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A Reassuring Presence

The Société Africaine de Raffinage (SAR) began its operations on October 31, 1963, and was officially inaugurated on January 27, 1964. Since its creation, it has played a vital role in supplying the country with petroleum products, including butane gas, regular and premium gasoline, jet fuel, kerosene, gasoil, diesel oil, and fuel oil.

Located in Mbao, Dakar, the refinery processes an average of 180 tons of crude oil per hour across a 32-hectare industrial site. This processing capacity represents approximately 1.5 million tons of production per year, covering nearly 50% of the national demand for hydrocarbons, with the remainder supplemented by imports to achieve an average of 80% coverage of the national market.

By 2029, SAR aims to achieve self-sufficiency in the supply of petroleum products to the national market and also supply part of the subregional market. This will be made possible through an increase in its capacity to 5.5 million tons, enabling the refining of a significant share of the country's crude oil production from the SANGOMAR field.

For more than 60 years, SAR has stood as a strategic pillar for the national economy and energy security.

Key figures



Production

1,5 million Tons
Source: CRSE data



Turnover

par 923 billions FCFA =
1.6 billions USD



Employment

301 staff



Tax contribution

209 billions FCFA
(2022-2024)



Certification

ISO 9001 ISO 14001
ISO 45001 ISO 17025

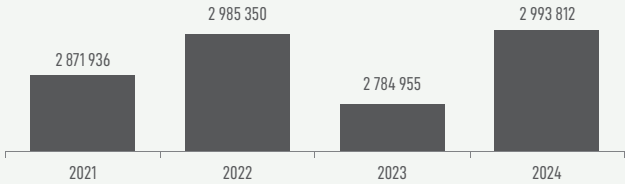
The petroleum products market in Senegal has experienced sustained growth, averaging more than 3.2% annually between 2020 and 2024, mainly driven by the steady increase in domestic demand.

In 2024, SAR covered around 84% (industrial and commercial activity) of the national demand for petroleum products (excluding jet fuel, marine gasoil bunkers, and karpowership fuel), reaffirming its central role in the country's supply.

In addition, other operators in the sector accounted for the remaining 16% through independent imports.

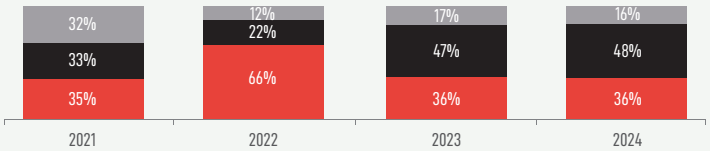
Furthermore, SAR ensures 100% of Senelec's petroleum product supply.

Domestic consumption of hydrocarbons (tons)



Source: CRSE data

Market share excluding jet and butane



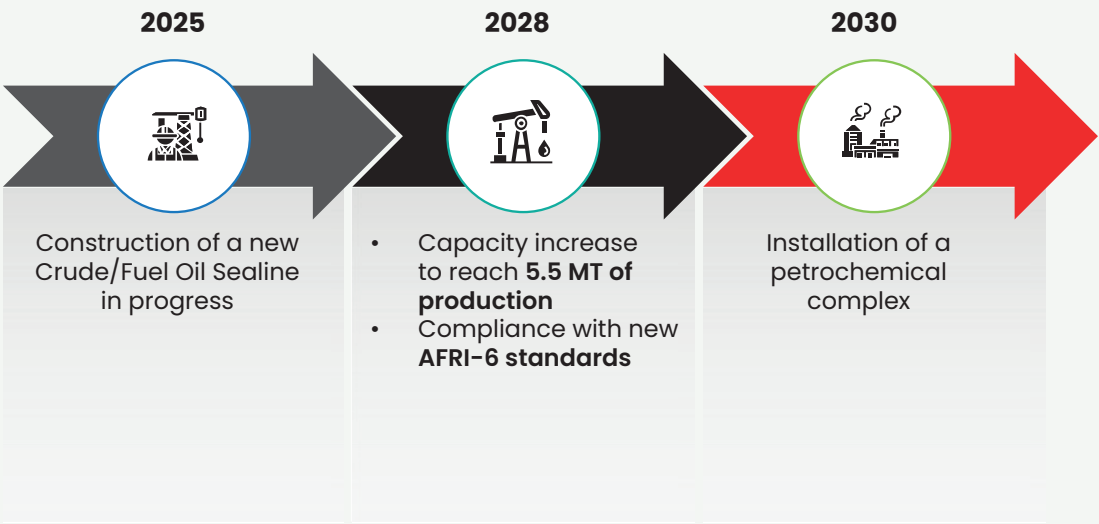
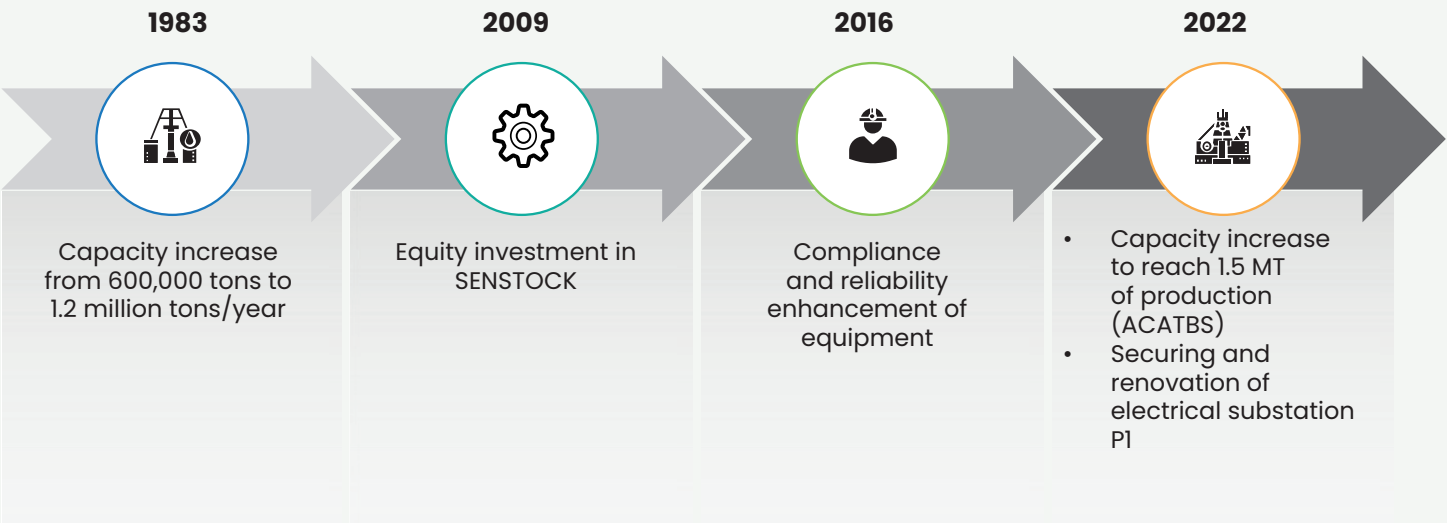
Source: CRSE data

- Other importers
- SAR - Industrial activity
- SAR - Sales activity

(excluding jet fuel, marine gasoil bunkers, and karpowership fuel)



Key dates



Facilities, Equipments and Capacities

Sites	Equipments	Capacity
Crude Oil Storage Area 	• 7 crude oil storage tanks • 1 new tank of 50,000 m³ under construction	• Total storage capacity: 225,000 m³
Mbao Refinery 	Integrated Industrial Complex (32 ha, Dakar) Includes: • Atmospheric distillation unit • Reforming unit • MEROX unit • Vacuum distillation unit • Butane recovery unit • Boiler (H341N) • Boiler (H302N) • 6 generators with a total power of 6,000 kW • Pre-flash column and furnace.	• Atmospheric distillation unit: 1,500,000 T/year • Vacuum distillation unit: 950,000 T/year • Reforming unit: 18 T/h • MEROX unit: 25 T/h
Hydrocarbons Storage Area 	• 28 hydrocarbons storage tanks • 8 butane storage spheres	• Combined storage capacity: 62,200 m³ • Butane storage capacity: 3,700 T

Products

-  **Butane**
-  **Premium Gasoline**
-  **Marine Fuel**
-  **Kerosene**
-  **Kerosene domestic**
-  **Gas Oil**
-  **Diesel Oil**
-  **Fuel Oil**

Customers





SAR 2.0 Project

With the liberalization of the energy sector in 1998, the Senegalese market became more competitive in terms of imports, marked by the arrival of new national and international operators.

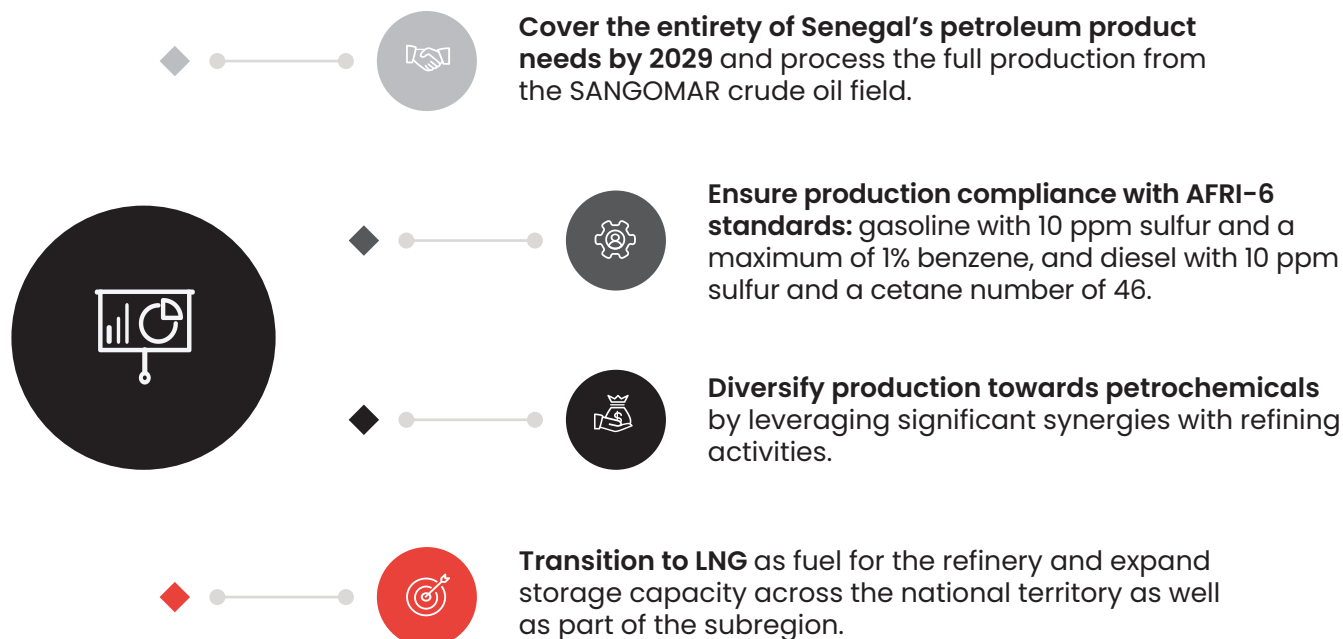
In this context, SAR continues to operate its Mbao refinery, which processes 180 tons of crude oil per hour and covers about half of the country's hydrocarbon needs, while imports remain necessary to secure supply.

The recent oil and gas discoveries in Senegal offer a major opportunity to strengthen energy autonomy and improve product availability in both quantity and quality.

The SAR 2.0 project is a flagship strategic initiative aimed at modernizing and reinforcing the Société Africaine de Raffinage (SAR) to ensure Senegal's energy sovereignty. Aligned with the "Senegal 2050" vision, this project aspires to position SAR as a leading regional player in crude oil refining and petrochemicals.



Project challenges



Project components

Refining	Atmospheric and Vacuum Distillation : Separation of crude oil into different fractions. Deep Conversion : (hydrocracker, FCC, etc.) to maximize the production of high value-added fuels. Treatment : (desulfurization, hydrotreating) to ensure clean fuels compliant with AFRI-6 standards.	Products - Gasoline - Diesel - Bitumen - Engine Oils - Sulfur - Jet Fuel - Heavy Fuel Oil - LPG - Polypropylene
Petrochemicals	Production units dedicated to the conversion of petroleum fractions into various petrochemical products	Products - Urea - Polyethylene - Ammonia - NPK Fertilizer
Territorialization	Provision and facilitation of access to petroleum products across the entire territory. SAR plans to redeploy its storage capacities within the 8 territorial hubs through a network of pipelines and a fleet of barge-tankers, in order to ensure fair and equitable access to petroleum products throughout the national territory.	
Technology - High-performance and efficient processes - Automation and digital control - Integration of digital technologies (IoT, data analytics) for optimized management		



A photograph of an industrial facility, likely a refinery or chemical plant. The image shows large, cylindrical storage tanks, complex piping systems, and metal walkways with railings. The scene is set against a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The foreground is slightly out of focus, showing more of the industrial structure.

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