Ministry of Economy, Finance, Debt and State Holdings, in charge of the Fight against the High Cost of Living

PRESS RELEASE

Libreville, 3 November 2026 - Between 29 October and 3 November 2026, the Minister of Economy, Finance, Debt and State Holdings, in charge of the Fight against the High Cost of Living, Mr Thierry MINKO, received more than twenty international investors, most of them holders of Gabonese bonds, accompanied by the research teams from Bank of America and Barclays.

These meetings form part of the regular dialogue the Minister has established with investors since Gabon's return to the international financial markets. They reflect the authorities' commitment to greater transparency and to providing regular information on the country's economic and financial situation.

The discussions focused mainly on recent developments and Gabon's economic outlook, the 2026–2027 budgetary framework, public debt and financing prospects. The Minister stressed that fiscal consolidation and the ambitions of the National Growth and Development Plan (PNCD) are complementary. He also highlighted the importance of controlling the budget deficit and keeping debt sustainable, which should help mobilise private investment.

Particular attention was given to discussions with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which are progressing well. Work with the Mission Chief and the Resident Representative covers three areas:

- finalising the assessment of the economic and financial situation;
- stabilising public debt data;
- adjusting the 2027 Finance Bill so that it is consistent with the commitments made by the Conference of CEMAC Heads of State.

This progress paves the way for the forthcoming opening of negotiations on a three-year programme. An IMF mission is expected in November 2026, with the aim of reaching a staff-level agreement ahead of the programme's consideration by the IMF Executive Board.

The investors commended the quality of the documentation and of the discussions. In line with the directives of the President of the Republic, His Excellency Brice Clotaire OLIGUI NGUEMA, the Minister reaffirmed the Government's determination to continue managing public finances rigorously and transparently. This dialogue will continue through regular meetings in Gabon and abroad.

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