

Insight into AfricaMaVal country case studies **GABON**

Gabon is poised to become a central figure in the supply chain of critical raw materials essential for the EU's technological and environmental advancements. The country's rich mineral reserves present a significant opportunity to diversify its economy beyond oil, which currently accounts for about 80% of its export revenue.



manganese (Mn), copper (Cu),
nickel (Ni), and platinum group
elements (PGEs).



Okondja manganese deposit & the
Moanda mine on the Okouma plateau.

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COUNTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL INITIATIVES

Enhancing ESG Standards:

The Gabonese government is implementing stricter ESG practices to attract sustainable investments.

This includes the introduction of new environmental regulations and community engagement protocols to ensure responsible mining operations.

Investment-Friendly Policies:

Recent initiatives include tax incentives for mining companies and streamlined processes for obtaining mining licenses to encourage foreign investment.

Community Engagement:

The government is prioritizing the development of local infrastructure and promoting economic opportunities for communities affected by mining.

This includes the requirement for mining companies to also invest in building schools, healthcare facilities, and roads in mining regions to improve the quality of life and foster local development.

CHALLENGES AND BARRIERS

• Regulatory Hurdles:

Navigating Gabon's mining regulations and fiscal policies can be complex and time-consuming. For example, investors often face delays due to bureaucratic inefficiencies and a lack of clarity in the regulatory framework.

• Infrastructure Limitations:

The lack of efficient transportation networks, such as railways and ports, hinders the smooth movement of mined materials from extraction sites to processing facilities and export terminals.

• Social and Environmental Concerns:

Mining activities have raised concerns about deforestation and habitat destruction, which necessitate robust environmental management practices to mitigate negative impacts.