

National Indicative Programme 2014-2020

REPUBLIC OF CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE)

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General overview of the programme

Intervention Area	Budget (MEUR)
Economic and commercial governance	21
Local Development	77
Other support measures	5
Total	103

Sector 1: Economic and commercial governance

General objective: to contribute to sustainable and inclusive development as well as to the country's economic diversification by improving economic and commercial governance.

Specific objectives:

- Improving the business and competition climate in order to promote new economic and employment opportunities;
- Supporting the implementation of the aid trade policy to Congo so the country can benefit from its commercial benefits;
- Supporting Congo to implement a normalization and quality framework complementing actions at a regional level;
- Contribute to the sustainable management of forests ecosystems and to its good governance by means of a legal system for trading wood and the implementation of a reliable performance verification system.

Expected results:

- A legal and judicial system is put in place in order to improve the investment climate;
- A national competition policy is established as well as its legal framework in the benefit of enterprises and consumers;
- Implementation of a sustainable commercial policy which contributes to improve the fluidity of supplies in the national market;
- Support is provided to the modernization and improvement of the customs' system performance;
- Support is provided to the development of management, quality and normalization systems and lawful metrology with the participation of consumers and the private sector;
- The surveillance and inspection capacities of markets is reinforced;
- Support is provided to the implementation of a register for enterprises registration and accreditation;
- Support to the legal commercialization of wood products is provided according to the FLEGT rules (Forest Law Enforcement and Governance)
- The national verification system receives information from forest operators and relevant authorities and is the subject of an independent audit
- The forest authority delivers an annual legal certificate and foreseen sanctions are applied to those individuals or entities that not abide by the certificates.

Sector 2: Local development

General objective: to contribute to a balanced territorial development in favor of a participative and sustainable local development policy.

Specific objectives:

- Reinforcement of selected departments' fiscal capacities, planning and implementation of local strategies and initiatives to enhance local governance and participation by means of decentralized cooperation interventions;
- Contribute to the improvement of equal access to socio-economic services.

Expected results:

- The fiscal power/competences of the selected department's is reinforced; these departments are trained according to the new competences that are transferred to them;
- Selected departments are provided with sustainable local development plans according to their local needs and taking into account its regional potential;
- The access to services and social infrastructures is improved for all the population;

Civil Society

Funding to civil society is integrated in the sector mentioned above. Moreover, civil society receives funding through the thematic program "Non-State Actors and Local Authorities" with which it will be looked for synergies, particularly in the context of the cooperative support of women working in agriculture in rural areas, population particularly affected by the lack of training and employment opportunities.

Other support measures

A Technical Cooperation Facility (TCF), aimed to support the programming, planning and implementation of activities is planned for a total of 5 MEUR to support the National Authorizing Officer.