

Area: 342 000 km²

Population: 2 153 888 (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 18 ethnic groups, the most important are
Vili, Kongo, Sangha, M'Bochi and Teka

GDP: US\$2.16 billion (1987) *Debt Service Ratio:* 179.3% (1988)

Real GDP

People's Republic of the Congo

Per Capita Income

Currency: CFA Franc (CFA F)

CFA (1975 = 100) (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 exploration and services
2. Consultant engineering

Canadian Trade Statistics (C\$ million)

	1987	1988	1989
Exports	1.15	1.15	0.67
Imports	0.05	0.05	0.05