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Blockchain, Drones, and Tokenization: Technology at the Service of Sustainable Community Development in the DRC

Kinshasa – To meet the demands of sustainable development, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has decided to adopt advanced technologies in service of the environment and local communities:

- Support to the **Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Support and Monitoring Service (SAEMAPE)** for structuring mining cooperatives in the gold sector and developing a **sovereign digital currency backed by gold**, recognized as a **tangible asset with legal tender** status.
- **Tokenization of natural resources** at the community level to ensure **transparency, traceability, and ethical transactions** for the equitable creation and distribution of wealth.

Traceability of gold resources will be ensured not only through blockchain-secured transactions but also via an **innovative drone-based transportation system**. Drones represent a transport solution well-suited to remote areas.

Under the **high patronage of the President of the Republic**, H.E. Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, the **Social Fund of the DRC (FSRDC)** has formed a **landmark partnership** with **Phoenix Capital B.V.** to implement the **National AXIS Program**.

This partnership represents a **historic shift** in the management model of strategic natural resources to benefit local communities and marks a decisive move toward **ethical and sustainable development**. The innovative technologies deployed in this partnership will support the **Green Corridor of the Congo Basin**.

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The FSRDC and Phoenix Capital B.V., a company based in Sint Maarten, are pleased to **officially announce the establishment of a strategic partnership**. The announcement follows a recent working visit to Sint Maarten by **Mr. Philippe Ngwala Malemba**, appointed by Presidential Order as National Coordinator of the FSRDC.

During his stay, Mr. Ngwala Malemba held several **high-level meetings** with **Mr. Alain Lemieux**, President of Phoenix Capital B.V., culminating in the **finalization of the partnership agreement**.

The FSRDC is a **public agency** under the direct authority of the President of the Republic. Among its missions are promoting innovative financing mechanisms and mobilizing resources to contribute to the **reconstruction and economic recovery of the DRC**. It focuses on the **valorization of assets and securities** within local communities through value exchange platforms.

While several agreements were already signed between Phoenix Capital, the Government of the DRC, and the FSRDC, this visit aimed to **formalize community and social financing mechanisms** to support cooperatives and local communities.

Innovative Financial Instruments

One major advancement is the financing mechanism via the **WinstantGold project**, which supports the **sovereign tokenization of ethical gold and forest carbon credits** through the **Sovereign Gold Reserve Token (SGRT)** combined with the **Forest Carbon Reserve Token (FCRT)**.

The **SGRT** introduces a new era of **economic sovereignty**, combining transparency, traceability, and legal recognition. It is built on **trusted digital solutions**, including **blockchain, WorldKYC, FraudTrack, and MACC Pay**.

The **DRC is preparing to officially adopt the SGRT** as a **sovereign digital monetary instrument backed by gold and recognized as legal tender**, reinforcing its legitimacy with global investors.

By involving the state directly in the issuance process, the DRC guarantees **compliance, traceability, and transparency**, providing **unquestionable legitimacy**.

The AXIS Program

Governed by the FSRDC and Phoenix Capital, **AXIS** is dedicated to the **tokenization of strategic natural resources** from grassroots communities. Phoenix Capital oversees the **SGRT-ICO**, while Winstant Ltd. handles the **technological and commercial execution**.

AXIS Pillars:

- **A – Assets:** Gold, carbon credits, and natural resources
- **X – Exchange:** Fair, digital, and blockchain-based trade
- **I – Impact & Integrity:** Community engagement, trust, transparency, legitimacy
- **S – Sovereignty:** Legal support, state endorsement, and monetary sovereignty

The **SGRT-ICO** will be key to fulfilling FSRDC's mission—**attracting impact investments**, introducing advanced digital technologies, and addressing structural challenges in **mining, education, and financial inclusion**.

Presidential Commitment to Rural Welfare

The FSRDC reflects the **commitment of President Félix Antoine Tshisekedi** to the **well-being of rural communities**, often reliant on subsistence farming and artisanal mining under unsafe and unsustainable conditions.

Recognizing this reality, Phoenix Capital and FSRDC have spent **three years developing concrete solutions**. They are committed to **breaking the cycle of poverty** and enabling long-term **community rehabilitation**.

Key Initiatives

Under **Mr. Alain Lemieux**, Phoenix Capital launched two high-impact initiatives:

1. MACC Initiative (Agroecology, Carbon & Community Markets)

- Forest restoration and biodiversity preservation
- Agroecological income-generating programs
- Focus on the Congo Basin and surrounding regions
- Operates under official governance with the **Interprovincial Community Carbon Authority (RICC)**

2. GOLDCONNECT Initiative

- Ethical, traceable gold from source to market
 - Blockchain and legal digital assets
 - Educational programs for miners, women, youth, and small enterprises
 - In partnership with **SAEMAPE**
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Innovation, Sustainability & Global Outlook

These initiatives integrate **cutting-edge technologies** in forestry and mining: drones, blockchain, Internet access, ecological gold extraction, fair trade certifications, etc. Training programs are offered for workers, youth, women, and small businesses.

The final goal: **Reduce poverty, ensure sustainability, and foster financial inclusion.**

Plans are underway for a **Social Fund for Human Well-being and Biodiversity in Sint Maarten**, modeled on the DRC experience and targeted for 2026.

Meetings with:

- **Dr. Luc Mercelina**, Prime Minister of Sint Maarten – welcomed the project
 - **Sarah Wescot-Williams**, President of Parliament – praised the partnership, especially Africa-Caribbean collaboration
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