

**Cotonou, May 28, 2016** Back in Cotonou, after a short stay in Malabo, the capital city of Equatorial Guinea. Eight days there to help with the Presidential Elections monitoring. What an incredible experience in an incredible setting! At the end, no surprises: the incumbent (and the country's president for the last 37 or so years) won, but this time with only 93.7% of the vote. "Only," because last time, in 2009, he won with 95.4%. So, let me see..., 1.4% drop..., in seven years..., from a 93.7%..., in 218.5 years the opposition will have a chance!!! Making things even better, on the way back I spent a night in Paris. Great, as usual! For a few pics from this trip, see the photo album below.

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When I got back to Cotonou, the city was "electric" with excitement over the upcoming triathlon, the 1st ever in Benin. And what a great success the event was!!! For a few pics of the event, see below as well.

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So what's in the cards now for the near future? Filipa just got back here, to spend a good chunk of her summer break with us. So expect a lot of in-country travel. And it looks like soon I will be ticking my country #76! (Yes, Equatorial Guinea was #75. For a bit more on this, see my Project 100 page.) So, stay tuned!

Cheers.  
Jorge