



PRIORITY INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN GABON

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10 SECTORS/25 PROJECTS

- Wood (2 projects)
- Agriculture (2 projects)
- Fishing (1 project)
- Mining (3 projects)
- Real Estate (2 projects)
- Digital (3 projects)
- Tourism (2 projects)
- Hydrocarbons & Petrochemicals (4 projects)
- Transport & Logistics (1 project)
- Energy & Water (5 projects)

I. WOOD SECTOR

1. CREATION OF 5 INDUSTRIAL DOMAINS OF WOOD

- **Description of the project:** establishment of 5 industrial wood fields, industrial platforms pooling (i) a certain number of equipment (log saws, driers, grinding machines, biomass boiler, etc.), (ii) the production of several operators and close to the resource. Feasibility studies to be carried out ;
- **Benefits of the project:**
 - making land available to investors in a gracious manner ;
 - privileged access to the wood resource;
- **Planned total investment:** USD 8.1 million;
- **Key Partner:** Gabonese State (Ministry of Forest Economy).

2. OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE GABONESE NATIONAL TIMBER EXCHANGE

- **Description of the project:** creation of an electronic platform of exchanges bringing together and circulating information, in real time, between all the actors of the wood. This grant will enable the establishment of a secure and reliable end-to-end process, with standards and physical tracking of the ranking and storage of products, offers and submissions for corresponding product transactions, a solution of risk-free payment for tracking the delivery and delivery of products. Feasibility studies to be carried out ;
- **Benefits of the project :**
 - Strong financial profitability of the timber exchange ;
 - The stock market, a key player in the wood sector by providing a guarantee to market players at three levels: product integrity; the integrity of the transaction and the integrity of the market players ;
- **Planned total investment:** USD 1.6 million;
- **Key Partner:** Gabonese State (Ministry of Forest Economy).

II.AGRICULTURE SECTOR

3. GRAINE PROGRAM

- **Description of the project:**
 - The main agricultural investment initiative in Gabon, aimed at facilitating access to agricultural land and supervising 20,000 farmers in cooperatives;
 - Creation of a joint company, SOTRADER, between the State and Olam, to supervise cooperatives;
 - Possibility for new investors to enter the capital of SOTRADER;
 - 70,000 hectares dedicated to export crops and 8,000 to food crops;
 - In progress - 4,200 Ha exploited for export crops and 180 Ha for cash crops (2016);
- **Benefits of the project:**
 - Access to a local market with high demand for food products;
 - Easy access to regional and international markets;
 - One-stop shop simplifies administrative procedures;
 - Access to fertile agricultural land;
- **Planned total investment:**
 - Food Crops: USD 507 million;
 - Export crop: USD 815 million;
- **Investment already committed**
 - Food crop: US \$ 16 million;
 - Export crop: USD 90 million;
- **Key Partner:**
 - Gabonese State (Ministry of Agriculture);
 - OLAM.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRO-PASTORAL FARMS

- **Description of the project:**
 - Development and operation of agro-pastoral farms in Ndendé and Boumango, two large open production areas, for market gardening and poultry farming;
 - Search for private investors for asset recovery and the revival of SOGADEL, a public agro-industrial enterprise;
- **Benefits of the project:**
 - Provision of farmland for investors;
 - One-stop shop simplifies administrative procedures;
 - Access to cheap local labor;
- **Planned total investment:** To be determined;
- **Key Partner:** Gabonese State (Ministry of Agriculture)

III.FISHING SECTOR

5. CONSTRUCTION OF A FISHING PORT IN LIBREVILLE

- **Description of the project:**
 - Construction and management of a fishing port in Libreville allowing the landing of fisheries catches. Feasibility studies to be carried out
- **Benefits of the project:**
 - Obligation to land 30% of tuna catches by EU tuna vessels to develop Port activity
 - First and only fishing port in Gabon
- **Total planned investment: USD 34 million**
- **Key Partner:**
 - Gabonese State (Ministry of the Forest Economy) Gabon Fund for Strategic Investments (FGIS)

IV. MINING SECTOR

6. MABOUMINES PROJECT (RARE EARTHS, NIOBIUM, PHOSPHATES)

- **Description of the project:**
 - Maboumines is a world-class mining project for the development of rare earths, Niobium and Phosphates. The result of a partnership between the Gabonese State and the ERAMET group, this large-scale project is now in an initial phase of development. New investors could be involved;
 - Both partners are looking for technical and financial partners;
 - Feasibility studies carried out;
- **Project strengths:** Large reserves of phosphates (20.5 million tonnes), rare earths (3.4 million tonnes), Niobium (2.6 million tonnes);
- **Planned total investment:** To be determined;
- **Key Partner:** Gabonese State (Ministry of Mines); ERAMET

7. GRANTING EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION PERMITS FOR IRON, GOLD AND OTHER MINERAL RESOURCES

- **Description of the project:**
 - Exploration and exploitation of the different mining sites of Gabon;
 - Need to carry out preliminary tactical prospecting, resource evaluation and socio-economic studies of the various sites;
 - Call for tenders for the granting of exploration permits;
- **Project strengths:** Significant reserves of iron, gold and other resources to facilitate mining exports;
- **Planned total investment:** To be determined;
- **Key Partner:**
 - Gabonese State (Ministry of Mines);
 - ERAMET

8. AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY PROJECT

- **Description of the project:** To make a high resolution regional airborne survey on the Nkol, Okanda-Offoué, Ikoy-Ikobé, Belinga-Batouala-Minkébé, Monts de Cristal and Francevilien and coastal basin areas, in order to generate directly targets to be surveyed and other development studies. Search for partners;
- **Project benefits:** The results of the work will give rise to allocations of mining rights for which the investor will have the full right of priority;
- **Planned total investment:** To be determined from the feasibility study;
- **Key Partner:** Gabonese State (Ministry of Mines)

V.REAL ESTATE SECTOR

9. TRIUMPHAL FIELD DEVELOPMENT AREA

- **Description of the project:**
 - Development of several hectares in Libreville for the construction of offices, shopping centers and hotels;
 - Project launched in 2011 with the realization of the first plans and the creation of approximately 40 ha of land;
 - Search for investors to finalize the development and manage the TRIUMPHAL FIELD area;
 - Initial phase - 40 ha of land created. Investor search in progress
- **Benefits of the project:**
 - The project will fill the high demand for office and hotel properties in Libreville;
 - Libreville, the business capital of Central Africa;
- **Planned total investment:** To be determined from the feasibility study;
- **Key Partner:**
 - Ministry of Infrastructure;
 - National Agency for Major Infrastructure Works (ANGTI);
 - Maritime Facade of the Triomphal Field (FMCT);
 - Gabon Fund for Strategic Investments (FGIS)

10. NTCHENGUE DEVELOPMENT AREA

- **Description of the project:** Development of the Ntchengue area in two parts: first, the completion of the work of the sea bream (827 villas and 10 buildings on 80 ha). And in a second time the development of 120 ha will be made available to investors needing land. Feasibility studies to be carried out
- **Benefits of the project:**
 - The project will respond to the high demand for social housing in Port-Gentil
 - Port Gentil is the economic capital of Gabon and attracts national and international investors
- **Planned total investment:** To be determined from the feasibility study
- **Key Partner:**
 - Ministry of Infrastructure
 - National Agency for Major Infrastructure Works (ANGTI)
 - Gabon Fund for Strategic Investments (FGIS)

VI.DIGITAL SECTOR

11. PUBLIC ELECTRONIC PAYMENT PLATFORM

▪ Description of the project:

- Establishment of a public platform of electronic payment in order to optimize the collection of the revenues of the State;
- E-billing, a sub-regional solution for mobile wallet aggregation has been identified for the purchase of "domaine.ga" and could serve as a pilot for the global solution;
- This project aims to promote innovative and secure means of payment using a multi-operator, multi-bank and multi-terminal platform, which can integrate all the applications that facilitate and bring closer the banking services of the populations;
- Feasibility studies to be carried out

▪ Benefits of the project:

- Existence of a mature local market with strong penetration of mobile money, mobile internet and mobile telephony;
- Willingness of the State to dematerialize the automatic transfer of money (salaries, grants, pensions, social assistance ...) and who will be able to use the public platform of electronic payment;

▪ Planned total investment: USD 5 million;

▪ Key Partner: Ministry of the Digital Economy

12. CENTRAL AFRICAN BLACKBONE (PHASE 2)

▪ Description of the project:

- Installation and operation of 3000 km of optical fiber in all the provinces of the country with the objective of connecting fiber optic 9 locations;
- Phase 1 completed. Phase 2 not started - Partner search

▪ Benefits of the project:

- Strong growth in broadband internet consumption in the population
- Increasing broadband internet needs for digital service development

▪ Planned total investment: USD 104 million

▪ Key Partner:

- Ministry of the Digital Economy
- Digital Infrastructure Heritage Company (SPIN)

13. SECURING SECURITIES AND ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS

- **Description of the project:**
 - Establishment of a public key management infrastructure (PKI) or public key infrastructure whose role is to issue electronic certificates of authentication, cryptography and electronic signatures for the benefit of public and private administration.
 - Launch of the public key management tool in November 2013 / certificates for the establishment of biometric passports
- **Benefits of the project:**
 - Institutional, legal, regulatory and non-regulatory framework facilitating the deployment of the PKI
 - Strong demand (public and private) for improving digital security
- **Total planned investment:** USD 3.9 million
- **Key Partner:**
 - Ministry of the Digital Economy
 - National Agency of Digital Infrastructures and Frequencies (ANINF)

VII.TOURISM SECTOR

14. DEVELOP FLAGSHIP ECOTOURISM ACTIVITIES

- **Description of the project:**
 - Construction of the ecotourism offer around the flagship product "Expeditions in the rainforest" by developing activities involving the charismatic animals (elephants, gorillas, whales ...) of Gabon;
 - Program development;
 - Search for partners
- **Benefits of the project:**
 - Gabon, an exceptional destination for tourists looking for original and preserved natural sites
 - Gabon, home to the largest concentration of African forest elephants.
- **Planned total investment:** USD 12 million
- **Key Partner:**
 - Ministry of Investment Promotion
 - Gabonese Tourism Agency (AGATOUR)
 - Parks Gabon

15. DEVELOPMENT OF A HOTEL PARK WITHIN THE NATIONAL PARKS

- **Description of the project:**
 - Construction of a network of 12 luxury hotels / lodges throughout the territory offering international customers varied and complementary experiences of ecotourism.
Determined site localization - Partner search
- **Benefits of the project:**
 - Unique biodiversity and rich flora and fauna
 - Gabon, an exceptional destination for tourists looking for original and preserved natural sites
- **Planned total investment:** To be determined
- **Key Partner:**
 - Ministry of Investment Promotion
 - Gabonese Tourism Agency (AGATOUR)
 - Parks Gabon

VIII. HYDROCARBONS AND PETROCHEMICALS SECTOR

16. DEVELOPMENT OF ZERP AT MANDJI ISLAND

- **Description of the project:**
 - Establishment of a ZERP on the Mandji Island of 950 hectares, to structure an integrated economic pole dedicated to hydrocarbons and petrochemicals.
 - Development of 380 hectares of residential area and 412 hectares for the creation of a digital village
 - Construction of new port and commercial facilities.
 - Initial phase Negotiations in progress with private partners for the creation of the zone
- **Benefits of the project:**
 - Proximity to hydrocarbon, phosphate and rare earth supply centers in Moyen-Ogooué (Mabounié)
 - Proximity to the new Port-Gentil International Airport and the Cap Lopez oil terminal
- **Total planned investment:** USD 805 million
- **Key Partner:**
 - Ministry of Oil and Hydrocarbons
 - OLAM

17. CONSTRUCTION OF A FERTILIZER PLANT IN PORT-GENTIL

- **Description of the project:**
 - Construction of a fertilizer plant as part of a joint venture between Gabon (Equatorial Mining Company) and Morocco (OCP, world leader in phosphate production).
 - Production of 2 million tonnes of fertilizer through the establishment of: (i) an ammonia production unit and a phosphate fertilizer production unit in Gabon, (ii) production of phosphoric acid and fertilizers in Morocco.
 - Initial phase: Framework Agreement between Morocco (OCP) and Gabon (SEM)
- **Benefits of the project:**
 - Availability of gas in Gabon for fertilizer manufacturing
 - Privileged access to Moroccan phosphate
 - Fertilizer marketing in Gabon and Africa
- **Planned total investment:** USD 2.3 billion
- **Key Partner:**
 - Ministry of Oil and Hydrocarbons
 - Kingdom of Morocco
 - Equatorial Society of Mines
 - OCP Morocco

18. CONSTRUCTION OF AN OIL REFINERY

- **Description of the project:**
 - Construction of an oil refinery with a capacity of 60,000 barrels / day as part of a PPP between the State and Samsung CT
 - Production of LPG, gas oil, diesel, jet, fuel and refined oil dedicated to export up to 70%.
 - Bot after 20 years
 - Initial phase: Framework Agreement between the Gabonese Republic and Samsung CT
- **Benefits of the project:**
 - Guaranteed supply of crude oil for the refinery
 - Right of priority for the supply of petroleum products on the local market
- **Planned total investment:** USD 2.3 billion
- **Key Partner:**
 - Ministry of Oil and Hydrocarbons
 - World Bank
 - African Development Bank
 - Korea Eximbank
 - Gabon Oil Company
 - Samsung C & T

19. GRANTING OF DEEPWATER EXPLORATION LICENSES

- **Description of the project:**
 - Call for tenders for the granting of deep and very deep offshore exploration licenses off Gabon
 - Invitation to tender in preparation
- **Project assets:** Right of priority for all oil discoveries
- **Planned total investment:** Call for tenders to be launched
- **Key Partner:** Ministry of Petroleum and Hydrocarbons

IX. TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS SECTOR

20. EXTENSION OF THE PORT OF OWENDO

- **Description of the project:**
 - Construction of a commercial port and a mineral port in extension of the existing infrastructures of the port of Owendo as part of a PPP between the Gabonese State and Olam Gabon within the joint venture GSEZ
 - Commercial port: 18 hectares, capacity of 3 million tonnes / year,
 - Mineral port: 25 hectares, capacity of 10 million tons / year.
- **Benefits of the project:**
 - Commercial Port: Rapid increase in container and cargo traffic in Gabon
 - Mineral port:
 - Existence of a large mining activity in Gabon
 - Strong demand for storage services
 - Resumption of existing maritime logistics activities of Solimar Gabon
- **Planned total investment:**
 - Commercial port: 312 million USD
 - Mineral port: USD 486 million
- **Investment already committed:**
 - Commercial port: 213 million USD
 - Mineral port: 161 million USD
- **Key Partner:**
 - Ministry of Transport and Logistics
 - Gabon Special Economic Zone (GSEZ)
 - OLAM

X.ENERGY AND WATER SECTOR

21. CONSTRUCTION OF THE OKANO "FE 2" DAM

- **Description of the project:**
 - Construction and operation of the FE 2 dam (46 MW), in Woleu-Ntem, as part of a PPP with the State.
 - Search for partners
- **Project assets:** State support in negotiating investors with technical and financial partners to obtain financing lines at preferential rates.
- **Planned total investment:** USD 37 million
- **Key Partner:** Ministry of Water and Energy

22. CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOOUÉ DAM

- **Description of the project:**
 - Construction and operation of the Booué dam (400 MW), as part of a PPP with the State;
 - Search for partners;
- **Project assets:** State support in negotiating investors with technical and financial partners to obtain financing lines at preferential rates;
- **Planned total investment:** cost to be determined from the feasibility study;
- **Key Partner:** Ministry of Water and Energy

23. CONSTRUCTION OF THE GRAND POUBARA DAM - PHASE 2

- **Description of the project:**
 - Construction of phase 2 of the Grand Poubara dam (160 MW) in Haut-Ogooué, as part of a PPP with the State;
 - Search for partners;
- **Project strengths:** the project meets the energy needs of manganese processing plants in Moanda;
- **Planned total investment:** cost to be determined from the feasibility study;
- **Key Partner:** Ministry of Water and Energy

24. CONSTRUCTION OF A NATIONAL INTERCONNECTED ELECTRICITY SYSTEM

- **Description of the project:**
 - Construction of the last missing sections of the national interconnected electricity grid. These include the electrical transmission of the Ekouk - Bifoun - Alembe Station - FE2 - Mitzic area and the electrical transmission between the Falls of Empress Eugenie and Ntoun;

- In progress - Completed construction of the interconnected Woleu-Ntem network, connecting Mitzic and Oyem;
- **Project assets:** possibility to export electricity to neighboring countries;
- **Planned total investment:** cost to be determined;
- **Key Partner:** Ministry of Water and Energy

25. CONSTRUCTION OF THE NTOUM WATER PRODUCTION PLANT 7

- **Description of the project:**
 - Construction of a water production and treatment plant in the city of Ntoun to supply the Libreville agglomeration with 140,000 cubic meters of water per day;
 - Feasibility studies carried out;
- **Project assets:** State support in negotiating investors with technical and financial partners to obtain financing lines at preferential rates;
- **Total planned investment:** 126 million USD
- **Key Partner:** Ministry of Water and Energy