

Relations with Canada

Relations between Canada and the Congo are good, but not close. There were a few official visits, in particular that by President Sassou-Nguesso in October 1987, when he was president of the Organization of African Unity (OAU). Since then, the Congo has reduced its socialist orientations, and relations with Canada could improve in the future. The Canadian ambassador accredited to the Congo resides in Zaïre.

Aid from Canada

Over the last few years, Canada has completed or participated in three important projects in the Congo: the reorganization of civil aviation; the improvement of the Congo-Ocean Railway and general modernization of the railroad; and the provision of consultant engineering services for the construction of a public building. Up to now disbursements for these projects have amounted to approximately C\$32 million. Presently Canadian public aid is limited to the Local Initiatives Fund and the presence of one CECI expert in the secondary teaching sector. The Congo is also eligible for PRIMTAF.

Trade with Canada

The potential for trade expansion between Canada and the Congo could increase if the Congo succeeded in settling its current financial difficulties.

Notes for Travellers

Time:

EST + 6

Passport and visa:

Valid passports and visas are required.

Vaccination:

Yellow fever and cholera vaccinations are required. Immunization against polio, typhoid and hepatitis is recommended.