

## COMMENTS ON THE UNFPA DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR GABON

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<b>Comments by European Union</b>	<b>UNFPA country/regional office response to comments</b>
<p>As the MIP of Gabon is limited the UNFPA programme is welcomed as its first and third outputs (“integration of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, as well as the prevention of and response to gender-based violence” and “young people autonomy strengthening”) provide an enabler to a key action of EU programme in Gabon aiming at making the business environment conducive to the creation of green jobs, notably for women and youth.</p>	<p>UNFPA welcomes the important comments from the EU delegation. Through the CPD, UNFPA intends to accelerate the achievement of the three transformative results.</p> <p>In terms of green jobs, Gabon is located in the heart of what has been widely referred to as “the second lung of the planet”, the Congo Basin. As Gabon works towards its commitment to act on climate change, UNFPA is determined to support the implementation of the National Climate Plan, especially towards mobilising the needed partnerships and resources to prioritise women and young people (green employment) for the achievement of outputs 1 and 3 of the country programme.</p>
<p>The second component of “institution and capacity building” ensures the efficiency of the first and third components while focusing on the system linking policy and people through institutions.</p>	<p>This comment is well noted and articulates UNFPA’s intended focus on capacity building and sustainability. Strengthening the capacities of institutions to generate evidence on the population, sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence, and harmful practices will inform and enable effective policies.</p>
<p>The last component is very relevant as it concerns the information systems and evidence based policy.</p>	<p>This comment is well noted. UNFPA plans to generate and utilise data for evidence-based policies to elaborate, monitor and evaluate the programme.</p>