

■ Semlex chosen for new Congolese passport

The Democratic Republic of the Congo has chosen Semlex for the establishment of an identification management system and production of the country's new biometric e-passport. In Novembre 2015, Semlex presented the new passport to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kinshasa.

Identification of the population and production of identity documents are the cornerstone of a modern state and are essential to its development. In this context, Congo sought a partner for the production of new passports. Ultimately the country selected Semlex company, whose expertise in that field will be crucial to improve the quality of services provided to Congolese citizens.

LAUNCHING OF THE PASSPORT

Semlex has over 20 years of experience in Africa, and specializes in working with its partners to ensure smooth identity management system deployments.

The company has entered into an agreement with the Democratic Republic of the Congo to obtain a complete solution, which includes the creation of a national identification database along with staff training to maintain the system.

To assist with registration, 26 provincial centers have been created, and more than 60 embassies will be equipped with biometric registration stations.



TRAVELING SAFER

By the end of 2016, the government aims to provide every Congolese citizen who desires to hold an electronic passport. One of the new travel document's aim is to facilitate friction-free travel.

The passport, designed by Semlex, is both biometric and electronic and uses fingerprints to identify citizens, which are stored in the passport's electronic chip. To reinforce its security benefits, the passport will feature the latest printing techniques.

Using the passport, citizens will be able to travel in confidence, and not have to worry about identity theft, since travel documents will not simply be biographic, but will additionally be tied to biometric data. ♦