

EXPO BETON 9^{ÉDITION}



EXPO FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CITIES, CORRIDORS
AND SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

THE SOUTHERN CORRIDOR OF THE DRC - SADC

PROJECTS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

MARCH 13TH TO 15TH 2025

 LUBUMBASHI

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1. CONTEXT



«GRAND KATANGA – the geostrategic interests of the DRC in the Banana port construction project: What impact with the ports of the Southern Corridor: Lobito, Walvis-Bay, Port Elizabeth, Dar es Salaam, Mombasa etc.»

The Congolese economy today presents revenues whose budgetary resources are essentially based on the export of precious metals such as copper and cobalt.

Its diversification therefore appears as a necessity that must be based in particular on the development of opportunities offered by its Corridors (*processing, trade, urban and rural areas, industrial areas, energy, housing*).

The DRC's mineral evacuation routes extend over approximately 2,000 km. It is therefore crucial to connect the various internal corridors, allowing the efficient transport of mining production from Greater Katanga.

The deep-water port of Banana, located in the west of the country, is a major step towards the DRC's maritime independence, offering total control over export logistics from the Atlantic Ocean, complementing the region's infrastructure.

The development of railway infrastructure, particularly through the Lobito corridors via Kolwezi (Lualaba), and Walvis-Bay via Lubumbashi (Haut-Katanga), will generate economic momentum for the regions and towns crossed.

It follows that this way of proceeding will create significant economic dynamics for the cities and regions crossed.

ExpoBeton DRC will highlight the strategic issue of corridors during its 9th edition, in order to encourage the government and its partners to fully exploit the potential of this area.

This edition of ExpoBeton DRC will be a sharing, popularization and deepening of reflections within the technical workshops which will be organized with the contribution of decision-makers, elected officials, public administration officials, professional corporations and experts such as architects, urban planners, engineers, geographers, environmentalists, sociologists, economists and demographers, lawyers, entrepreneurs, developers, Congolese and foreign investors, road users, donors, civil society, etc.

To this end, ExpoBeton DRC will count on your material and financial support to organize meetings for reflection, B2B & B2G, B2C exchanges on the themes mentioned above in order to achieve its objectives.

At the end of the work, each workshop which will deal with the different sub-themes will provide its conclusions and sustainable solutions in the form of recommendations for developing the cities of the Corridors of the Democratic Republic of Congo by 2050.

An ad hoc monitoring committee will be set up at the end of the work.



2. OBJECTIVES



Present all development opportunities in the key sectors of mining, infrastructure, energy, housing, trade and multimodal transport, employment, agro-industry, etc.



Transforming Corridors into development axes that not only provide modern, fast and competitive transport and transit services that promote trade, but also stimulate investment and encourage sustainable development and poverty reduction.



Stimulate economic and social development.



Facilitate trade and mobility for people, road and rail vehicles, goods in the southern part of the DRC.



Implement strategies to accelerate economic and social growth in the Corridors, while preserving the environment



Establish urban development and infrastructure plans for each of the Corridor cities and coordinate the various multimodal transport infrastructure projects.

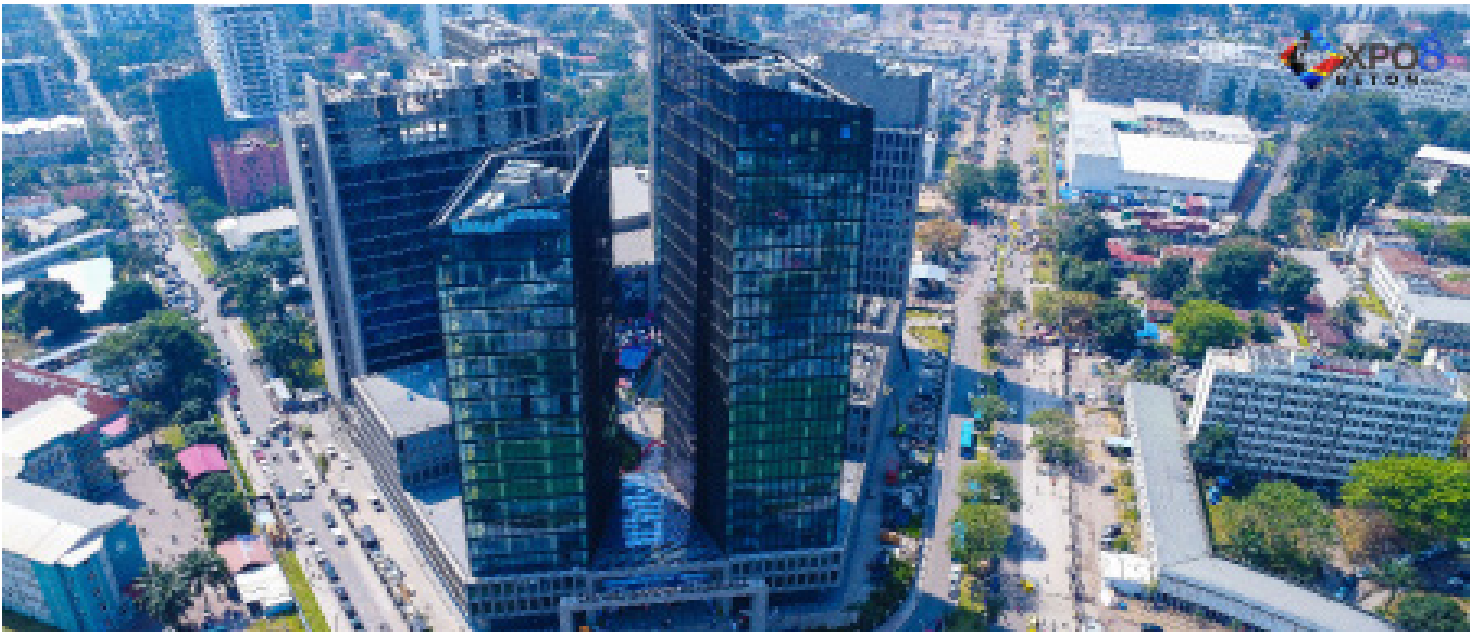


Take into account standardization in the cycle of extraction and exploitation of minerals, in infrastructures, production of construction materials, etc. and the solidity of the ground during major works.

3. EXPECTED RESULTS

Recommendations on the DRC corridors: the Lobito Corridor via Kolwezi and Dilolo in Lualaba, the Walvis-Bay corridor via Lubumbashi in Haut-Katanga, the Malange corridor (Angola part) via Kananga in Kasai, the Mwanbeni corridor via Dar-es-Salam and the Western Corridor via Banana, etc.;

- The development of Urban Development programs for major cities, taking into account the needs of the corridors;
- Identification of integrative business opportunities in the sub-region;
- The commitment of Public, Private and Financial Partners, etc.



4. METHODOLOGY

In order to achieve the objectives set above, the ExpoBeton DRC organizing committee has opted for the following approach:

- Open day;
- Conferences and debates / Workshops / Exhibitions / Company visits / Cultural presentations;
- Presentation and promotional sale of the products and services exhibited, etc.;
- B2B and B2G exchanges;
- Visit of available industries and industrial zones;
- Visit to development sites along the Corridors.

5. PARTNERS

a) Institutional partners:

Office of the President of the Republic, Central Government, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Economy, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of Transport, Provincial Governorate of Haut-Katanga, Provincial Assembly of Haut-Katanga, Ministry of Mines and Mining Cadastre, Ministry of Urban Planning and Housing, in charge of Urban Policy, Ministry of Regional Planning, Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Works, Ministry of Industry and SMEs, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Ministry of ESU, Ministry of Vocational Training, CES, Senate, National Assembly, etc.

b) Operational partners:

NCP&DC, RUBIS, the Government of the Republic, the Provincial Government of Haut-Katanga, the Provincial Assembly of Haut-Katanga & the Office of the President of the Republic.

c) The private sector:

Cement industries & Construction companies, Design offices, Real estate companies, Materials distribution companies; Mining industries & Agroindustry, Logistics and transport companies, etc.

* Other institutions: General Directorate for the Development of Industrial Corridors (DGDCI), General Directorate of Customs and Excise (DGDA), General Directorate of Taxes (DGI), OCC, ANPPIE, ARSP, SNEL, INPP, RVA, LMC, ANAPI, provincial governments and provincial assemblies; public establishments and services, state portfolio companies, cooperation agencies, diplomatic and commercial representations of friendly countries and universities,



6. PREPARATORY DOCUMENTS

- Bilateral and sub-regional cooperation agreements;
- The Regional Spatial Development Initiatives Program, abbreviated as PRIDS, or Development Corridor
- Government Development Programs;
- Final report of the 7th edition "Kolwezi-Lualaba: Eldorado of the Southern Corridor of the DRC-SADC";
- Final report of the 8th edition whose theme was, « Urban Revolution: Sustainable Solutions for the Western Corridor for Kinshasa and Kongo-Central»;» etc.

7. DURATION, PERIOD AND VENUE

4 DAYS

March 12 - 15, 2025

LUBUMBASHI - HAUT-KATANGA.



8. PROGRAM

MAIN THEME: THE DRC–SADC CORRIDORS:
PROJECTS TO BE DEVELOPED & BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES,
MINES–INDUSTRIES–INFRASTRUCTURES–HOUSING–LOGISTICS–ENERGY–EMPLOYMENT

TIME

AFTERNOON

17H00'- 19H00'

Business Cocktail (By invitation)
Cultural activities

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12, 2025

OPEN DAY

MORNING

08H00'- 09H30'

Sponsors breakfast

09H30'- 10H00'

Registration and Setup

Arrival of the Honorable Deputies, Senators and Members of the Government

10H00'- 10H45'

Arrival of Her Excellency Madam Prime Minister, Head of Government

Arrival of His Excellency the President of the Republic

10h45'- 11h05'

Announcement of the Program by the State Protocol

11H05'- 11H20'

Welcome Speech

Honorable Jean BAMANISA, President of the Organizing Committee

11H20'- 11H30'

Speech of circumstance

Governor of the Haut-Katanga Province

11H40'

Speech of circumstance

Her Excellency Madam Prime Minister, Head of Government

11H50'

Opening Remarks

His Excellency Mr. Félix Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the Republic

12 H00' - 13 H30'

- BREAK
Cocktail and guided tour of the stands

AFTERNOON

14 H00' - 17 H00'

PANEL 1 / INFRASTRUCTURE, MOBILITY, HOUSING AND URBAN PLANNING

Theme 1 : *Status of multimodal communication routes: roads and highways, networks linking special economic zones and urban centers, railways, port and airport infrastructure.*

Theme 2 : *Lubumbashi perspectives 2050 – with what urban development plan? Towards new cities to be built? (Dilolo, Kipushi, Kasumbalesa).*

Theme 3 : *The construction of infrastructure in Greater Katanga involving the mining sector and its impact on urban and rural development.*

Theme 4 : Access to Real Estate Credit in Greater Katanga.

17 H00' - 19 H00'

Cultural Activities on the theme of “Education and New Citizenship”

FRIDAY MARCH 14, 2025

MORNING

09 H00' - 10 h45'

PANEL 2 / HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT OF CITIES IN GRAND KATANGA

Theme 1 : *Demographic growth and housing policy in the provinces of Greater Katanga.*

Theme 2 : *Spatial management and land use planning: What initiatives are there to improve essential services in Corridor cities?*

Theme 3 : *What energy solutions for mining companies and Corridor SEZs?*

Theme 4 : *Corridor SEZs and the needs of urban and rural households*

10 H45' - 12 h30'

Theme 5 : *The impact of mining on urban and rural development.*

12 H30' - 14 h00'

- Visit of projects
- Visit of stands
- B2B, B2G and promotional sales

AFTERNOON

14H00'– 15h45'

PANEL 4 / RESSOURCES HUMAINES ET EMPLOI,

Theme 1 : *Training and employment in the DRC;*

Theme 2 : *Employment policy in the Democratic Republic of Congo;*

Theme 3 : *Promotion and Facilitation of immigration and employment in relation to the policy of the countries of the Region in terms of local content.*

15H45'– 17h00'

- Visit of projects
- Visit of stands
- B2B, B2G and promotional sales

SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025

MORNING

09H00'– 10h45'

PANEL 5 / INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION POLICY – INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Theme 1 : *The DRC facing domestic needs: Agro Industry, Materials involved in the energy production chain (electrical, electronic, thermal, chemical conductivity, fluid mechanics, materials & soil sciences, etc.)*

Theme 2 : *Identification and complementarity of industries within the SADC Special Economic Zones.*

Theme 3 : *Presentation of the National Industrialization Policy of the DRC in relation to the free trade of the ZLECAF & AGOA.*

10H45'– 13h00'

PANEL 6 / PPP INVESTMENTS AND FINANCING

Theme 1 : *Sustainable investments and social development in Greater Katanga;*

Theme 2 : *Investment facilitation for Start-ups, SMEs and SMIs – Financial Institutions Policy in the DRC*

Theme 3 : *The trade facilitation policy within the corridors of the sub-region (customs, immigration, import/export);*

Theme 4 : *Assessment and evaluation of the policy of creating business captains in the DRC*

Theme 5 : *Examples and successes of Corridors by the Republic of South Africa.*

AFTERNOON

13 H 00' – 14 h 00'

**PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES
COMPANY PRESENTATION**

PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE STUDENT COMPETITION

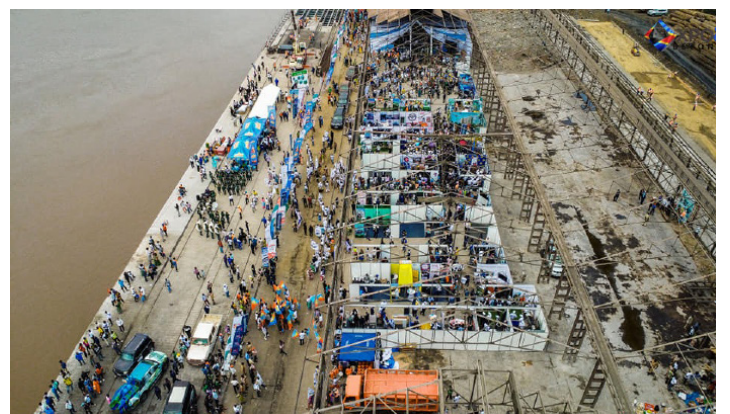
PRIZE AWARDING TO THE WINNERS

14 H 30'

CLOSING CEREMONY

15 H 30'

Sponsored Closing Dinner



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