

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY SECTORS IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



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1. ELECTRICITY SECTOR

OBJECTIVES :

- Substantially increase the capacity of production and transport of electricity ;
 - Develop the energy distribution of electric infrastructures in order to improve the service rate for households ;
 - Diversify and develop alternative energy sources.
- Gabon -Cameroon-Nigeria ;
 - Inga-Kolwezi-Zambia Zimbabwe-RSA ;
 - Inga-Angola-Namibia-Botswana-RSA
 - Inga - South Sudan - Egypt.
- Construction of hydroelectric plants Wanie of Rukula (688 MW) of Sombwe (186 MW) of Kalengwe (204 MW) and Kamimbi / FUTA (53 MW) ;
 - Rehabilitation and modernisation of G16 and G13 groups of INGA I and G24 Inga II ;
 - Construction of Inga III low head (4800 MW) ;
 - Construction of Inga III high head (3000MW) ;
 - 217 hydroelectric sites identified for construction of hydroelectric power plants ;
 - Production Potential estimated at 44000MW ;
 - Transportation, Distribution and Marketing potentials.



Potentials

- Hydroelectric Potential: 100 000 Megawatts ;
 - 23% of the global potential,
 - 37% of the African potential,
 - 52% of African reserves,
- Biofuels: huge production; possibilities ;
- Renewable energy: solar, wind, turbine, biomass and geothermal.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Construction of hydroelectric dams ;
- Construction of 4 Pan African energy highways :
 - Inga-Cabinda (Angola) - Pointe-Noire

NEW REFORM

- The enactment of the Electricity Act in June 2014 enshrining the liberalisation of the sector ;
- The establishment of a regulatory authority of electricity ;
- The transformation of SNEL (National Company of Electricity) and REGIDESO (Water Authority) into commercial companies ;
- 59% projected increase level of electrification in the country by 2030.

2. AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

OBJECTIVES :

- Increase the production of food, vegetable and perennial products;
- Restore food security.



Potentials

- 80 million ha of arable land and 4million ha of irrigable lands (only 10% is currently exploited) ;
- Vast area of pasture for raising more than

40million large heads livestock

- A fish potential of 700000 tons per year ;
- A varied climate and abundant rainfall (1000 mm per year) ;
- Large reserves of fresh water.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Development of poultry, pork and beef production industries ;
- Development of fishing industry; fish farming, processing and preservation ;
- Development of perennial crops industries: coffee, cocoa, tea, cinchona, hevea, sugar and palm oil ;
- Development of food crops industries: maize, cassava, rice and soya ;

NEW REFORM

- 22 agro-industrial parks have already been identified, including some with feasibility studies ;
- Project of creation of an international agricultural market in Kinshasa
- The promulgation of an incentive agricultural law ;
- The enactment of an incentive decree on a strategic partnership on value chains.

3. HYDROCARBONS SECTOR

OBJECTIVES :

- The revival of the production of both hydrocarbon and natural gas in order to reduce the deficit in energy.
- The basin of the western branch of East Africa Rift :



- The Albertine Graben (5 blocks, 1 open for exploration) ;
- The Tanganyika Graben (11 blocks) ;
- Lake Kivu (open for exploration of methane gas) ;
- Lake Upemba.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Certification of oil and gas reserves;
- Prospection and exploration of sedimentary basins ;
- Exploitation of Lake Kivu methane gas ;
- Construction of a pipeline crossing the basin ;
- Construction of storage facilities ;
- Construction of a refinery ;
- Production of road bitumen in Kongo Central Province ;
- Storage, transportation and Pipelines.

Potential

- 6% of African oil stock, notably:
- Coastal basin: (5992 km², Province of Kongo Central)
- The sedimentary basin of the central basin (800,000Km²) with 32 blocks which are not yet allocated ;

NEW REFORM

- The enactment of the law n°15/012 of August 1st 2015 on the general of hydrocarbons system.

4. MINING SECTOR

OBJECTIVES :

The revival of the mining production in order to support economic growth and employment.



- Tin industry,
- Auriferous: current mineral resources estimated at around 750 tons of Gold,
- Bauxite and phosphate industry,
- Iron and manganese industry,

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Setting up of processing units of the transformation of mining products;
- Setting up of diamond hewing, gold refinery and of smelting ores of tin accompanying;
- Existence of geological research zones «ZRG» for exploration works and development of deposits and convincing indices of cassiterites, wolfram, coltan, gold, diamond, copper;
- Installation of cable manufacturing industries, etc

Potentials

- Copper- cobalt-Zinc industry,
- Diamond industry,
- Chromium-Nickel industry,

New reform

- The creation of a mining registry in 2002.
- The promulgation of a new mining code in 2018 revising the 2002 mining code.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR

OBJECTIVES :

- Modernise railroad infrastructures and the airport equipments of safety and security ;
- Maintain, lay out and tag the water ways in the country.

- 270 airport Platforms to reconstruct ;
- 2 maritime international ports to modernise ;
- Several ports in the country need to be equiped and dredged ;
- Construction and rehabilitation of interconnection roads of economic pools.
- Construction of a deep water port at Banana ;
- Construction of railroads, including the Banana-Matadi-Kinshasa- Ilebo railway ;
- Modernisation of SNCC and SCTP railroads ;
- The modernisation and equipment of the maritime ports of Matadi and Boma ;
- Modernisation of SCTP ports in the country.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- A road network of 145.000 km,with only 3 000 km covered roads ;
- A 5 033 km rail road network to rehabilitate completely ;
- A maritime, river and Lake network of 16 238 km to tag, dredge and exploit ;

NEW REFORM

- A bill on public private partnership, allowing the private sector to invest in area previously reserved exclusively to the public sector.

6. BANKING, ASSURANCES AND MICRO-FINANCE SECTORS

OBJECTIVE :

- Creation of specialised financial institutions and operational universalisation of existing banks ;

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Creation of business specialised banks : development bank, settlement bank, farming bank, etc.
- Creation of a structured financial market ;
- Creation of micro-finance institutions in the country sides, where live more than 70% of the population who are excluded from the formal banking system ;
- Setting up leasing company ;
- Creation of private insurance, reinsurance, health insurance and insurance brokerage firms

Potentials

- A market of around 70 million people ;
- 16 commercial banks, 1 saving bank ;
- 3 specialised financial institutions ;
- 3 institutions of electronic money ;
- 2 saving and credit cooperatives ;
- 23 micro-finance institutions ;
- 55 Messengers and 15 currency exchange offices ;
- Sectors fully open to competition.

NEW REFORM

- The enactment of the law on the liberalisation of insurance ;
- The adoption of a more liberal banking law in compliance with international standards ;
- The enactment of the law on leasing in 2015 ;
- The enactment of the Law of micro-finance institutions in 2011 ;
- The enactment of the new currency exchange regulation in 2014.

7. TOURISM SECTOR

OBJECTIVES :

- Develop and support the sub-sector of eco-tourism ;
- Rehabilitate touristic sites and protected areas.



Potentials

- 12% of the territory established as protected areas ;
- 7 national parks and 57 reservations areas;
- Many touristic sites available for development ;
- Presence of four very exotic species : Mountain Gorilla, Okapi, Bonobo and Congolese Peacock ;
- Ecosystem varieties covering almost 145 million ha.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Rehabilitation and construction of hotels, restaurants, protected areas and other touristic infrastructure ;
- Design new touristic sites ;
- Modernization and upgrade of national parks and joint management opportunity ;
- Development of eco-tourism;
- Construction of hotels in the Virugna park and a tourist site ;
- Rehabilitation of the botanical EALE garden in Equateur ;
- Creation of touristic entertainment via boat transportation ;
- Creation of marina, lakeside transportation and hiking ;
- Setting up of a cable car in the Virunga mountains and in the volcanic site with accommodation and catering ;
- Creation of seaside resorts with beaches, shoreline access camping equipment.

New reform

- The adoption of an attractive law in the tourism sector since 2018.

8. NICT SECTOR

OBJECTIVES :

- Build a national modern facility for telecommunication.



Potentials

- Connection of DRC to the fiber optics cable of high capacity ;
- Connecting DRC to high capacity Optic Fiber to create a digital and technical hub for West and Central Africa ;
- A market of nearly 80 potential million users ;
- A penetration rate of 37% for mobile telephone and 6% for the internet.

Opportunities

- Setting up of public phones;
- Development of companies for telecommunication construction of facilities ;
- Digitization of both public and private ;
- Services, Public Administration offices and fiscal/financial authorities ;
- Creation of a national network of fiber optics cable.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Possibility of creating many companies for the development of computer and internet application ;
- Dissemination of Internet service for mobile and fixed telephone throughout the country.

NEW REFORM

- The enactment in 2002 of the law on telecommunication ;
- The creation of a high regulation authority of telecommunication ;
- Liberalized sector.

9. FORESTRY SECTOR

OBJECTIVE :

- Encourage investment projects to develop 3 million hectares (ha) of forest up to 2025.



Potentials

- 150 million ha or 47% of African tropical forests and 6% of world tropical reserves ;
- More than 1000 identified tree species ;
- Production potential: 10,000.000 m3 of wood per year ;
- Forest area: 150 million ha ;
- Forest conceded area : 11 million ha.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES :

- Investment in agro forestry;
- Development of production industries for paper as well as new recycling and green technology
- Industrial transformation of wood : sawing, cutting, plywood, beam, rafters;
- Production of wooden poles for electric lines;
- Production and transportation of logs;
- 16 plots of land available returned by their former owners to the government after the conversion process.

NEW REFORM

- The enactment of a new forestry code in 2002

PERSPECTIVES

- Withdrawal of the moratorium and liberalized sector ;
- Fight against the illegal use and unlawful business of wood ;
- Continuation of the forest laying out process in order to guarantee a national and sustainable forest management.



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