



JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
STATE VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY BRICE CLOTAIRE OLIGUI NGUEMA,
PRESIDENT OF THE GABONESE REPUBLIC, TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE
GAMBIA
30 JULY – 2 AUGUST 2026

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1. At the invitation of His Excellency Adama Barrow, President of the Republic of The Gambia, His Excellency Brice Clotaire Oligui Nguema, President of the Gabonese Republic, undertook a State Visit to The Gambia from 30th July to 2nd August 2026. President Oligui Nguema was accompanied by a distinguished delegation comprising Ministers, senior government officials, and representatives of the Gabonese business community.

2. President Oligui Nguema and his delegation received a warm and fraternal welcome from the Government and people of The Gambia, reflecting the longstanding bonds of friendship and solidarity between the two nations.

3. During the visit, President Barrow and President Oligui Nguema had a private meeting, followed by formal bilateral discussions at State House, Banjul. They reviewed the current cooperation framework between The Gambia and Gabon and engaged in open and friendly talks about ways to strengthen and broaden their bilateral partnership.

BILATERAL RELATIONS

4. The two Leaders expressed satisfaction with the cordial state of relations between The Gambia and Gabon and reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthening political, economic, and cultural ties between the two countries and peoples.

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5. The two Heads of State reiterated their desire to deepen cooperation between the two countries in the political, economic, social, cultural, technical fields, and areas of common interest and to monitor the cooperation. To this end, a General Cooperation Agreement and an Agreement on establishing a joint Commission between the two countries were signed.
6. Both Heads of State agreed to facilitate the movement of Gabonese and Gambian officials to and from both countries by signing an agreement on reciprocal visa exemption for holders of diplomatic and service passports.
7. The two Heads of State reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing diplomatic consultations between their Ministries of Foreign Affairs, as well as regular high-level visits to review bilateral cooperation and identify new areas of partnership. To this end, a Memorandum of Understanding on Political and Diplomatic Consultations between the two Ministries was signed.
8. The two Heads of State agreed to continue negotiations and sign bilateral agreements and protocols in areas of mutual interest such as trade, investment, agriculture, health, education, and infrastructure. This effort aims to strengthen the friendly relations between the two countries with real benefits for their peoples.
9. President Barrow and President Oligui Nguema emphasised the importance of increasing exchanges between their peoples, particularly in the fields of culture, sport, and tourism, to further consolidate the bonds of friendship between the two countries.

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REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

10. The two leaders discussed regional and international issues of common interest and reiterated their commitment to peace, security, and stability in Africa. They also reaffirmed their commitment to the principles of the African Union and the ideals of Pan-African Solidarity.

11. President Barrow and President Oligui Nguema reiterated their commitment to multilateralism and the continuous promotion of South-South cooperation as essential strategies to foster sustainable development and shared prosperity across the continent.

VISIT PROGRAM

12. During his stay, President Oligui Nguema visited several important government infrastructures and cultural heritage sites. These included the National Laboratory for Food and Drug Quality Control in Brusubi, the Faraba Campus of the University of The Gambia, the National Emergency Treatment Center in Farato, and the Kachikally Crocodile Pool in Bakau. The itinerary provided valuable insights into The Gambia's development priorities and cultural assets.

13. In honour of his distinguished guest, President Barrow hosted a state banquet, further confirming the warmth of the relations between the two countries.

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CONCLUSION

14. President Oligui Nguema expressed his sincere gratitude to President Barrow and the people of The Gambia for the generous hospitality extended to him and his delegation during the visit. He also invited President Barrow to make a reciprocal state visit to the Gabonese Republic at a mutually agreed date. President Barrow gratefully accepted this invitation.

15. The two Heads of State agreed that this state visit represents an important milestone in the history of bilateral relations between The Gambia and Gabon and reaffirmed their collective commitment.

Done in Banjul, The Gambia, 31st July 2026.

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**Hon Dawda A. Jallow, Attorney General and
Minister of Justice for the
Minister of Foreign Affairs, International
Cooperation and Gambians Abroad**

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**H.E. Ms Marie-Édith Tassyla-Ye-
Doumbénény, Minister of Foreign Affairs
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and the Diaspora**