

From Local Content to a New Model of Economic Transformation



Moving from Wealth Distribution to Building Local Capacities and Capabilities

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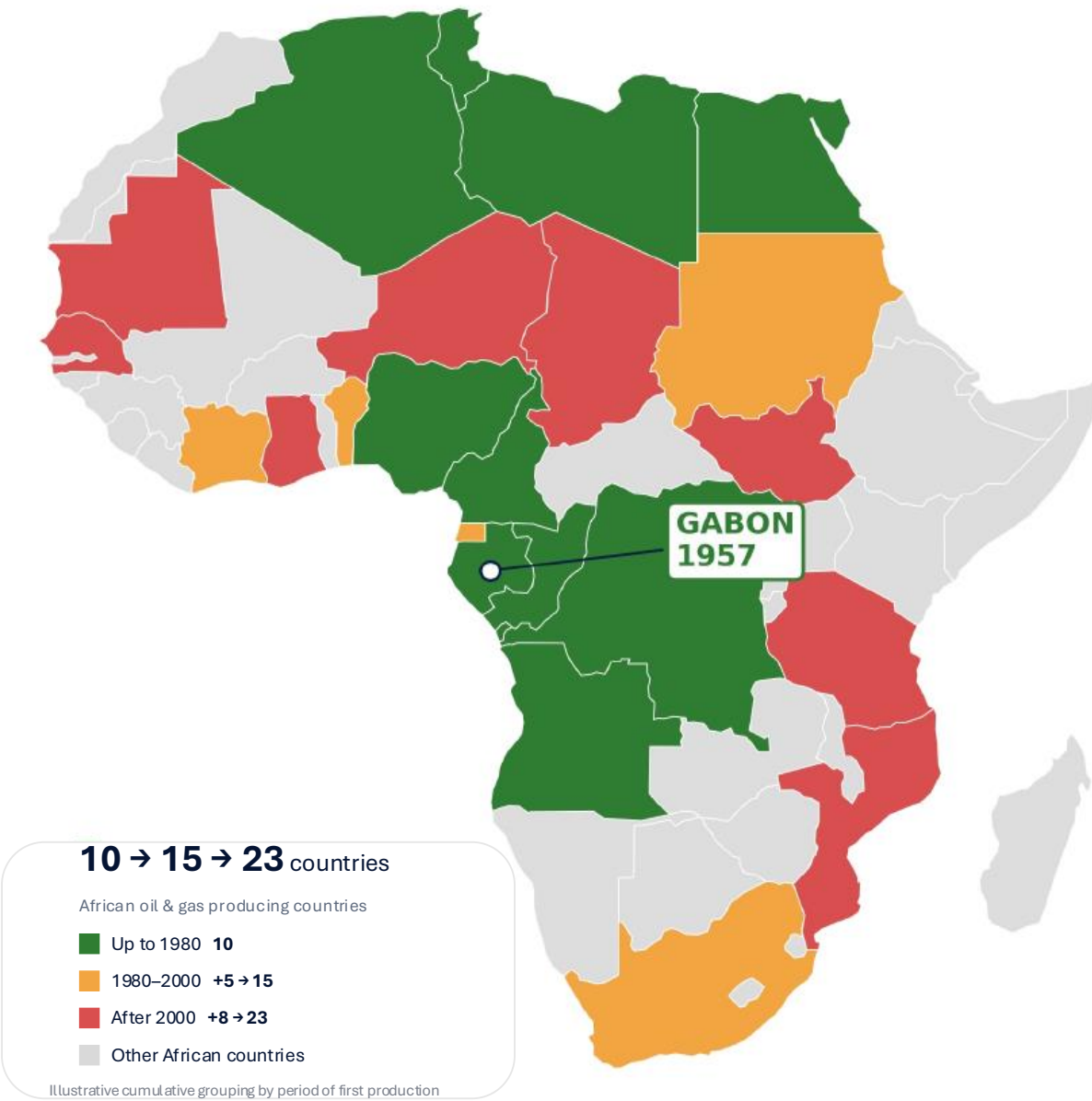
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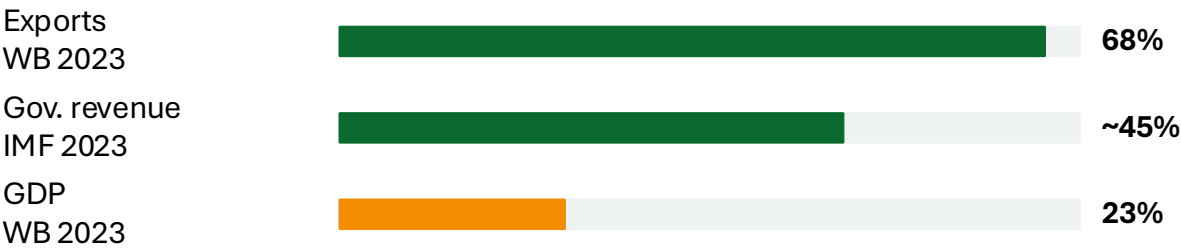


Gabon: Dimension of a Mature Oil Industry

The scale of the sector explains why local content must be linked to economic transformation



Economic weight of the oil industry — 2023



Implication for local content

A mature petroleum economy must ask a deeper question:

What capabilities are really created locally after decades of production?

Sources: World Bank Gabon Economic Update 2024 (2023 oil GDP, exports, output); IMF 2024 Article IV (2023 oil revenues); DGCL working estimates (suppliers/firms).

Gabon Local Content: Evolution & Legal Framework

From national employment policy to a dedicated local content institution and implementation agenda



The issue today is no longer only the legal framework. It is implementation capacity.

Gabon: Key Actions Being Put in Place Now

Operationalising local content: from rules and intentions to systems, reviews and corrective action

1 Institutional reinforcement

- DGCL mandate and 4 technical directions
- Staffing, budget and operating tools
- Clear roles for control and support

2 Regulatory instruments

- Implementing orders for FDCL
- PID / PIH governance and monitoring
- Agréments and supplier qualification

3 Operator reviews

- Annual reviews with operators
- Procurement, jobs, skills and suppliers
- Corrective action plans

4 Field follow-up

- PID / PIH missions
- Community projects
- Execution tracking

DIGITAL LOCAL CONTENT PLATFORM

Supplier registry • technical licenses • tendering process

Current phase: implementation review • measure performance • review gaps • build capabilities

The Transformation Challenge

Building local capabilities from a limited base requires a wide national commitment and strong political backing

Knowledge gap

Specialised technical and managerial capabilities are still limited

Capital gap

Insufficient access to finance, investment and guarantees

Experience gap

Limited track record in complex oil and gas projects

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Participation

Access to opportunities



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Capability

Skills + capital + experience



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Competitiveness

Performance and standards



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Local Transformation

Value retained and diversified

State-IOC Governance

Turning political will into action

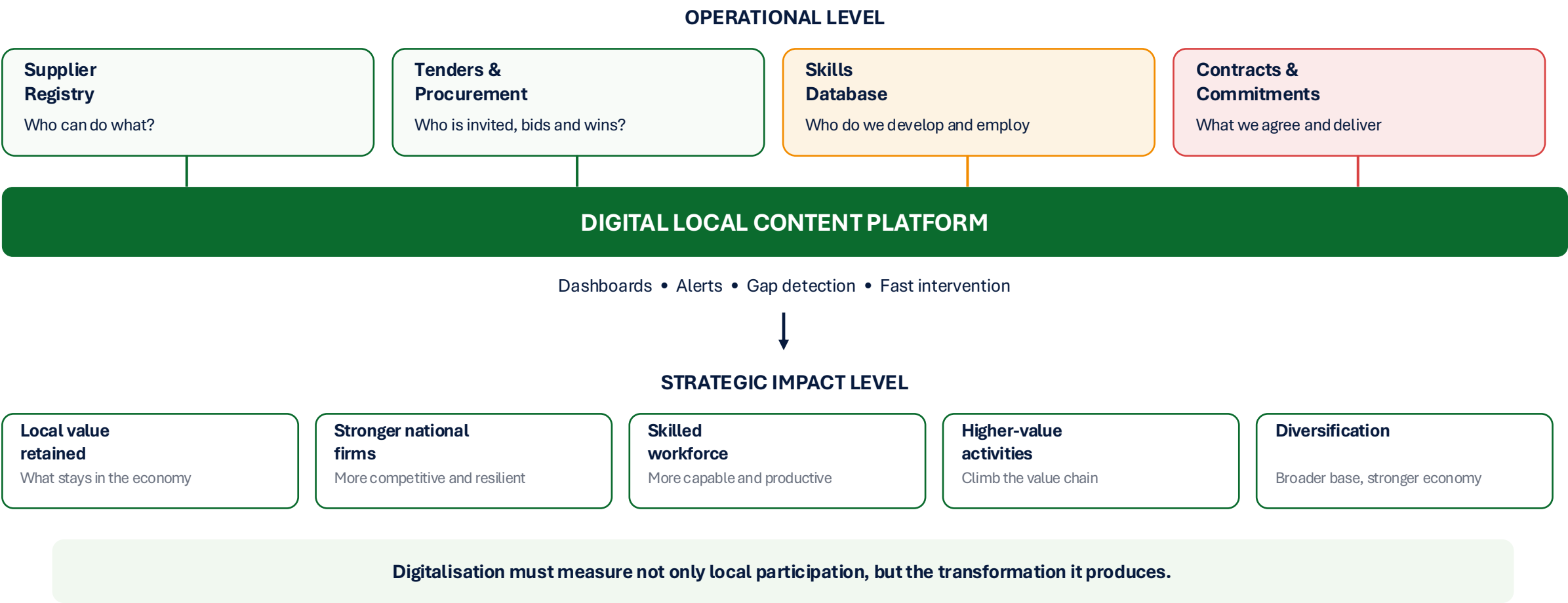


The goal is to identify future demand early, close capability gaps, and make local content a managed delivery system.

Political will creates the ambition; shared governance turns it into implementation.

Digitalisation: From Operations to Economic Impact

Accelerating implementation and measuring what local content really creates



3 Takeaways

The three conditions for local content to deliver transformation



**Strong Political
Backing**

**Shared
Governance**

Digitalisation

Political backing sets the direction. Shared governance drives action. Digitalisation accelerates delivery.