

Area: 342 000 km²

Population: 2 153 685 (1988)

Capital: Brazzaville (600 000)

System of Government: People's republic

Head of State: General Denis Sassou-Nguesso, President

Language: French is the official language; Lingala and Kikongo

Ethnic Background: About 15 ethnic groups; the most important are Vili, Kongo, Sangha, M'Bochi and Téké

GDP: US\$2.15 billion (1987)

Debt Service Ratio: 179.3% (1988)

Real GDP: 1.4% (1988)

Inflation Rate: 3.6% (1988)

Per Capita Income: US\$1 075 (1987)

Currency: CFA franc (CFA fr) CFA fr287.9 = US\$1 (1989)

Agriculture: Root crops, rice, corn, sugar cane, wood, coffee

Industries: Crude oil, cement, sawmills, brewery, sugar mills

Major Exports (1988): Crude petroleum and refined products, timber, coffee

Major Imports (1988): Machinery, petroleum products, foodstuffs, metal products, transport equipment

Main Sectors of Opportunity for Canadian Business:

1. Petroleum equipment and services
2. Consultant engineering

Canadian Trade Statistics (C\$ million):

	1987	1988	1989
Exports	—	1.16	0.67
Imports	—	0.06	—