



SYMBOLS OF THE REPUBLIC

THE CABINETS

History of the armorial of the DR. Congo

Coats of arms first appeared in Europe at the end of the 11th century. They are ubiquitous in towns and cities across the old continent: painted or engraved, they can be seen on many public and religious buildings, as well as historic monuments.

States, provinces and municipalities use them in their official documents. In many localities, they can be seen on street name signs, while many countries use them on car license plates.

Coats of arms only appeared in Central Africa following voyages of discovery and exploration by colonial powers.

The modern heraldic history of the Congo began on June 21, 1877, when the Association Internationale Africaine, of which King Leopold II was President, chose as its emblem a blue flag with a gold star in the center.

This flag served as a model for a large number of civic and private coats of arms, even after the country's independence.

CONGO'S CURRENT EMBLEM



The current emblem of the Democratic Republic of Congo was adopted on February 18, 2006 by President Joseph Kabila when the constitution of the Third Republic was promulgated.

This emblem features a leopard's head in the center, surrounded by an elephant's tusk to the dexter and a spear resting on a rock to the sinister. Also resting on the rock and rising to the right and left, a gules scroll bears the state motto in gold letters:

"JUSTICE, PEACE, WORK".

Each of the six elements of the new emblem already appeared on the Congolese coat of arms prior to 1999.

COAT-OF-ARMS GALLERY

État Indépendant du Congo
(1895-1908)



Congo Belge
(1908-1960)



Congo Belge (1908-1960)
then Federal Republic of Germany
Congo (1961-1963)



République Fédérale du Congo
(1963-1965) then
République Démocratique du
Congo (1965-1971)



Republic of Zaire
(1971-1997)



République Démocratique du
Congo (1997-1999)



République Démocratique du
Congo (1999-2003)



République Démocratique du
Congo (2003-2006)



République Démocratique du
Congo (2006-2019)

