

Area: 266 024 km²

Population: 1 051 837 (1988)

Capital: Libreville (251 900)

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, Nyeme, Eteke, Rapounou, Eechira, Sandjehi

Ethnic Background: Major tribal groupings, Fang, Eechira, Rapounou, Eteke

GDP: US\$33.5 million (1988) *Inflation:* 3.0% (1988)

Real GDP: 2% (1988) *Balance of Payments:* minus 10.8% (1988)

Per Capita Income:

Currency: CFA franc (CFA F) CFA F 207.5 = US\$1 (1988)

Gabonese Republic

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	0.30
Imports	4.15	1.10	0.35