

## NIGER

### **PROFILE**

<i>Independence :</i>	<i>August 3, 1960 (France)</i>
<i>Capital City :</i>	<i>Niamey</i>
<i>Head of State :</i>	<i>Mahamane OUSMANE</i>
<i>Prime Minister :</i>	<i>Mahamadou ISSOUFOU</i>
<i>Minister for External Relations and Co-operation :</i>	<i>Abdramane HAMA</i>
<i>Topography :</i>	<i>Landlocked country, arid in the north; a vast plateau separates two basins : the basin of the Niger and the basin of Lake Chad; volcanic massifs</i>
<i>Climate :</i>	<i>Generally hot and dry, more humid in the southern zone</i>
<i>Main Crops :</i>	<i>Food crops (millet, sorghum, rice) and export crops (cotton, oilseeds, tobacco)</i>
<i>Main Resources :</i>	<i>Mines (cassiterite, uranium, iron), potential for tourism</i>
<i>Languages :</i>	<i>French (official), Haoussa, Djerma</i>
<i>Ethnic Groups :</i>	<i>Haoussas, Djermas, Songhais, Tuaregs, Peuls, Tupuris</i>
<i>Religions :</i>	<i>Islam (85%), animist, christian</i>
<i>Monetary Unit :</i>	<i>CFA franc = 0.02FF</i>