



# DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF GREEN JOBS, AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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### Forestry sector development context

**The Republic of Guinea has significant forestry resources, the development of** which requires enormous investment that would be difficult for the State alone to meet.

Articles 16 to 18 of the Forestry Code stipulate that All forests on national territory form part of the national heritage to which any natural or legal person may have access.

As you all know, forests and their products and services are crucial to the well-being of the people of Guinea. **They provide fuelwood for energy, timber for construction and furniture, wood for other services, an ideal habitat for biodiversity and an important source of food and pharmaceutical products.**

We can't talk about green jobs without looking at the problems associated with forest management and the consequences of climate change for human life;

➤ One sure way of creating green jobs is through robust investment in the forestry sector. Unfortunately, these days, the diversity of our natural resources is under worrying pressure.

In terms of forest ecosystems, we need to carry out an in-depth analysis of the situation.



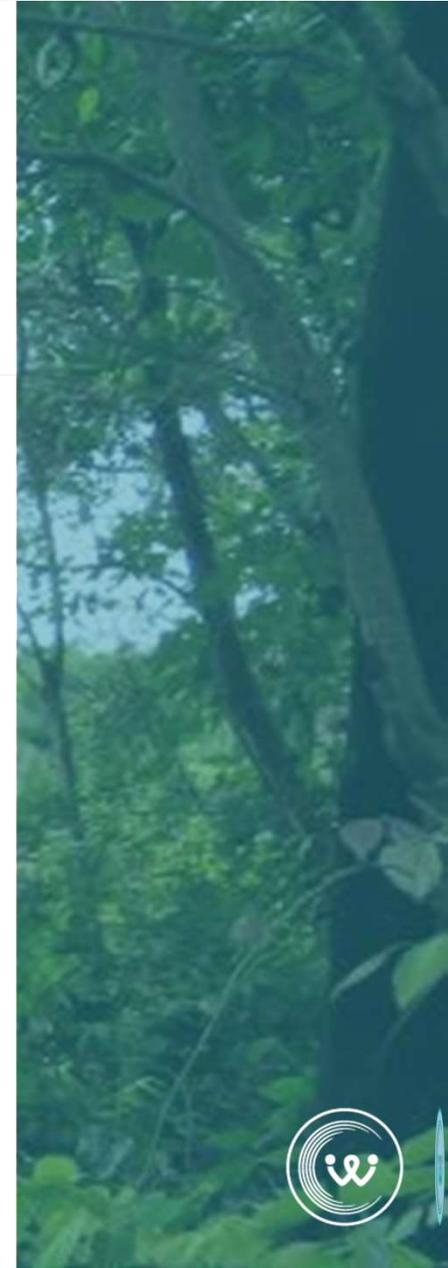
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### Causes of forest resource degradation

- Demographic growth
- Urbanisation
- Poverty
- Logging
- Carbonisation
- Bush fires
- Agriculture
- Mining
- Breeding
- Hunting
- Making bricks
- Weak institutional and cross-sectoral coordination

in the development and implementation of various strategies for the sustainable protection of resources

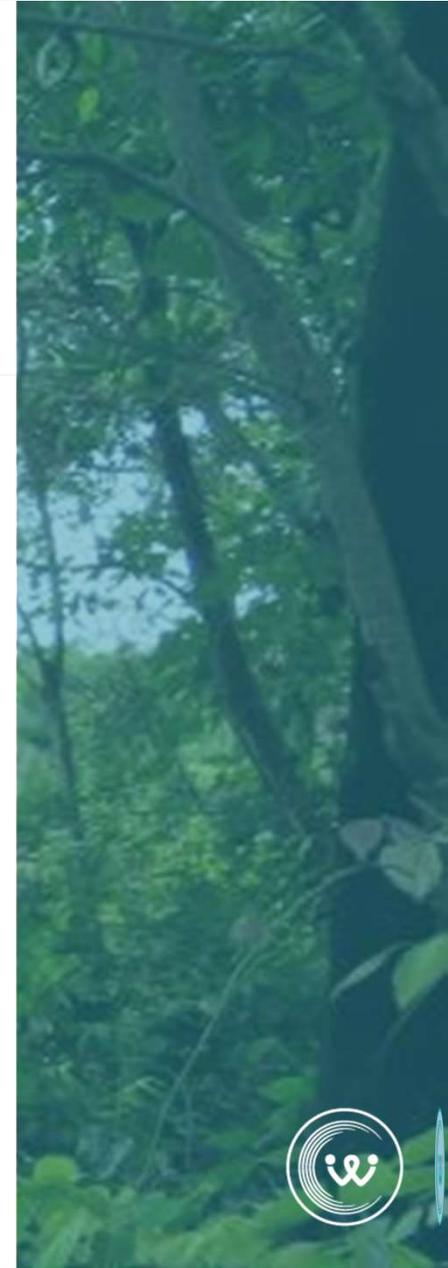


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### Diagnosis of the state of forest ecosystems

- Lack of national forest inventory ;
- Weak mobilisation of resources to finance projects ;
- Lack of qualified national expertise in the field ;
- Failure to harmonise environmental protection laws and regulations;
- Lack of material and logistical resources;
- Local governance not effective ;
- Rural poverty and illiteracy ;
- Human pressure on resources

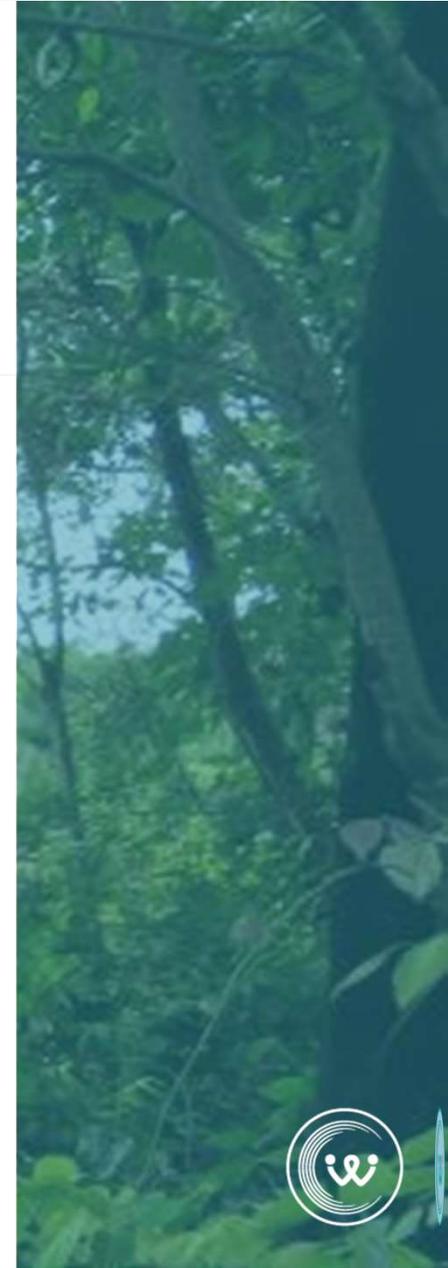


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### Flagship actions for green employment

1. Development and implementation of management instruments ;
2. Drawing up forest management and development plans
3. Reforestation ;
4. Protection of spring heads and banks ;
5. Creation and sustainable management of forests and protected areas;
6. Restoring degraded forest landscapes ;
7. Forest protection ;
8. Assisted natural regeneration ;
9. Soil protection and restoration ;
10. Fire management and control;
11. Setting up and supporting youth reforestation groups;
12. Raising awareness; agroforestry, creating fruit plantations, etc.



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### **Green investment opportunities in the forestry sector in the Republic of Guinea**

Despite these strategic orientations defined by the Guinean forestry policy, the forestry sector remains particularly affected by extensive degradation of resources caused by a combination of anthropogenic and natural factors. Given this state of affairs, there are a number of investment opportunities in the forestry sector that could encourage sustainable management:

1. Inventory of national forest resources;
2. Drawing up development and/or management plans for classified forests and reforestation areas;
3. Establishment of a ten-year reforestation programme accompanied by a reforestation guide.
4. Rehabilitation of old forest plantations, whether exploited or not, through the application of strict silviculture aimed at obtaining quality products that are economically and financially profitable;



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### Green investment opportunities in the forestry sector in the Republic of Guinea (continued)

5. Support for the development of a strategy for developing and marketing timber and non-timber forest products;
6. Drawing up a master plan for the use of butane gas instead of wood energy;
7. Development of a forestry research programme coupled with a policy for the production, conservation and dissemination of forestry seeds for reforestation;
8. Support for the sustainable management of biodiversity in parks and protected areas;
9. Establishment of a national reforestation strategy for the banks and headwaters of the rivers that house our major dams (Garafiri, Kaleta and Souapiti).
10. Develop an effective and permanent mechanism for monitoring the maintenance and silvicultural treatment of plantations.
11. Support for the process of classifying forests for the benefit of villages where they exist and for the promotion of community and private afforestation;
12. Support for fire management to save natural resources.



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All the strategic areas mentioned above are taken into account in the New Forestry Policy.

Their implementation through youth-led projects is a real source of inspiration for green job creation.



