

GEF-8 SCIP | Implementation Committee

Integrated governance and urban transformation for a sustainable Grand Libreville

Country: Gabon 

Implementing Agency: UNDP



Executing Agency: General Directorate for Environment and Nature Protection



Project Overview

- **Project development objective:** To transform the urban development model of Grand Libreville into a sustainable, resilient, and integrated model by strengthening governance, improving urban planning, promoting nature within the city, and investing in sustainable transport, infrastructure, waste management, circular economy, early warning systems, and digitalization.
- **Main investment components:**
 - ❑ Strengthened governance, regulatory framework and investments in urban sustainability
 - ❑ Large nature-positive interventions
 - ❑ Support to sectoral investments for sustainable urban development (mobility, ecoconstruction, waste management)
- **GEF financing and co-financing (US\$):** 8 092 698 USD and 61 618 485 USD of co-financing
- **Names of participating cities:** Grand Libreville including Libreville, Akanda, Owendo and Ntoun

Implementation Status

Current stage and key milestones

- CEO Endorsement: December 18, 2025
- Project signature: May 22, 2026
- Next milestone and expected date:
 - Project inception workshop: October 2026, exact date TBC
 - Team setup: October-November 2026
 - Activities start: October-November 2026



Immediate Priorities

In the next 6–12 months:

- Priority 1** Project Inception Workshop in October 2026
- Priority 2** Project team set up by November 2026
- Priority 3** First Steering Committee meeting by November-December 2026
- Priority 4** Start of activities with priorities on waste management activities

Key Challenges

Challenge	Support Needed
Institutional instability: Ministry went through several reforms all along the design of the project so briefing and ownership from high level authorities had to be built several times	N/A – Led by national actors
No specific challenges to be reported as project is to be launched	

Where GPSC & Partners Can Add Value

Select up to 3 areas and specify the support needed:

X **Technical assistance** (ex: pilot of GIS/cartography such as the opportunity offered with European Space Agency earlier this year)

☐ Peer-to-peer learning

☐ Knowledge products / toolkits

X **Training / capacity building**

☐ Expert advisory support

X **South-South exchange** (ex: learning on circular economy from other countries etc)

☐ Financing / private sector engagement

☐ Monitoring & evaluation

☐ Communications & visibility

☐ Other: _____