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Planned and Achieved Measures MACROECONOMIC FRAMEWORK Implement the computerized public revenue chain	Progress	Support from Partners
Launch and deploy the Integrated Tax Management Software (ITMS) at the DGI	The analysis phase and needs collection are finalized. Equipment has been delivered and installed at DGI headquarters. Development and deployment will continue in 2024: batches 1 (administration) and 2 (business services) deployed	
Continue the deployment of the LOGIRAD non-tax revenue management software in the second group of tax services	After launching and deploying LOGIRAD in 11 provinces for the 6 main tax services in 2022 (Mines, PTNTIC, Hydrocarbons, Environment, Land Affairs, DGM), in 2023, priority was given to improving LOGIRAD by integrating user feedback and consolidating the platform. Training of users in the second group of 6 provinces started in March 2024 and will continue until June. The new provinces will transition in early January 2025 after acquiring computer and energy kits.	
Improve and extend the functionalities of ISYS-REGIES	After two years of successful implementation, the Terms of Reference for improving and extending ISYS-Regies were finalized. Work launch scheduled for the first half of 2024	
Extend the network for exchanging state financial data (REDOFIE)	After Kinshasa over a coverage of 12 km, the network was deployed successively in Matadi (over 6 km connecting the provincial directorates of the financial administrations) and in Lubumbashi over 9 km for 10 operational services of both financial administrations and national ministries (tax services)	
Strengthen public finance management		
Implement the "Budgetary Reform" axis of the Public Finance Reform Strategic Plan 2022-28 (PSRFP)	- Program budget: reclassification of auxiliary bodies into annex budgets (public establishments and spending services) for the adoption of program budget templates - Management of budgetary risks associated with public enterprises and administrative public establishments: signature of the circular by the prime minister concerning the production and timely submission of financial reports by public enterprises and administrative public establishments	

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Implement the "Tax Policy and Administration" axis of the Public Finance Reform Strategic Plan 2022-28 (PSRFP)	- Tax policy: adoption of the plan to rationalize the acts generating non-tax revenues in the Council of Ministers; implementation of the STDA software in the tobacco, brewing, and telecommunications sectors to improve the traceability of excise duties; promulgation of Ordinance Law No. 23/053 of 30 November 2023 relating to corporate tax and personal income tax; continuation of the inventory work of parafiscal charges, revision of the nomenclature of non-tax revenues based on the rationalization plan adopted by the Government; production of a non-tax revenue collection procedure manual - Tax administration: deployment of GESIMPOT software in 2 CIS and ISYS-regies in 107 customs offices; implementation of e-filing; Signing of the decree establishing the standardized invoice and setting the terms for the implementation of fiscal electronic devices to consolidate VAT management; Signing of orders granting approval to the organizational frameworks of the DGI, DGDA, and DGRAD by the Minister of Public Service	
Implement the "Public Expenditure Management" axis of the Strategic Plan for Public Finance Reform 2022-28 (PSRFP)	- Signing and publication of the decree on the manual of public procurement procedures- Signing of the ordinance law on public debt- Signing of the decree on the management of public investments- Signing of the decree on the standard methodological guide for the evaluation of public investment projects including environmental and social impact studies as well as the systematic assessment of impacts related to climate change- Signing of the ministerial decree on creation of the Ministries' Accounting Posts - Signing of the procedures manual and expenditure circuit adapted to the deconcentration approach of scheduling	
Implement the "Digitization of the public financial management system" axis of the Strategic Plan for Public Finance Reform 2022-28 (PSRFP)	- Adoption of the global orientation plan for the digitisation of public finances (POG)	
Implement the arrears clearance strategy agreed with the IMF and adopted by the Council of Ministers	The implementation of the strategy has been initiated, through: The publication of a press release by the Minister of Finance to operationalize the strategy- The publication of the list of eligible creditors- The publication of a press release explaining the technical modalities for the clearance of certified domestic arrears	
Adopt a tax expenditure rationalization plan aimed at reforming the exceptional tax regimes, as well as all conventions, approvals, agreements, letters, or other documents providing for tax exemptions, except those provided for by the administrative codes in force.	A first rationalization plan was developed with the assistance of the IMF's Fiscal Affairs Department, based on the published reports on tax expenditures in fiscal years 2017 and 2018. This plan has been adopted by the Government and is being implemented. The measures adopted are monitored by the ad hoc committee responsible for evaluating tax expenditures.	IMF
Reform the collection of traffic tickets. Implement modern devices (cameras, radars) to identify and collect traffic tickets, as well as video-ticketing.	The administrative procedure is underway (the pre-selection report of the applications and the tender documents were sent to the General Directorate for the Control of Public Procurement for validation).	
Reforming the control of traffic and revenues of mobile money operators and services	The study is underway at the level of the Ministry of Finance with a view to requesting the support of a service provider	

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Implement the reform on gambling. Reorganize the sector, set up a legal framework, install a computer system for monitoring and controlling bets. The objectives are to mobilize the sector's revenues and fight against dependency and money laundering.	The draft contract of the technical service provider is submitted to the General Directorate for the Control of Public Procurement for validation. The Finance Act for the 2024 financial year has reallocated to the Ministry of Finance the 2 revenue-generating acts of the sector that were previously the responsibility of the Ministry of Sports and Leisure.	
Establish the payment of state revenues through digital channels (online bank, mobile application, USD phone, POS, ATM...)	The circular was signed in January 2024	
Finalize the generalization of the ASYCUDA system in all customs offices	The computerization schedule has been finalized for 6 offices in the Equateur DP, 3 in Kongo Central and 1 in Moba. Training and configuration permissions are required but not yet effective in all these offices.	
Maintaining macroeconomic stability		
Establish a Monetary Policy Forecasting and Analysis System (FPAS) with IMF technical assistance	By the end of 2024, the FPAS must be operational. - The first component, which involves the production of analyses and forecasts illustrating the capacity of the quarterly forecasting model, has already been put in place. - The second component concerning the organizational structure of the FPAS, including a planned mission with IMF technical assistance, is underway.	IMF
Strengthen the stability of the financial sector: - Issue an instruction on the identification and management of risks associated with related-party transactions in line with the 20th Basel Fundamental Principle - Recruit and retain banking experts, deploy risk-based supervision and set up a committee to prepare data for stress testing and a centre of expertise on IT risks - Adopt a regulation on related party plans bank recovery - Creating a financial stability function - Strengthening the supervision of non-bank financial institutions - Developing supervisory and early warning tools to analyse sectoral interdependencies and interconnections - Aligning the emergency liquidity provision framework with best practices - Conducting a review of cross-border cooperation agreements with all the home countries of the parent companies of banks established in the DRC	- Publish an instruction on the identification and management of risks associated with transactions between related parties in accordance with the 20th Basel Fundamental Principle: Publication by the BCC of Instruction No. 51 laying down the rules relating to the transactions of Credit Institutions and financial companies with related persons. Recruit and retain banking experts, deploy risk-based supervision and set up a committee to prepare the data necessary for stress tests and a center of expertise in IT risks: Establishment of a working group in progress, pending the creation of a department in charge of the issue within the Directorate for the Supervision of Financial Intermediaries- Adopt a regulation on bank recovery plans: Ongoing project with IMF technical assistance - Creating a financial stability function: Recruitment by the IMF, for the benefit of the BCC, of a consultant to support the establishment of this function. The Consultant began his mission on October 22, 2023. A Financial Stability Directorate was created by the decision of the Bank's Board of 27 February 2024- Strengthening the supervision of non-bank financial institutions: Work in progress with the support of an expert with the support of the World Bank and BCC's accession to CISNA - Developing surveillance and early warning tools to analyze sectoral interdependencies and interconnections: project in progress with IMF technical assistance - Align the framework for the provision of emergency liquidity with best practices: finalization in progress of a draft appraisal order - Review cross-border cooperation agreements with all countries of origin of the parent companies of banks established in the DRC: ongoing project. The BCC has benefited from the technical assistance of the MCM/IMF, a model MoU project is being developed and will be signed first with the Central Bank of Kenya	IMF

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Strengthening the governance of the BCC: - Adoption of an internal audit charter by the BCC Board- Establishment of a Procurement Unit and a procurement manual- Establishment of a compliance function, in charge of the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism, ethics and internal and external fraud	- Adoption of an internal audit charter by the Board of the BCC: new Audit Charter adopted by the Board of the Bank on 13 June 2023- Establishment of a Procurement Unit and a Procurement Manual: adoption of the BCC procurement rules on 13 December 2023, by the Board of the Bank - Establishment of a compliance function, in charge of the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism, ethics and internal and external fraud: Work is underway. Three pools were set up: the AML/FTP pool, the ethics pool, and the anti-fraud pool	
Reassessing the reserve requirement framework	After evaluation of the new reform in relation to the reserve requirement, the crystallized stock of reserve requirements on foreign currency deposits was reduced by 2.5% on August 08, 2023, and 2.5% on December 12, 2023.	
Implement the preparation of financial statements in accordance with the IFRS accounting framework	The IFRS project is currently in the preparation phase to produce the Bank's first IFRS financial statements, which will be those ending December 31, 2023, with 2021 as the transition year and 2022 as the comparison year.	
Implement the recapitalization of the BCC Signing of the MoU between the BCC and the Ministry of Finance	Project signed on the balance sheet. Ongoing project on the results-based approach. MoU on the terms of the capital release. Signing of the MoU on the regularization of debts between the State and the BCC of December 2021.	
Strengthening the statistical tool to improve the monitoring of the Congolese economy		
Migrate the national accounts to the 2008 SN - Finalize the migration from SN 93 to SN 2008- Request Technical Assistance for support with AFRITAC- Finance a workshop for validation by stakeholders	Work on Migration from the SNA93 National Accounts to the 2008 SNA is underway with the assistance of AFRITAC Centre and the support of the Statistical Body of the African Union.	IMF/AU
BUSINESS CLIMATE		
New reforms		
Revision of the Investment Code		
Drawing up the Urban Planning and Construction Code	The texts were finalized and validated in workshops.	
Amending the Law on Government Procurement		
Promulgate the Law on Standardization and Legal Metrology		
Continuing to improve the business climate		
Amend the Law on SEZs to incorporate the benefits provided for in Decree No. 15/007 of 14 April 2015 on the creation, operation, and organization of SEZs	The Ordinance-Law was published in the Official Journal on 1 February 2024	
Interconnect services and simplify the process of setting up a business through the following actions: (i) Automating the issuance of tax and national identification numbers(ii) Setting up an online registration system for setting up a business	A consultant has been hired to study the feasibility of implementing an online registration system.	

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Strengthen the enforcement of contracts  (i) Implement E-justice, to dematerialize proceedings before the Commercial Courts(ii) Align the legal framework with international best practices - Generalize the preparatory conference as a method of managing cases to lower courts in the law amending the Commercial Courts - Set up a small claims chamber in the Commercial Courts- Implement the system random assignment of cases (to be considered in e-justice)- Establish a mechanism to enforce the provisions concerning the number of adjournments or postponements- Reduce the time taken to pronounce judgments- Set in law the time limit for the holding of the first hearing	Reform not carried out to date	
Computerize the building permit file and urban planning notices - Dematerialize the process of processing the granting of building permits and urban planning notices) - Develop the digital mapping of the DRC starting with the city of Kinshasa (3 years)	The reform is effective: establishment of the Single Window for the issuance of building permits, appointed facilitators, operational institution	
Adopt the Anti-Corruption Action Plan	Waiting for work on identifying actions to be validated	
Agricultural/forestry sector		
Strengthen and improve the legal framework, by amending and supplementing the Agricultural Law, especially in its articles 16 and 82	The bill is currently being examined by both houses of parliament	
Operationalize the National Fund for Agricultural Development	The decree that creates and organizes FONADA must be signed	
FUNDING FRAMEWORK		
Definition of the national strategy on financial inclusion		

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Adopt a national financial inclusion strategy with an associated regulatory framework, to accelerate access to financial products and services, with six objectives: - Improving access to financial services and products- Increasing loans to households and SMEs- Increasing the use of mobile money and other fintech services- Consumer education and protection- Strengthening infrastructure and financial services. Institutions - The expansion of insurance services offered to companies and individuals	The National Financial Inclusion Strategy (SNIF) has been published. It includes six strategic objectives that contribute to the improvement of financial products and services and their use by the poorest populations and MSMEs. Each strategic objective has specific objectives with clear actions for the targets set for 2028.	
DIGITAL		
New reforms		
Implement all regulatory measures for the implementation of Ordinance-Law No. 23/010 of 13 March 2023 on the Digital Code and strengthen the institutional framework - Creation of the Data Protection Authority; - Creation of the National Cybersecurity Agency;- Creation of the Electronic Certification Authority;- Creation of the Digital Regulatory Authority		
Create the digital governance framework for the State's IT systems		
Create the following tools: - Government intranet- National datacenter and cloud- Dematerialization of the Public Administration- Support for services through training	In progress.	World Bank
Strengthening the business climate and the digital architecture of services available to citizens		
To set up a platform of services to citizens by centralising services that concern citizens in a transversal way	In progress.	
Increase the government's visibility on the population and streamline administrative procedures for the population		
Create a unique identifier assigned at birth to centralize the various administrative (social security, passport, etc.) and commercial (banks for example) requests. This reform involves the creation of a data center and a 'national cloud' aimed at centralizing the information of the various administrations	In progress.	
Strengthening the digital culture and knowledge of the population		

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Setting up an ecosystem to reduce the digital divide - Strengthening the ICT capacities of teachers - Creation of digital centres and incubators - Opening of a digital academy - Installation of "smart cities"	In progress.	