

## REPUBLIC OF CONGO

**ACP Region:** Central Africa  
**Population:** 3 million  
**Official Language:** French  
**Capital:** Brazzaville

**National authority responsible for culture:** Ministère de la Culture, des Arts et du Tourisme.

**Principal public cultural bodies:**

- Bureau Congolais du Droit d'Auteur (BCDA)

**Some professional organisations:**

- Coalition pour la Diversité Culturelle de la République du Congo
- Union des Femmes Artistes du Congo

**Some events:**

- Festival International Musique de Recherche
- Festival Panafricain de Musique (FESPAM)/ Pan African Music Festival
- Pointe Noire Reggae Sunsplash Festival
- Festival de Théâtre Expression 7
- Journées Théâtrales en Campagne (JOUTHEC)

### COOPERATION WITH THE EC

**Cultural cooperation:** The 7<sup>th</sup> EDF financed a film (€75,000) and a *Programme de Soutien aux Arts Plastiques* (PSAP) (€1,000,000), decision taken in 1996. Culture is not included in the spheres of cooperation of the 9<sup>th</sup> EDF.

**Other programmes that may interest cultural participants:** Support to civil society is a focal area for cooperation.

**Regional cooperation:** EC/Central Africa Programme

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