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), 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.

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Starting date / End date
30/04/2010
Approved Budget
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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
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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
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Board Approval Date
Appui à la relance de la filière palmier à huile en République Démocratique du Congo

Starting date / End date
23/03/2015
Approved Budget
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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:
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