

# CONGO



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IAE de Paris, University Panthéon-Sorbonne, DESS/Masters in Business  
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Ministry of Energy and Hydraulics, 2005-2011  
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