

Issues and Opportunities for Investment in Natural African Forests

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Introduction : Confidence is the
basis of good investments

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A) Handicaps of sustainable investments in the African sector

a) Political risks in the area



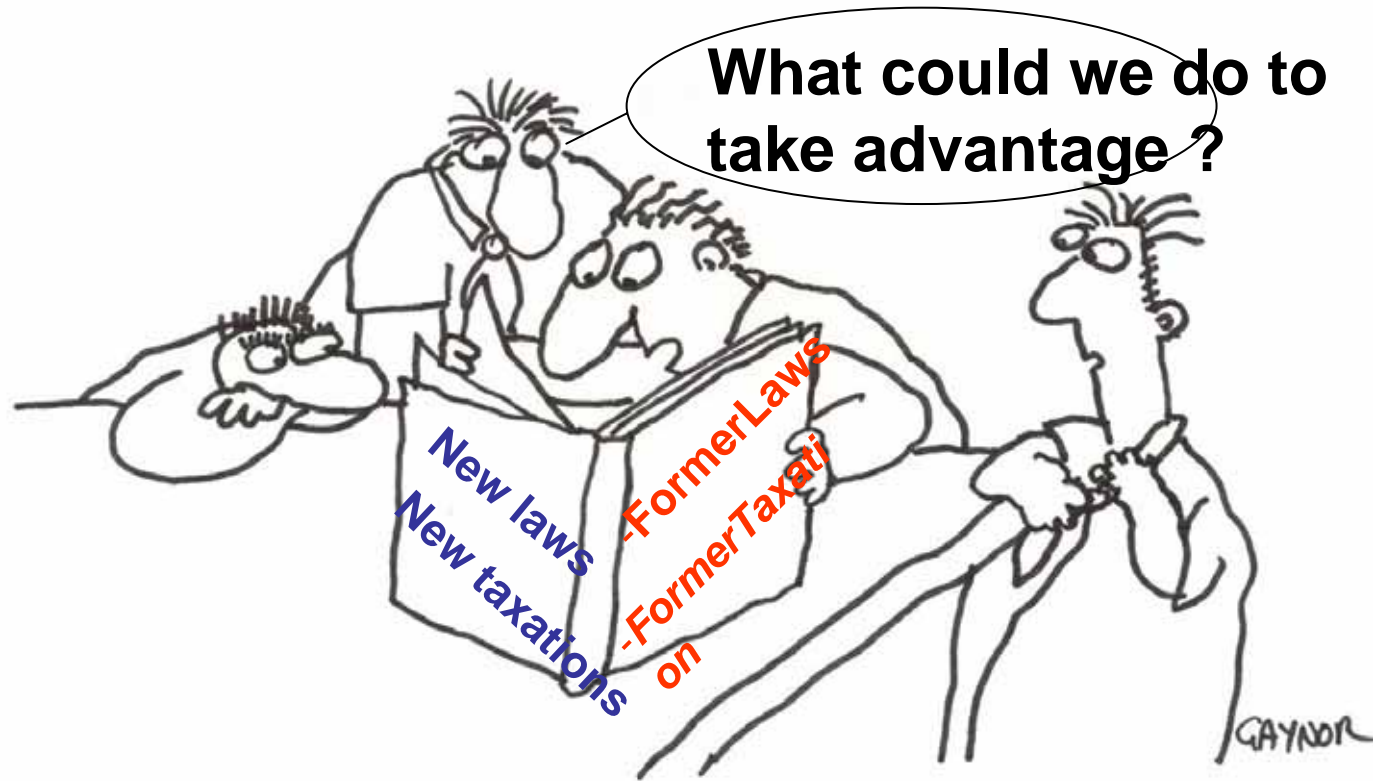
A) Handicaps to sustainable investments in the African sector

b) Weak governance



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c) Instability of fiscal policy and forest legislations



A) Handicaps to sustainable investments in the African sector

d) Unfair competition from the informal sector



A) Handicaps to sustainable investments in the African sector

e) Technical risks (poor infrastructures)



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f) Environmental issues (risks and bad image)



A) Handicaps to sustainable investments in the African sector

g) Difficulty in finding a skilled workforce



A) Handicaps to sustainable investments in the African sector

h) Pressure in Europe from the campaigning NGOs



A) Handicaps to sustainable investments in the African sector

i) Complexity and heterogeneity of the forest sector



Informal production



Large companies



B) Suggested Solutions

a) Reinforcement of Professional Syndicates



Workshop in Libreville – 26th January 2005

B) Suggested Solutions

b) Partnerships with pro-active NGOs



CEFDHAC, 10 -13th June 2002



B) Suggested Solutions

c) Better access to banking facilities for investment



Small sawmill

B) Suggested Solutions

d) Suppression of international guarantees for African risks

Give me your guarantees
in Europe



And I will give you money
for investment in Africa



B) Suggested Solutions

e) National and regional investment policy



Advert for a bank in Ivory Coast : together we build our future

A necessity to develop this kind of advertising in concrete actions

B) Suggested Solutions

f) Forest legislation and fiscal frameworks which sustainable and an incentive



Gabonese Ministry of Forestry

B) Suggested Solutions

g) Professional training



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h) Participation of all the Stakeholders



Forcoms Workshop, Douala Cameroon
1st and 2nd March 2004

C) Conclusion

**Africa has a great
potential
but only
conditions of
confidence
will attract the
good investors**

