Democratic Republic of Congo Newspapers from Northwestern

Description and Rationale

Title
Democratic Republic of Congo Newspapers from Northwestern

Project Description*

1. Northwestern University Library proposes to arrange for the microfilming through CAMP of about 47,000 pages of two Newspapers and a supplement from the Democratic Republic of Congo
   a. La prospérité : journal d'actions pour la démocratie et le développement (Prospérité (Kinshasa, Congo))
   b. La saga (Saga (Kinshasa, Congo)) – Supplemet to La prospérité
   c. La Référence plus

Reasons for Consideration*

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is the second largest country in Africa and the largest in Sub-Saharan Africa. Though endowed with vast natural resources, the economy continues to perform very poorly. The DRC has experienced instability and conflict dating back to its first coup in 1965. La Reference Plus dates back to the 90s when Mobutu Sese Seko, who ruled the country for 32 years, was still the president. It was in the early 90s too that the country experienced great refugee inflow from fighting in Rwanda and Burundi. Both newspapers span the 2000s when there were a series of peace accords, constitutional referendum and elections.

These are two newspapers from a country with a varied history and which are not readily available elsewhere. Worldcat shows only Northwestern owns La prospérité and it’s supplement and only two other libraries own La Référence plus.

Publishers
Kin 1 i.e., Kinshasa : La Prospérité, Kinshasa, RDC : La Saga, Publisher not identified for La Reference Plus

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Details and Sources

Resource Types*
- Newspapers

Regions*
- Sub-Saharan Africa

Countries of Origin*
Democratic Republic of Congo

Major Languages
French

Source Format*
- Paper

Target Format
Microfilm

Identifiers
La Référence plus: OCLC # 70728819
Prospérité (Kinshasa, Congo): OCLC # 55533527
La saga: OCLC # 906170930

Links
Prospérité - http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/55533527
La saga http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/906170930
La Référence plus - http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/49605588

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## Source and Holdings Notes

### Physical Details

*La Prosperite:* Page Size= 17”x12”; 34,272 pages = 17,136 exposures
*La Saga:* Size=17”x12”; 72 pages = 36 exposures
*La Reference Plus:* Size=17”x12”; 12,500 pages = 6250 exposures

### Existing Reformatted Materials


### Intellectual Property Considerations

Contact with the various publishers has not been made. To the extent that their approval may be needed to proceed with reformatting, an effort should be made to reach out to them.