

Area: 2 345 409 km²

Population: 33.3 million (1988)

Capital: Kinshasa (2 778 281)

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

Head of State: Marshal Mobutu Sese Seko, President

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

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

GDP: US\$5.77 billion (1987) **Debt Service Ratio:** 11% (1988)

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

Per Capita Income: US\$177 (1987)

Currency: Zaïre (Z) Z439.52 = US\$1 (1989)

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

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

Major Exports (1988): Copper, cobalt, diamonds, coffee, petroleum

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\$ million):

	1987	1988	1989
Exports	17.70	32.70	18.36
Imports	30.65	8.58	18.98