**INTRODUCTION**
Equatorial Guinea gained independence in 1968 after 190 years of Spanish rule. It is one of the smallest countries in Africa consisting of a mainland territory and five inhabited islands. The country hosts major regional and international conferences and continues to seek leadership in the region and a greater role in international affairs.

**GOVERNMENT**

**Chief of State**
President Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Teodoro OBiang Nguema Mbasogo

**Head of Government**
Prime Minister Francisco Pascual Eyegue OBAMA Asue

**Government Type**
presidential republic

**Capital**
Malabo

**Legislature**
bicameral National Assembly consists of the Senate (70 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies (100 seats)

**ECONOMY**

**Economic Overview**
growing CEMAC economy and new OPEC member; large oil and gas reserves; targeting economic diversification and poverty reduction; still recovering from CEMAC crisis; improving public financial management; persistent poverty; hard-hit by COVID-19

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** $23.86 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** $17,000 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - petroleum, natural gas, sawmilling

**Agricultural products** - sweet potatoes, cassava, roots/tubers nes, plantains, oil palm fruit, bananas, coconuts, coffee, cocoa, eggs

**Exports** $8.776 billion (2019 est.)
crude petroleum, natural gas, industrial alcohols, lumber, veneer sheeting (2019)

**partners**: China 34%, India 19%, Spain 11%, US 7% (2019)

**Imports** $6.245 billion (2019 est.)
gas turbines, beer, ships, industrial machinery, excavation machinery (2019)

**partners**: US 22%, Spain 19%, China 12%, UK 6%, UAE 5% (2019)

**PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

**Population**
857,010 (July 2021 est.)

**Population Growth**
2.29% (2021 est.)

**Ethnicity**
Fang 85.7 %, Bubi 6.5%, Mdowe 3.6%, Annabon 1.6%, Bujeba 1.1%, other 1.4% (1994 census)

**Language**
Spanish (official) 87.6%, other (includes Fang, bubi, Portuguese (official), French (official)) 32.4% (1994 census)

**Religion**
Roman Catholic 88%, Protestant 5%, Muslim 2%, other 5% (animist, Baha’i, Jewish)

**Urbanization**
urban population: 73.6% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 3.62% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)