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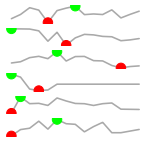
Congo, Rep.

GDP (US$ billions) (2017)	Population (millions) (2017)	Land area (sq. km) (2014)	Income per capita (current US$) (2017)	Poverty rate (2011) [1]	Unemployment rate (2014)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2016)
10.7	4.9	341,500.0	2,209.0	28.7	6.5	176.0

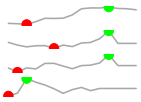
Macro Indicators

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP growth (annual %)	4.53	3.44	6.40	1.30	3.55	5.56
Current account balance	1.86	-5.17	-6.10	-16.19	-14.09	-10.71
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	10.18	5.78	-6.12	-12.32	-8.93	-7.23
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	0.24	—	—	—	—	—
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	95.91	99.39	101.20	84.89	84.53	84.13
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	3.45	5.97	0.90	0.90	1.70	2.50



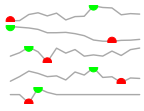
Investment indicators

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	34	61	64	60	59	57
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	22	31	41	—	—	—
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	11	21	40	—	—	—
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	61	NA	—	—	—	—



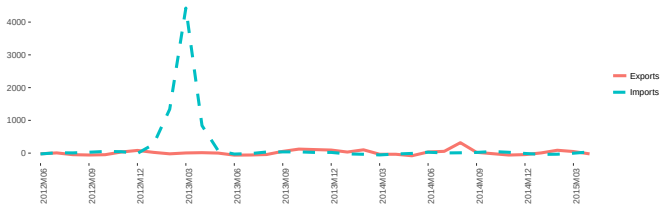
Trade Indicators

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	102.96	111.05	110.54	103.03	104.32	103.79
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-6.92	-48.06	-48.91	-44.94	-44.29	-41.23
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	-0.32	-5.72	4.11	-4.51	7.00	10.00
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	9.35	5.18	6.63	-6.00	4.00	3.00
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	2.93	—	—	—	—	—



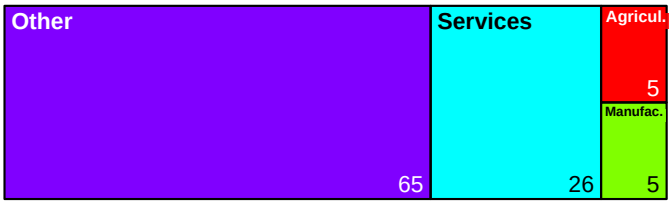
Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015



Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

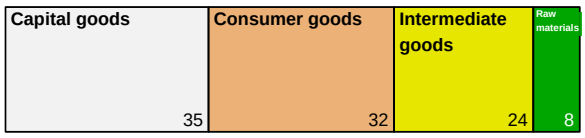
Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014

Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014



Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

Doing Business 2015
Distance to Frontier (DTF) and Rank

	DTF 2015	DTF 2016	DTF Change	Rank 2015	Rank 2016	Rank Change
Ease of Doing Business	**41.48**	**41.88**	0.4	**174**	**176**	-2
Dealing with Construction Permits	64.72	64.74	0.02	119	120	-1
Enforcing Contracts	43.99	43.99	0	158	158	0
Getting Credit	40	40	0	105	109	-4
Getting Electricity	35.26	35.35	0.09	174	176	-2
Paying Taxes	31.8	30.68	-1.12	182	182	0
Protecting Minority Investors	40	40	0	149	150	-1
Registering Property	36.87	41.9	5.03	174	166	8
Resolving Insolvency	37.75	37.75	0	114	115	-1
Starting a Business	60.56	60.63	0.07	169	177	-8
Trading Across Borders	23.79	23.79	0	177	177	0

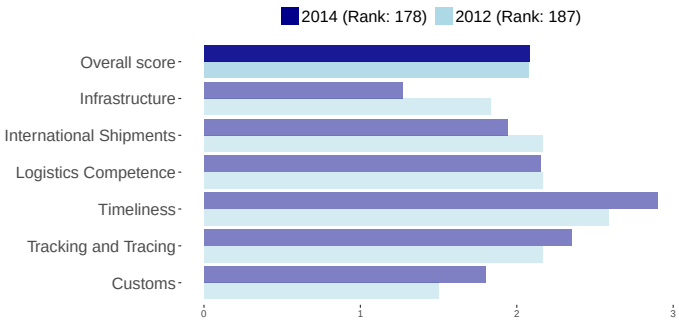
Source: Doing Busines Report 2015

WEF Competitiveness Indicators
(Scale 1-7, 7=best)

Data not available

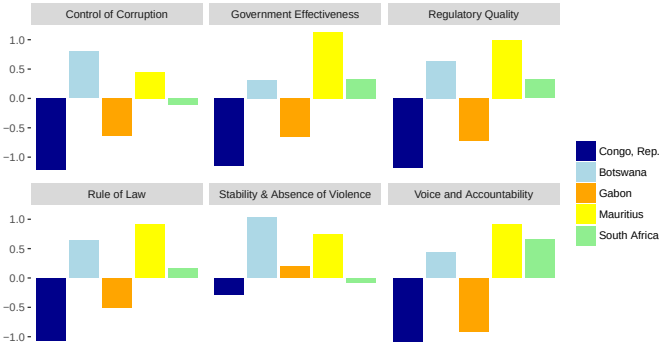
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

Logistics Performance Index
(Scale 1-5, 5=best)



Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

World Governance indicators
(Std. score, High=best)



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

Trade Policy

	2010	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	18.6	18.5
Binding (%)	16.1	15.8
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	9.7	9.6
Import duties collected (%, 2008-2010) [1]	—	1.9
MFN Tariff (Agriculture)	21.8	22.2
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	16.9	17.0
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	17.8	17.8
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—	4.0

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

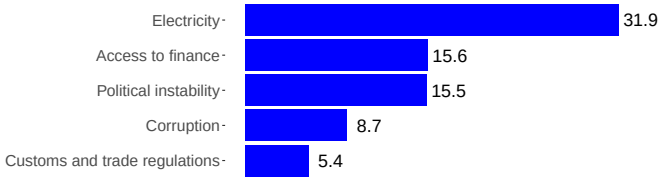
Private Sector View

Enterprise Survey 2009

	Sub-Saharan Africa	Congo, Rep.	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	8.30	21.50	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	23.10	12.80	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	9.90	4.00	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	76.70	84.60	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	8.20	6.00	9.90

Source: Enterprise Survey 2009

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2009
(% respondants)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2009

Top 5 constraints according to WEF 2015 survey
(% respondants among 88 executives)

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Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

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Most Recent

Product	Document Date
Congo, Republic of - Performance and learning review of the country partnership strategy for the period FY13-FY16	2015-11-30

Planned

Product	Concept Review Date	Board Date
ROC PLR	2015-02-20	2016-04-29

WB Lending Pipeline

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval Date	Lending Inst. Type	Begin Appraisal	Commitment (US$M)	Latest Sort Overall Risk Rating	FY Expenses (US$K)	Cum Expenses (US$K)	FY Prob

None

WB Portfolio

Active

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval Date	Lending Inst. Type	Closing Date	Commitment (US$M)	Undisbursed Balance (US$M)	Project Rating DO	Project Rating IP	Overall Risk	Months in Problem Status
P118561	CG Support to Economic Diversification	Mohamadou S Hayatou	2010-12-16	IPF	2017-02-16	10	5	MS	MS	M	0

Closed

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval Date	Lending Inst. Type	Closing Date	Commitment (US$M)	Project Rating DO	Project Rating IP	IEG Outcome Rating

None

WB ASA

Active

Task ID	Task Name	Team Leader	Management Approval Date	Product Line	RAS (Y/N)	Current Expenditure BB (US$K)	Current Expenditure Total (US$K)	Lifetime Expenditure BB (US$K)	Lifetime Expenditure Total (US$K)
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P149800	Trade Facilitation and Intervention	Fulbert Tchana Tchana	2015-06-26	EW	N	—	-3	—	470
P143436	PPP: Capacity Building	John F. Speakman	2015-01-19	TA	N	—	0	—	72

IFC ASA

Active

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	IP Approval Date	Expected End Date	Approval Value (in US$K)	Total Expenditures (in US$K)	Current FY Expenditure (in US$K)
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Pipeline

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