

















DRIVING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE DRC

ABOUT THE DRC



Straddling the equator, the Democratic Republic of the Congo is the second largest country in Africa and is generally referred to as a subcontinent. It spreads over 2,344,858 sq km and shares land boundaries with 9 neighboring countries: the Republic of the Congo, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Zambia, and Angola.

The DRC has astonishing natural resources as it is Africa's largest copper producer, accounting for the world's biggest reserves of cobalt, and has considerable reserves in diamond, gold, tin ore, oil, lithium, and Africa's largest forest cover.

It is predominantly rich in high-quality species suitable for all kinds of wood transformation [sawmill/veneer/plywood/furniture].

MAJOR

TIMBER SPECIES



Home to the world's deepest river and second longest river in Africa, the Congo River, the DRC is endowed with a key hydrographic network.

Known as Africa's most biologically diverse country, it hosts various endemic species like Mountain Gorillas, Okapi, Bonobo, and over 9 national parks, among which 5 are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

When compared to ECCAS countries, the DRC had the second-highest GDP growth in 2021, that is 5.7%, and equally accounted for the second-highest GDP of ECCAS countries, which is over 50 billion USD. The DRC gives access to a market of 450 million consumers as it is an active member of major African regional economic communities.



- ➤ EAC (East African Community) With a combined GDP of 278 billion USD, it is one of the fastest-growing regional economic blocs in the world.
- ➤ SADC (Southern African Development Community)

 Community of over 300 million consumers with a combined GDP of over 657 billion USD.
- ➤ COMESA (Common Market for Eastern& Southern Africa) Africa's largest regional economic organization.
- FCCAS Economic Community of Central African States including Gabon, Cameroon, and Rwanda.

KEY FIGURES







2,345,410 sq. km Landsurface



3.14%
Population growth

ECONOMIC

INDICATORS



Nominal GDP 53.96 billion USD

2nd highest among ECCAS Countries



GDP growth 5.7 % (2021)

2nd highest among ECCAS Countries



Affiliations & memberships in International Organizations: AGOA, SADC, ECCAS, COMESA, OHADA, EAC, MIGA CIRDI



Access to a regional market 450 million consumers: to a national market - 100 million consumers; direct access to Kinshasa market-20 million consumers

DRC's potential: A force to be reckoned with consumers

- > 3rd largest producer of copper
- ➤ 1st largest producer of Cobalt (accounts for 70% of global production)
- ➤ 4th largest producer of diamond
- ➤ The DRC has Africa's largest hydropower potential of about 100,000 MW, which is 23% of the world's potential
- ➤ 6% of Africa's gas & oil reserves

5 REASONS TO INVEST IN THE DRC

- Located in the heart of Africa, the DRC gives direct access to a large regional market of 400 million consumers, over ¼ of the African population
- DRC is endowed with the world's largest reserves of untapped natural resources, and countless business investment opportunities
- An increasingly attractive, and competitive business climate supported by business incentive reforms
- > An abundant and skilled labor force
- > A strategic geographical position making DRC a gateway to European, Asian, and American markets

ABOUT ARISE IIP

ARISE Integrated Industrial Platforms (Arise IIP) is a pan-African developer and operator of world-class industrial ecosystems across the African continent. Arise IlP identifies opportunities in commercial and industrial value chains, finances, builds, and operates the necessary infrastructure, playing a catalytic role in countries' transition to an industrial economy. We design tailormade solutions to enable the sustainable and local transformation of raw materials, boost exports, and promote trade.

We are committed to partnering with African governments on their development agenda, focusing on job creation. Our trusted partnerships with governments and investors enable us to execute large-scale projects that transform local value chains and industrialize countries in an environmentally sustainable way.

ABOUT CIP



Congo Industrial Platforms (CIP) is a joint venture partnership between Arise IIP and the DRC Government. CIP is in charge of developing SEZs in the DRC. Our first zone is the Congo Industrial Platforms of Kin-Malebo (CIP Kin-Malebo) and will contribute to enhancing the industrialization of strategic sectors in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

INVEST IN THE DRC

Invest in CIP Kin-Malebo, the most competitive integrated industrial platform of the DRC

CIP Kin-Malebo is committed to assuring that its local and foreign investors take part in thriving value chains for manufacturing, commercialization, and export. Our primary focus is creating long-lasting and sustainable processing

CIP Kin-Malebo is a unique vertically integrated special economic zone, for both local and foreign investors with world-class infrastructure, offering uniquely advantageous tax regimes, as well as dedicated and facilitated access to a large local, regional, and international market.

Strategically located in Kinshasa, one of the world's fastest growing megacities, CIP Kin-Malebo offers to investors the best entry to a direct market of nearly 20 million inhabitants. This is more than 1/3 of France's total population, and more than the total population of 4 Central African countries .



Timber raw material availability

5 million ha of forest dedicated to



Building green, sustainable, and industrial Congolese platforms



Create strategic partnerships to enhance the development of tailor-made industrial ecosystems in the Congo



CONNECTIVITY & INTEGRATED LOGISTICS

- Dedicated and direct access to the Port of Kinshasa (40km)
- Major railway line connecting to the Port of Matadi, the largest port in the DRC

> Excellent road connectivity to the main international airport in Kinshasa (20km)

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Congolese market is vast and offers multiple investment opportunities, especially in the timber processing sector, recycling, pharmaceuticals, and other sectors.

- > Timber Processing
- Sawn wood
- Moldings
- Decking
- Furniture
- Plywood
- Veneer
- Others

> Pharmaceuticals

- Construction materials & Ceramics
- Plastic Recycling
- Consumer Electronics
- White Goods, etc

ADVANTAGES

OF THE SEZ

Unique tax system





100% capital repatriation & profits



Full exemption on VAT (16% outside SEZ)

Exemption on Custom duties



FEATURES OF THE

SEZ

- Assured raw material supply
- Single Window Clearance for express-line processing of all business formalities.
- Uninterrupted power and water supply
- 24/7 high-speed internet connectivity
- Logistics support
- Modern handling equipment
- Weighbridge and weighing machine
- 24/7 monitoring cameras
- Workshop facility

WORLD-CLASS

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Log yard
- Warehousing facilities and parking
- Filling stations
- > Hassle-free land provision
- Ready-made sheds at competitive prices
- Container terminal
- Quay to provide direct access to Kinshasa
 Port and railway siding
- Sewage treatment plant
- Loading and Unloading Facility





















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