan katak “hanesan ohin ha'u dehan ba Primeiru-Ministru, Austrália pronta ona, ami-nia Governu pronta atu ajuda no fó apoiu ba realizasaun projeto ida-ne'e”.

Konkluzaun hosi estudu konsetuál no kontinuasaun hosi negosiasaun sira entre Timor-Leste ho Austrália nu'udar pasu importante ida hodi hametin parseria estratégika entre país rua ba dezenvolvimentu Greater Sunrise nian, ho foku ba dezenvolvimentu sustentável no progresu ekonómiku ba nasaun rua ne'e.

## **Farewell Meeting between Minister Agio Pereira and the Australian Special Representative for Greater Sunrise**

The Minister for the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and Timor-Leste's Interlocutor for the Greater Sunrise discussions, Agio Pereira, met today, January 29th, 2025, by videoconference, with Steve Bracks AC, in a farewell meeting that marked the end of his mandate as Australia's Special Representative for the Greater Sunrise project.

The meeting was an opportunity to reflect on the progress made during Steve Bracks' tenure, recognize his contributions and discuss future prospects for the development of the Greater Sunrise project.

During the meeting, Minister Agio Pereira highlighted the important role played by Steve Bracks throughout the process, namely in promoting the concept of an Infrastructure Fund for the development of the project, capitalized from part of Australia's share of future revenues from the Greater Sunrise project. He also acknowledged Bracks' efforts to strengthen cooperation between the two countries, which contributed to greater confidence and optimism about the future of the project.

Minister Pereira expressed his gratitude for Steve Bracks' dedication over the last few years, underlining the importance of continued cooperation between the two countries to ensure the sustainable and mutually beneficial progress of the Greater Sunrise project.

The meeting also allowed for an exchange of ideas on the project's next steps, including Timor-Leste's perspectives, strategies to address the results of the British company Wood's report and the definition of new points of contact to ensure effective coordination between the governments of Timor-Leste and Australia.

The study carried out by Wood between April and November 2024 confirms that the option of developing the project in Timor-Leste is viable and offers significant economic and social benefits for the country.

The Government of Timor-Leste reaffirms its commitment to the development of Greater Sunrise as a strategic priority for the promotion of economic growth and the well-being of the Timorese people, maintaining close collaboration with its international partners.

The Greater Sunrise gas fields are located about 140 km south of the coast of Timor-Leste. The consortium responsible for developing the fields (Sunrise Joint Venture) is made up of TIMOR GAP, with a 56.6% stake, Woodside, with 33.44%, and Osaka Gas Australia, with 10%.

# **Sorumutu Despedida entre Ministru Agio Pereira ho Representante Espesiál Austrália ba Greater Sunrise**

Ministru Prezidénsia Konsellu Ministrus no Interlokutór Timor-Leste nian ba diskusaun kona-ba Greater Sunrise, Agio Pereira, ohin, loron 29 fulan-janeiru tinan 2025, liuhosi video konferénsia, hasoru-malu ho Steve Bracks AC, iha sorumutu despedida ida ne'ebé marka ho termina ninia mandatu hanesan Representante Espesiál Austrália ba projetu Greater Sunrise.

Enkontru ne'e hanesan oportunidade ida atu hatudu progresu ne'ebé alkansa ona durante Steve Bracks nia mandatu, rekoñese nia kontribuisaun sira no diskute perspetiva futuru ba dezenvolvimentu projetu Greater Sunrise nian.

Durante enkontru ne'e, Ministru Agio Pereira destaka papel importante ne'ebé halo husi Steve Bracks durante prosesu tomak, liuliu iha promosaun konseitu Fundu Infraestruturas ba dezenvolvimentu projetu, ne'ebé kapitaliza hosi parte ida hosi parte Austrália nian, hosi reseita sira futuru projetu Greater Sunrise nian. Nia mós rekoñese esforsu Bracks nian hodi hametin kooperasaun entre nasaun rua ne'e, ne'ebé kontribui ba konfiansa no otimizmu ne'ebé boot liu kona-ba futuru projetu ne'e nian.

Ministru Pereira hato'o gratidaun ba dedikasaun Steve Bracks nian iha tinan hirak liubá, hodi subliña importânsia kooperasaun kontinuidade entre nasaun rua ne'e hodi garante progresu sustentável no iha benefísiu ba malu hosi projetu Greater Sunrise.

Enkontru ne'e mós permite troka ideias kona-ba pasu sira tuirmai husi projetu ne'e, inklui perspetiva Timor-Leste nian, estratejias hodi aborda rezultadus hudi relatóriu empreza britániku Wood nian no define pontu kontaktu foun sira hodi garante koordenasaun efetivu entre Governu Timor Leste no Australia.

Estudu ne'e hala'o hosi Wood, husi fulan-abríl to'o fulan-novembru tinan 2024, konfirma katak opsaun dezenvolvimentu projetu iha Timor-Leste ne'e viável no oferese benefísiu ekonómiku no sosial ne'ebé signifikativu ba nasaun ne'e.

Governu Timor-Leste reafirma ninia kompromisu ho dezenvolvimentu Greater Sunrise nu'udar prioridade estratéjiku ida hodi promove kreiximento ekonómiku no moris-di'ak povu timoroan nian, mantein kolaborasaun ida ne'ebé metin ho ninia parseiru internasional sira.

Kampu gás Greater Sunrise lokaliza besik 140 km iha súl husi tasi-ibun Timor-Leste nian. Konsórsiu ne'e responsável ba dezenvolvimentu kampu sira (Sunrise Joint Venture) ne'ebé kompostu hosi TIMOR GAP, ho partisipasaun 56,6%, Woodside, ho 33,44%, no Osaka Gas Australia, ho 10%.

