

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Felix TSHISEKEDI

Head of Government

Prime Minister Sylvestre ILUNGA Ilunkamba

Government Type

semi-presidential republic

Capital

Kinshasa

Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Parlement consists of the Senate (108 seats) and the National Assembly (500 seats)

Judiciary

Court of Cassation or Cour de Cassation (consists of 26 justices and organized into legislative and judiciary sections)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Francois Nkuna BALUMUENE

US Ambassador

Ambassador Michael A. HAMMER

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 2,344,858 sq km

Land: 2,267,048 sq km

Water: 77,810 sq km

Climate

tropical; hot and humid in equatorial river basin; cooler and drier in southern highlands; cooler and wetter in eastern highlands; north of Equator - wet season (April to October), dry season (December to February); south of Equator - wet season (November to March), dry season (April to October)

Natural Resources

cobalt, copper, niobium, tantalum, petroleum, industrial and gem diamonds, gold, silver, zinc, manganese, tin, uranium, coal, hydropower, timber

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

endowed with vast natural resources, but corruption and regional conflict limit growth and foreign investment

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$68.6 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$800 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$10.98 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 41.4%, Zambia 22.7%, South Korea 7.2%, Finland 6.2% (2017)

Imports

\$10.82 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 19.9%, South Africa 18%, Zambia 10.4%, Belgium 9.1%, India 4.3%, Tanzania 4.2% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

101.8 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

3.18% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

more than 200 African

ethnic groups of which the

majority are Bantu; the four largest tribes - Mongo, Luba, Kongo (all Bantu), and the Mangbetu-Azande (Hamitic) - make up about 45% of the population

Language

French (official), Lingala (a lingua franca trade language), Kingwana (a dialect of Kiswahili or Swahili), Kikongo, Tshiluba

Religion

Roman Catholic 50%, Protestant 20%, Kimbanguist 10%, Muslim 10%, other (includes syncretic sects and indigenous beliefs) 10% (2014 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 45.6% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 4.53% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

77% (2016)

