



## DRC–France: The end of the old African paradigm

**A Silent Rupture — Africa Forward Nairobi 2026 reveals a profound transformation in the relationship between France and Africa. Nairobi is gradually replacing the former capitals of the "sphere of influence" as the symbolic center of an Africa that has become technological, industrial, and geopolitical.**

**Congo as a “Solution Country” — President Tshisekedi is repositioning the DRC as a strategic player in global transitions. Cobalt, copper, lithium, and energy infrastructure now place Congo at the heart of value chains related to batteries, digital technology, and artificial intelligence.**

**Sovereignty is changing in nature — Contemporary power no longer depends solely on borders or armies. It now rests on the control of flows: payments, data, supply chains, certification of resources, and sovereign digital infrastructures.**

**AXIS and invisible infrastructures — Tokenization, blockchain traceability, carbon governance and sovereign payments illustrate the emergence of new African architectures capable of locally organizing the continent's economic value and strategic resources.**

## The DRC and Africa are entering the age of sovereign systems