

A Letter to the President

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To His Excellency Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo

President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea

Palace of Malabo, Malabo

Mr. President,

I am writing this from the streets of Malabo, where the modern glass facades of our capital stand in sharp contrast to the lived reality of so many of our people. Equatorial Guinea is a land blessed by nature—we are a nation of immense mineral wealth, of lush rainforests, and a coast that gazes out toward a future of limitless potential. With a population of nearly 2 million, we should be the beacon of prosperity in Central Africa. Yet, for many of us, the wealth of our soil remains a distant promise, felt more in the architecture of the capital than in the kitchens of our families.

We are a people of deep talent and resilience. Our youth are ambitious, dreaming of careers in technology, medicine, and engineering. They look at the global stage and see what is possible, and they yearn to bring that excellence home. In our clinics and

schools, the dedication of our staff is heroic; they work with limited tools to heal and teach, often carrying the weight of the nation's aspirations on their shoulders. They are the ones who prove, every single day, that our people have the heart and the mind to lead.

But, Mr. President, the gap between our national wealth and our social reality is wide. Our economy is a giant built on oil, but we have failed to diversify, leaving the average citizen vulnerable to the volatility of global markets. We need an economy that works for everyone—not just the few. We need transparency, we need investment in our local markets, and we need to empower the small-scale farmer and the young entrepreneur.

Our social infrastructure is the pulse of our nation, but it is beating faintly. We need hospitals that are equipped for the 21st century, not just in appearance, but in access and care. We need an education system that bridges the divide between theory and the high-tech, globalized job market. We need to stop building "for show" and start building "for life."

We want to be a nation that is known not just for what we export, but for how we empower our own. Give us a future where our wealth is reinvested into the people, where a young woman in Bata has the same opportunity as a young man in Malabo, and where our parents can retire with the security they deserve. We have the resources, Mr. President. What we need now is the vision to use them for the common good.

With the hope of a citizen,

A Concerned Equatoguinean

Sovereign Performance Audit: Equatorial Guinea (June 2026)

Sector

Score

Summary

Political Stability

3.0

Stable under long-term leadership, but lacking in political plurality.

Economic Development

2.5

High GDP per capita due to oil, but extreme wealth inequality persists.

Social Infrastructure

2.0

Modern vanity projects contrast with underfunded healthcare and education for the masses.

National Resilience

2.0

Dependent on state-led projects; limited opportunity for independent social advancement.

Final Verdict: 2.37 / The Gilded Cage.

Equatorial Guinea possesses the capital to be a top-tier performer in Africa, but systemic inefficiency and wealth concentration act as a ceiling. The mandate for 2026 should be the radical decentralization of economic opportunity and a transition from infrastructure-for-image to infrastructure-for-human-capital.

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