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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Palm Oil Africa

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## Why Gabon ?

Gabon's per capita GDP is among the highest in sub-Saharan Africa. Structural changes from the government's ambitious economic development program are aimed at creating a business-friendly environment necessary to attract foreign direct investments. Gabon wants to develop and diversify its agriculture sector, allowing palm oil to account for a larger proportion of its GDP. With large amount of available arable land that does not involve clearing the forests, and an attractive investment framework, Gabon expects to produce 250 000 t/y of sustainable palm oil by 2020.

Following the overwhelming success of Palm Oil AFRICA in Ghana last year, the highly-acclaimed series moves to Gabon this year to cover more regional ground. Supported by the **Gabon Ministry of Agriculture**, expect a panel of stellar speakers and industry majors sharing issues and challenges relating to palm oil investments in Africa.

### Key topics to be discussed

- Land planning and regulations, labour laws, financing, outgrowers/smallholders' scheme
- Sustainability initiatives by plantation companies operating in Africa
- R & D efforts in high yielding, disease resistant materials, planting processes
- Infrastructure required for developing African agriculture
- Opportunities for downstream processing

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