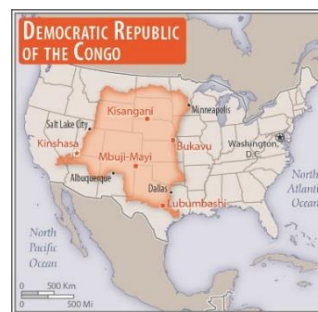
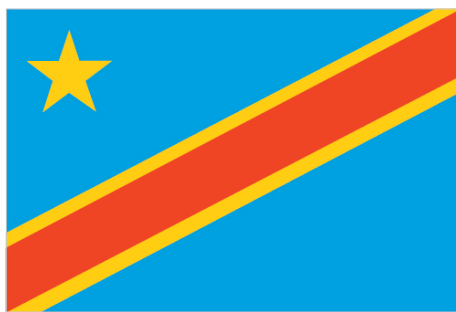


# DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Felix TSHISEKEDI

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Bruno TSHIBALA

### Government Type

semi-presidential republic

### Capital

Kinshasa

### Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Parlement consists of Senate (108 seats) and 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

85.3 million (July 2018 est.)

### Population Growth

2.33% (2018 est.)

### Ethnicity

other and unspecified over 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%

### Urbanization

urban population: 44.5% of total population (2018)  
rate of urbanization: 4.53% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

### Literacy

77% (2016 est.)

