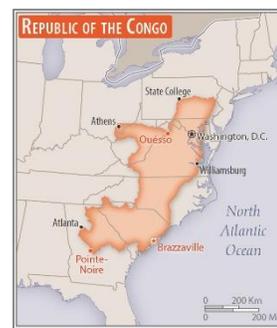


REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Denis SASSOU-Nguesso

Head of Government

Prime Minister Clement MOUAMBA

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Brazzaville

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of Senate (72 seats) and National Assembly (151 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court; Constitutional Court (consists of 9 members)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Serge MOMBOULI

US Ambassador

Ambassador Todd P. HASKELL

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 342,000 sq km

Land: 341,500 sq km

Water: 500 sq km

Climate

tropical; rainy season (March to June); dry season (June to October); persistent high temperatures and humidity; particularly enervating climate astride the Equator

Natural Resources

petroleum, timber, potash, lead, zinc, uranium, copper, phosphates, gold, magnesium, natural gas, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

economy is a mixture of subsistence farming, industrial sector, and government spending; unsustainable debt and governance weakness are impediments to the country's economy

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$29.39 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$6,800 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$4.193 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 53.8%, Angola 6.2%, Gabon 5.7%, Italy 5.4%, Spain 5.4%, Australia 4.8% (2017)

Imports

\$2.501 billion (2017 est.)

partners: France 15%, China 14%, Belgium 12.2%, Norway 8.1% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

5.3 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

2.26% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Kongo 40.5%, Teke 16.9% Mbochi 13.1%, foreigner 8.2%, Sangha 5.6%, Mbere/Mbeti/Kele 4.4%, Punu 4.3%, Pygmy 1.6%, Oubanguiens 1.6%, Duma 1.5%, Makaa 1.3%, other and unspecified 1% (2014-15 est.)

Language

French (official), French Lingala and Monokutuba (lingua franca trade languages), many local languages and dialects

Religion

Roman Catholic 33.1%, Awakening Churches/Christian Revival 22.3%, Protestant 19.9%, Salutiste 2.2%, Muslim 1.6%, Kimbanguiste 1.5%, other 8.1%, none 11.3% (2010 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 67.8% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 3.28% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

80.3% (2018)

