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GDP 2023	REAL GROWTH 2024	GROWTH FORECAST 2025
$66.4B	6.2%	5.5%

INFLATION 2025	DEBT / GDP	FDI INFLOWS 2023
7.5%	~18%	$1.67B

Country profile

CAPITAL	Kinshasa
AREA	2.34M km² (2nd in Africa)
POPULATION	~107M (2024 est.)
LANGUAGE	French (official)
HEAD OF STATE	F. Tshisekedi (re-el. Dec 2023)
CURRENCY	Congolese Franc (CDF)
MEMBERSHIPS	AU · SADC · CEPGL · AfCFTA
IMF PROGRAMME	$2.77B approved 2025
CREDIT RATING	Unrated (frontier)

Critical minerals

Cobalt	70–80% of global supply
Copper	~11% of global output
Coltan	Top producer globally
Lithium	Emerging — battery-grade

Estimated total resource value: $24 trillion

ESG overview

E · Environmental
Congo Basin sequesters 1.1–1.5 Bn t CO_2e/yr vs. Katanga mining liabilities. ASM footprint.

Risk assessment

Security — eastern conflict	HIGH
Governance and corruption	HIGH
Infrastructure deficit	HIGH
Regulatory and policy risk	MED-HIGH
ESG / reputational risk	MED-HIGH
China concentration risk	MEDIUM
Macroeconomic volatility	MEDIUM
Commodity price risk	MEDIUM

Investment themes

01 · Critical minerals and energy transition
Cobalt/copper indispensable to net-zero pathways. Demand 3–4× by 2040 (IEA SDS).

02 · US and Western re-engagement
KoBold Metals (Gates/Bezos), Glencore, Ivanhoe positioning. US–DRC mineral deal in negotiation.

03 · Hydropower — Inga 3
40% of Africa's hydro potential. 10,000 MW target. GCC sovereign offtake prospective.

04 · Agricultural commercialisation
80M ha arable — largest in Africa. Minimal commercial exploitation. Patient capital upside.

S · Social
Child labour in cobalt ASM (documented). 5.2M+ IDPs. Gender inequality among lowest globally.

G · Governance
TI CPI bottom quartile. Contract stability issues. IMF programme as partial reform anchor.

SFDR / EU Taxonomy / US supply chain due diligence required.

05 · Digital finance and fintech
70%+ adults unbanked. Mobile money accelerating. Kinshasa emerging as tech hub.

06 · Peace dividend
Durable ceasefire unlocks est. $900M+ annual mineral revenues from armed groups.

Peace process

Jun 2025	US–DRC–Rwanda Agreement, Washington D.C.
Jul 2025	DRC–M23 Declaration of Principles, Doha
Nov 2025	Comprehensive Peace Framework signed, Doha
Ongoing	Regional Economic Integration Framework (REIF) initialled

> Diplomatic progress has not yet matched ground-level security conditions (UN DPPA, Aug 2025). Treat peace milestones as upside optionality.

Scenario outlook

BASE	GDP 5.1–5.5%/yr · IMF anchored · Partial peace · FDI ~$1.5–2.0B
UPSIDE	$900M+ peace dividend · Inga 3 close · Western FDI surge · GDP 8–9%
DOWNSIDE	Framework collapse · M23 advance · Commodity correction · Deficit >4% GDP

The full country investment profile is available on www.ccluxrdc.org/resources/.

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