

DR Congo

Cobalt + copper at scale. State-equity regime is the new political constant.

The DRC produces ~70% of global cobalt and is a top-3 copper jurisdiction. The 2002 Mining Code (revised 2018 and 2026) maintains a state equity floor. Western buyers need to manage the Chinese mid-stream concentration (CMOC, ERG, Zijin) and the artisanal-mining ESG perimeter.

DR Congo

High-yield jurisdiction, high political variance. 2026 mining-code amendments raised state equity to 30% on new strategic projects. EITI member. Artisanal supply chain (~20% of cobalt) requires due diligence.

Regulatory regime

Mining Code (2002, revised 2018 and 2026). Cobalt market participation regulated through Entreprise Générale du Cobalt (EGC). Artisanal sector overseen by SAEMAPE.

Authorities & actors

Ministère des Mines

Policy and concession award

Gécamines

State mining company with stakes across CM portfolio

EGC

Cobalt market regulator (since 2021)

SAEMAPE

Artisanal mining oversight

EITI

Transparency mechanism — DRC compliant

Key policies

<p>Mining Code amendments 2026</p> <p>30% state equity on new strategic CM</p>	Active
<p>EGC cobalt-monopoly framework</p> <p>Mid-stream channelisation of artisanal cobalt</p>	Active
<p>Concession renewals 2026–2028</p> <p>Glencore, CMOC, ERG terms under review</p>	Pending

Mining cadastre & data sources

Cadastre Minier (CAMI) maintains the public-facing concessions database. STRATEGIA ingests CAMI updates daily, reconciled with corporate filings and EGC quarterly bulletins.

ESG regime

RMI-RMAP and OECD Due Diligence Guidance dominant. Artisanal cobalt supply traced via RCS Global / RMI partnerships. Child-labour incident database integrated.

Top materials produced

Cobalt (refined and ore) CMOC Tenke + Glencore Mutanda + KCC	#1 globally
Copper KCC, Tenke, Kamo-a-Kakula	Top 5 globally
Coltan AVZ Manono (lithium-tin-tantalum)	Top 5 globally
Lithium AVZ + KoBold partnership	Emerging (Manono)

Top operators

Glencore

Mutanda + KCC; renewal cycle 2027

Operating

CMOC

Tenke Fungurume — Chinese majority owner

Operating

Ivanhoe / Zijin

Kamoa-Kakula copper

Operating

AVZ Minerals

Manono lithium — arbitration with state ongoing

Permitting

12-month outlook

Glencore Mutanda renewal terms set the precedent for 2026–2028 cycle. AVZ Manono arbitration award expected by Q4-2026 may unlock the deposit.

Watchlist

- Glencore Mutanda renewal terms
- AVZ Manono ICC arbitration ruling
- EGC artisanal-cobalt channeling tonnage
- EITI DRC validation cycle

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