



## Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)

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# CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE

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### Core details

**Population:**

73,599,190 (2012 est.)

**WTO accession:**

1 January 1997

**Poverty head count (%):**

N/A

**Share of international non-oil trade (%):**

0.804

**Per capita growth rate (%):**

4.2

**Value of non-oil goods traded (in US\$ million):**

5300

**WB Trading Across Borders rank:**

N/A

**Employment in non-traditional export sectors:**

N/A

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The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) became a beneficiary of the Integrated Framework (IF) in 2007. By April 2009, the IF in-country architecture had been completed. The DRC undertook a [Diagnostic Trade Integration Study \(DTIS\)](#) [1], with support from the World Bank as well as the ITC, which was validated in July 2010.

The DRC has also benefitted from a Pre-DTIS project that was approved in January 2010 and completed in June 2011.

### Main Projects Ongoing

**Description of the projects (objectives and interventions):**

Under the EIF, the DRC is implementing its Tier 1 project, "Support to National Implementation Arrangements (NIAs)" - approved in July 2011 by the EIF Board - with the aim to enable the DRC to become a fully integrated and active player in, and beneficiary of, the global trading system.

**Main progresses to date:**

Trade has been mainstreamed into the 2nd generation Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy (GPRS) for 2011-2015, in particular, with the aim of promoting foreign trade. The DTIS Action Matrix priorities on agriculture, customs reforms, trade facilitation and improving the business environment have been incorporated into the GPRS. Moreover, sector strategies for agriculture, rural development, industry, energy, tourism and transport have taken onboard the trade dimension, both at regional and international levels.

The recruitment of the EIF National Implementation Unit (NIU) staff was finalized in early 2013, including the hiring of an International Trade Advisor (ITA) to support the NIU in the implementation of the EIF programme.

With the support of the EIF Donor Facilitator (DF), consultations with Development Partners (DPs) taking stock of the DTIS Action Matrix priorities was kick-started resulting in the organization of a Roundtable around the DTIS Action Matrix priority projects in March 2013 in Kinshasa. The Roundtable was attended by around 100 participants including DPs and international organizations present in the DRC. After the event, the EIF NIU has been following up with DPs active in trade and private sector development in the country to mobilize additional resources to take forward DTIS Action Matrix implementation.

The EIF NIU is also currently developing a Tier 2 project on Palm oil to be submitted to the EIF Board for funding. As far as outreach and capacity building are concerned, sensitization activities on the EIF and the DTIS Action Matrix priorities have been undertaken in the main provinces of the DRC. Additionally, the UNDP has been working on expansion of outreach activities related to the DTIS, trade integration as well as international trade statistics.

The EIF NIU team has also participated in a series of workshops including a regional aid for trade meeting in Yaoundé, Cameroun, in 2013; a trade fair on agriculture, fisheries, livestock and forestry, held in Kinshasa presenting the objectives of the EIF programme to stakeholders; the Fourth Global Aid for Trade Review in July 2013; and the EIF Regional Workshop on gender, M&E and communicating results in March 2014 among others.

#### Outlook:

The EIF NIU is working on finalizing the Tier 2 project proposal on Palm Oil.

A trade strategy has been drafted and is under validation process. After validation, there are plans to launch an implementation strategy, to be supported by the EIF DF, the European Union. Additionally, following the 2013 Roundtable, the EIF NIU is following up with DPs on resource mobilization, to support the implementation of the DTIS Action Matrix.

With the EIF DF support, the EIF NIU will work to develop a Medium Term Programme under the guidance of the EIF National Steering Committee.

## Links

Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ministère du Commerce  
<http://www.mincommerce.cd/cir/> [2]

## State of implementation

TIER 1 OUTCOME AND INDICATORS					
<b>Outcome 1:</b> Sufficient institutional and management capacity built in DRC to formulate and implement trade-related strategies and implementation plans					
Outcome 1 indicators	Baseline	'10	'11	'12	
O1.1: Support to NIAs (Y/N)	No	No	Yes	Yes	
O1.2: DTIS Action Matrix (Date)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
O1.3: Fiduciary capacity (1-5)	N/A	N/A	4	4	
O1.4: Trade strategy updated (Y/N)	No	No	No	No	

O1.5: Trade Strategy quality (1-5)	5	5	5	5
O1.6 Trade strategy implemented (1-5)	5	5	5	5

<b>Outcome 2: DRC mainstreams trade into its national development strategies and plans</b>				
<b>Outcome 2 indicators</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>'10</b>	<b>'11</b>	<b>'12</b>
O2.1: Trade in the National Development Plan (1-5)	5	Yes	Yes	Yes
O2.2: Trade in Productive Sector Strategies (Y/N)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
O2.3: Public-Private Dialogue (1-5)	1	1	1	2

<b>Outcome 3: Coordinated delivery of trade-related resources (funding, TA, etc.) by donors and implementing agencies to implement DRC's priorities following the adoption of the DTIS Action Matrix</b>				
<b>Outcome 3 indicators</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>'10</b>	<b>'11</b>	<b>'12</b>
O3.1: Annual joint sector implementation overview (Y/N)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
O3.2: Frequency of Government-Donor consultation in trade (1-5)	2	2	2	2
O3.3: UN-CEB Cluster activities based on DTIS Action Matrix (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
O3.4: Joint donor initiatives in trade (Y/N)	No	No	No	No

<b>Outcome 4: DRC secures resources in support of initiatives that address DTIS Action Matrix priorities</b>				
<b>Outcome 4 indicators</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>'10</b>	<b>'11</b>	<b>'12</b>
O4.1: Medium-term Programme (1-5)	5	3	3	3
O4.2: Government budget contribution (Y/N)	No	No	No	No
O4.4: Number and amount of projects funded from DTIS Action Matrix (in US\$ million)	0	5 (16.2)	0	4 (13)

## Financial information

### Pre-DTIS

Starting date / End date  
30/04/2010  
Approved Budget  
50,000  
Board Approval Date  
15/01/2010  
Disbursement  
50,000  
Expenditure Reported  
49,841  
MOU Approval Date  
27/04/2010  
MOU Expiry Date  
30/06/2011  
Phase:  
Completed

### NIA Support through ITA

Starting date / End date  
27/03/2012  
Approved Budget  
252,520  
Board Approval Date  
31/05/2011  
Disbursement  
252,520  
Expenditure Reported  
252,520  
MOU Approval Date  
21/03/2012  
MOU Expiry Date  
31/10/2014  
Phase:  
Completed

### DTIS

Starting date / End date  
23/01/2009  
Approved Budget  
400,000  
Board Approval Date  
08/10/2008  
Disbursement  
400,000  
Expenditure Reported  
400,000  
MOU Approval Date  
22/12/2008  
MOU Expiry Date  
29/10/2010  
Phase:  
Completed

### NIA Support

Starting date / End date  
28/07/2011  
Approved Budget  
900,000  
Board Approval Date

31/05/2011  
Disbursement  
900,000  
Expenditure Reported  
894,880  
MOU Approval Date  
22/07/2011  
MOU Expiry Date  
31/03/2015  
Phase:  
Implementation

## Appui à la relance de la filière palmier à huile en République Démocratique du Congo

Starting date / End date  
23/03/2015  
Approved Budget  
2,786,680  
Board Approval Date  
15/12/2014  
Disbursement  
405,000  
Expenditure Reported  
880  
MOU Approval Date  
13/03/2015  
MOU Expiry Date  
31/12/2017  
Phase:  
Implementation

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