

**Area:** 266 024 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population:** 1 051 937 (1988)

**Capital:** Libreville (251 000)

**System of Government:** Presidential regime moving towards multi-party system

**Head of State:** President El Hadj Omar Bongo, President

**Language:** French is the official language: Fang, Myene, Bateke, Bapounou, Eschira, Bandjabi

**Ethnic Background:** 4 major tribal groupings; Fang, Eschira, Bapounou, Bateke

**GDP:** US\$3.5 billion (1987)      **Debt Service Ratio:** 8.9% (1988)

**Real GDP:** 2% (1988)      **Inflation Rate:** minus 10.8% (1988)

**Per Capita Income:** US\$3 182 (1987)

**Currency:** CFA franc (CFA fr) CFA fr287.9 = US\$1 (1989)

**Agriculture:** Pineapples, bananas, cassava, peanuts, cocoa, coffee, wood

**Industries:** Petroleum, sawmills, mining, food and beverages

**Major Exports (1988):** Petroleum, timber, manganese, uranium, gold

**Major Imports (1988):** Equipment and tools, food and agricultural products, transport equipment, mining equipment

**Main Sectors of Opportunity for Canadian Business:**

1. Petroleum equipment and services
2. Infrastructure construction
3. Consultant engineering
4. Forestry

**Canadian Trade Statistics (C\$ million):**

	1987	1988	1989
Exports	1.20	5.10	6.30
Imports	4.10	1.10	0.38