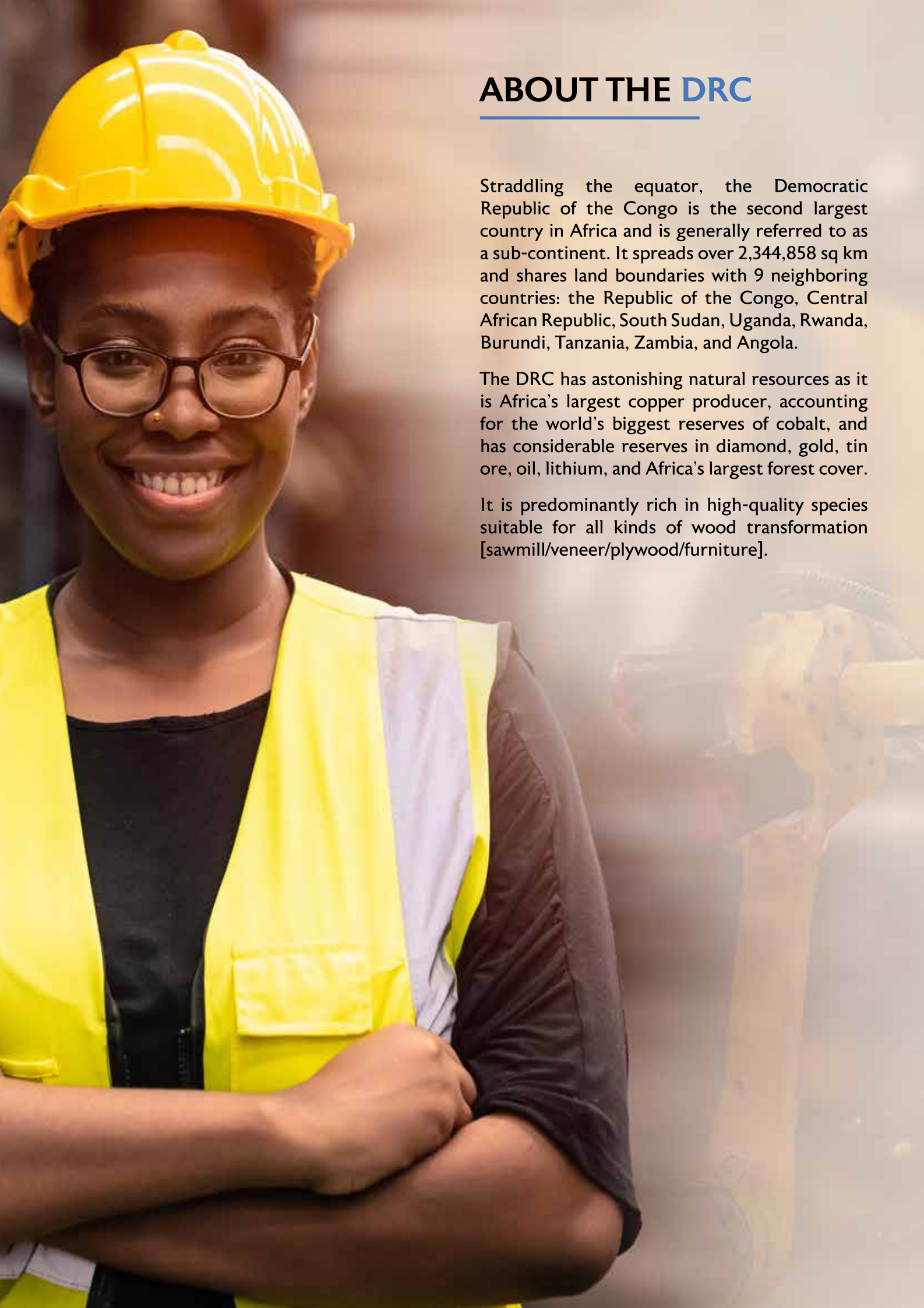


**DRIVING  
INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT IN  
THE DRC**



## ABOUT THE DRC

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Straddling the equator, the Democratic Republic of the Congo is the second largest country in Africa and is generally referred to as a sub-continent. 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].



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.
- **ECCAS** - Economic Community of Central African States including Gabon, Cameroon, and Rwanda.

## KEY FIGURES



**100 million**  
Population



**2,345,410**  
sq. km  
Land  
surface



**155.5 million ha**  
Forest  
covers



**Kinshasa**  
Capital



**3.14%**  
Population  
growth

# ECONOMIC INDICATORS



Nominal GDP

**53.96**

billion USD 2nd highest among ECCAS Countries



GDP Growth

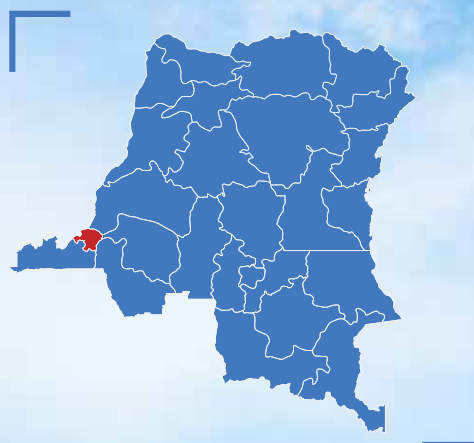
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**Affiliations & memberships in International Organizations:**

AGOA, SADC, ECCAS, COMESA, OHADA, EAC, MIGA CIRD



**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
- A strategic geographical position making DRC a gateway to European, Asian, and American markets







A Public-Private Partnership between  
The Government of DRC & Arise IIP

## ABOUT ZESKM

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

## INVEST IN THE DRC

Invest in **ZESKM**, the most competitive integrated industrial platform of the DRC

ZESKM 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 in the DRC.

ZESKM 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.















## VISION

Building green, sustainable, and industrial  
Congolese platforms



## MISSION

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)
- Excellent road connectivity to the main international airport in Kinshasa (20km)
- Major railway line connecting to the Port of Matadi, the largest port in the DRC

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

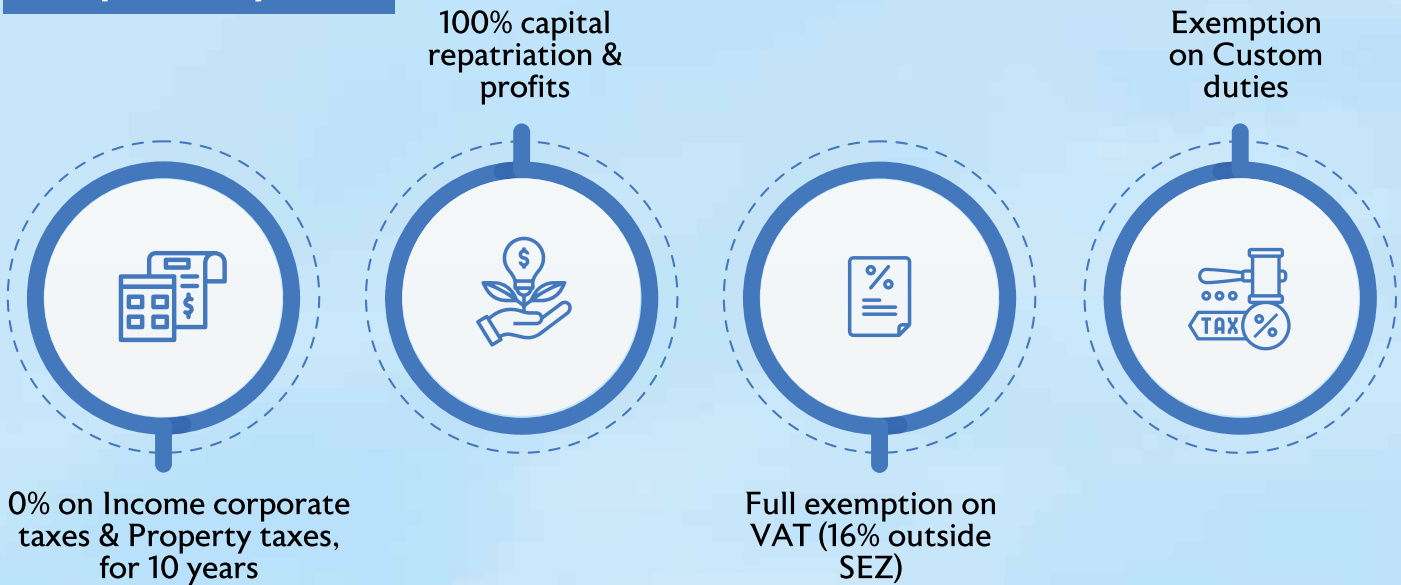
- **Timber Processing**
  - Sawn wood
  - Moldings
  - Decking
  - Furniture
  - Plywood
  - Veneer
  - Others
- **Pharmaceuticals**
- **Construction materials & Ceramics**
- **Plastic Recycling**
- **Consumer Electronics**
- **White Goods, etc**





# ADVANTAGES OF THE SEZ

## Unique tax system



## 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

## 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



# SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable development initiatives are integrated into our business activities and are carefully planned through the involvement of relevant government regulators, civil society groups, and other stakeholders.

Our parent company, ARISE IIP, adopts the philosophy of 'growing with society', through sharing benefits in a transparent and mutually beneficial manner.

Our sustainability initiatives are aligned with United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals, and we are determined to create a higher standard of living for all people, generate benefits and opportunities within local communities, and provide technical and vocational training to enhance local capacity.

Our industrial platform will primarily focus on timber processing, and our major goal is to modernize and catalyze growth within the wood sector while keeping best practices in sustainability at the core of our activity. Sustainability, traceability, and certification are among our top priorities.

To ensure the traceability of timber entering our zone, SIDIC is closely working with major stakeholders in the entire timber value chain to set up a reliable tracking system that will limit any possible risk of illegal timber entering the SEZ.

The availability of raw timber in our SEZ will be assured by forest concessions that are operated according to sustainable forest management practices, prescribed by the DRC Forest Code.

## Carbon Neutrality



Gradual elimination of intensive carbon energy sources through targeted initiatives

## Circular Economy



Reduction in wastage of resources with careful integration of circular economy principles into business strategy and operations

## Diversity and Inclusion



Increasing diversity across all levels of organisation through dedicated programs

## Responsible Supply Chain Management



Identifying supply chain risks and taking proactive measures to implement responsible procurement and boost stakeholder engagement









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