GABON

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Ali BONGO Ondimba
Head of Government
Prime Minister Julien NKOUGE BEKALE
Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Libreville
Legislature
bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (102 seats) and the National Assembly (143 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court (consists of 4 permanent specialized supreme courts – Supreme Court, Administrative Supreme Court, Accounting Supreme Court, Constitutional Court)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Michael MOUSSA-ADAMO
US Ambassador
Charge d’Affaires Robert E. WHITEHEAD

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
enjoys a per capita income four times that of most Sub-Saharan African nations but with high income inequality; despite an abundance of wealth, poor fiscal management and over-reliance on oil has stifled the economy
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$36.66 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$18,100 (2017 est.)
Exports
$5.564 billion (2017 est.)
partners:  China 36.4%, US 10%, Ireland 8.5%, Netherlands 6.3%, South Korea 5.1%, Australia 5%, Italy 4.6% (2017)
Imports
$2.829 billion (2017 est.)
partners:  France 23.6%, Belgium 19.6% China 15.2% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
2.2 million (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
2.5% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
Gabonese-born 80.1%, (includes Fang 23.2%, Shira-Punu/Vil 18.9%, Nzabi-Duma 11.3%, Mdade-Teke 6.9%, Myene 5%, Kota-Kele 4.9%, Okande-Tsogo 2.1%, other 7.8%), foreign-born 18.3%, acquired Gabonese nationality 1.6% (2012)
Language
French (official), Fang, Myene, Nzebi, Babounou/Eschira, Bandjaji
Religion
Roma Catholic 42.3%, Protestant 12.3%, other Christian 27.4%, Muslim 9.8%, animist 0.6%, other 0.5%, none/no answer 7.1% (2012 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 90.1% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 4.23% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
84.7% (2018)

as of March 2020