

# **The GREEN REVOLUTION IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA: A NEW RENAISSANCE for the AGRICULTURE SECTOR.**

## **Introduction**

The Minister of State and Minister of Agriculture and Forests, H.E. Teodoro NGUEMA OBIANG MANGUE, in face of the degrading agriculture sector of his country, has decided to take a bold approach in revamping the sector and making the Equatorial Guinea self sufficient in food production in 3/4 years. Before launching this daunting and far-reaching Agricultural Program, the Minister has requested his Department to undertake a sound and non complacent analysis of the sector.

As presented below, the Department decided to start with an analysis of the world agriculture, cognizant that Equatorial Guinea is an integral part of that global system and must compete within that framework, and take that environment into account, if it wants to achieve self-sufficiency with efficiency and sustainability. Already, in his concluding speech at the "Second National Economic Development Program, Horizon 2020" held in Bata Equatorial Guinea in November 2007, H.E. the President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, stated as follows: "Today, November 14, 2007, in adopting this Development Program, Equatorial Guinea, intend to accelerate with great speed, the trend of its development, with seriousness and necessary master ship, in order to achieve its final goal in 2020; if not completely as a Developed Country, but, at least, as an Emerging Country. This is our Dream, and I assume it to also be that of all our compatriots, as it is in the benefit of the whole population.... In fact, the Development Plan underlines clearly the main importance of agriculture, livestock and fishery products, in addressing the diversification of the economic productivity and achieving food self sufficiency.....The massive increase in a diversified agricultural, livestock, and fishery production could lead us immediately to industrialization and better conservation of those products; hence eliminating our excessive dependence on food imports.....Honestly, we believe that, the solution cannot be improvised. It is time we invest part of our oil revenue in the development of other productive sectors, with higher return, to avoid the danger of post oil era". The President added that: " Within this framework, considering the potential of the resources of these three sub-sectors, I urge the Government to take the necessary measures and launch a comprehensive diversification program of agriculture, livestock, fishery and other sea productions".

Within the above framework, the Ministry of Agriculture decided to approach the problem in three interrelated steps:

- 1- A brief review of the world food situation;
- 2- A concise but comprehensive presentation of the National Economic Situation with emphasis on the Agriculture situation;
- 3- The presentation of the far reaching program undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forest, known as [“The Green Revolution ,A New Renaissance of the Agriculture Sector in Equatorial Guinea”](#).