

Area: 2 345 409 km² *Population:* 33.3 million (1986)

Capital: Kinshasa (2 778 261)

System of Government: Strong presidential regime moving towards multi-party system

Head of State: Marshal Mobutu Sese Soko, President

Language: French is the official language. English, Lingala, Swahili, Kingwana, Kikongo

Ethnic Background: Over 250 ethnic groups; the most important are Mongo, Luba, Congo

GDP: US\$5.75 billion (1987) *Unemployment Rate:* 11% (1986)

Real GDP: 2.5% (1987) *Inflation:* 77.9% (1988)

Per Capita Income: US\$170 (1986)

Currency: Zaïra (Z) 2436 Z\$ = US\$1 (1987)

Republic of Zaïre

Agriculture: Cassava, maize, pumpkin, coffee, palm oil, rubber, tea, cotton

Industries: Mining, minerals processing, food processing, textiles, consumer goods, construction

Major Exports (1988): Copper, cobalt, diamonds, coffee, zinc/lead

Major Imports (1988): Consumer goods, foodstuffs, machinery, transport equipment, fuels

Main Sectors of Opportunity for Canadian Business:

1. Mining
2. Telecommunications
3. Forestry
4. Transmission lines

Canadian Trade Statistics (C\$ millions)

	1987	1988	1989
Exports	17.70	32.70	18.50
Imports	30.65	8.82	18.98