Last week, **Gulfsands** was delighted to co-sponsor the Libya Energy Forum, convened by the **Libyan British Business Council**, as part of the Africa Energies Summit in London.

The theme of the forum was "*Realising Libya's Energy Ambitions*" and commenced with an insightful keynote address by Chairman of the **Libya National Oil Corporation**, Eng. Masoud Suleiman, who led an impressive delegation covering all aspects of the NOC.

In front of a packed audience, Eng. Suleiman laid out his ambitions for the industry, building on the recent Licencing Round which as welcomed several new entrants into the market. He declared Libya "Open for Business" and looked forward to future licencing rounds which he said would build on the experiences of the last one.

The forum highlighted the growing momentum within Libya's energy sector, as Libya remains uniquely positioned with significant resource potential, established infrastructure, and increasing opportunities for constructive partnership across both traditional hydrocarbons and broader energy transition initiatives.

I was also delighted to have a private meeting with Eng Suleiman, together with my colleagues **Sir Alan Duncan** and **Andrew Morris**, where I was able to reiterate Gulfsands' interest in making Libya an important element of our MENA growth strategy. We look forward to furthering those discussions.

Thank you again to **PeterMillett** and the Libyan British Business Council for hosting another excellent and timely event.