



Laurent Monsengwo (Profile)

Roman Catholic Archbishop of Kinshasa

As the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Kinshasa, Laurent Monsengwo is viewed as the defacto leader of the Catholic Church in the DRC, and thus a highly influential figure in the country's civil society. Having served as president of the transition government at the end of Mobutu Sese Seko's reign in the 1990s, Monsengwo has remained politically active, frequently and publicly challenging the country's ruling elite. In recent years, he has become increasingly vocal in his criticism of President Joseph Kabila's attempts to remain in power past the end of his mandate, with many now viewing him as an increasingly important opposition figure.

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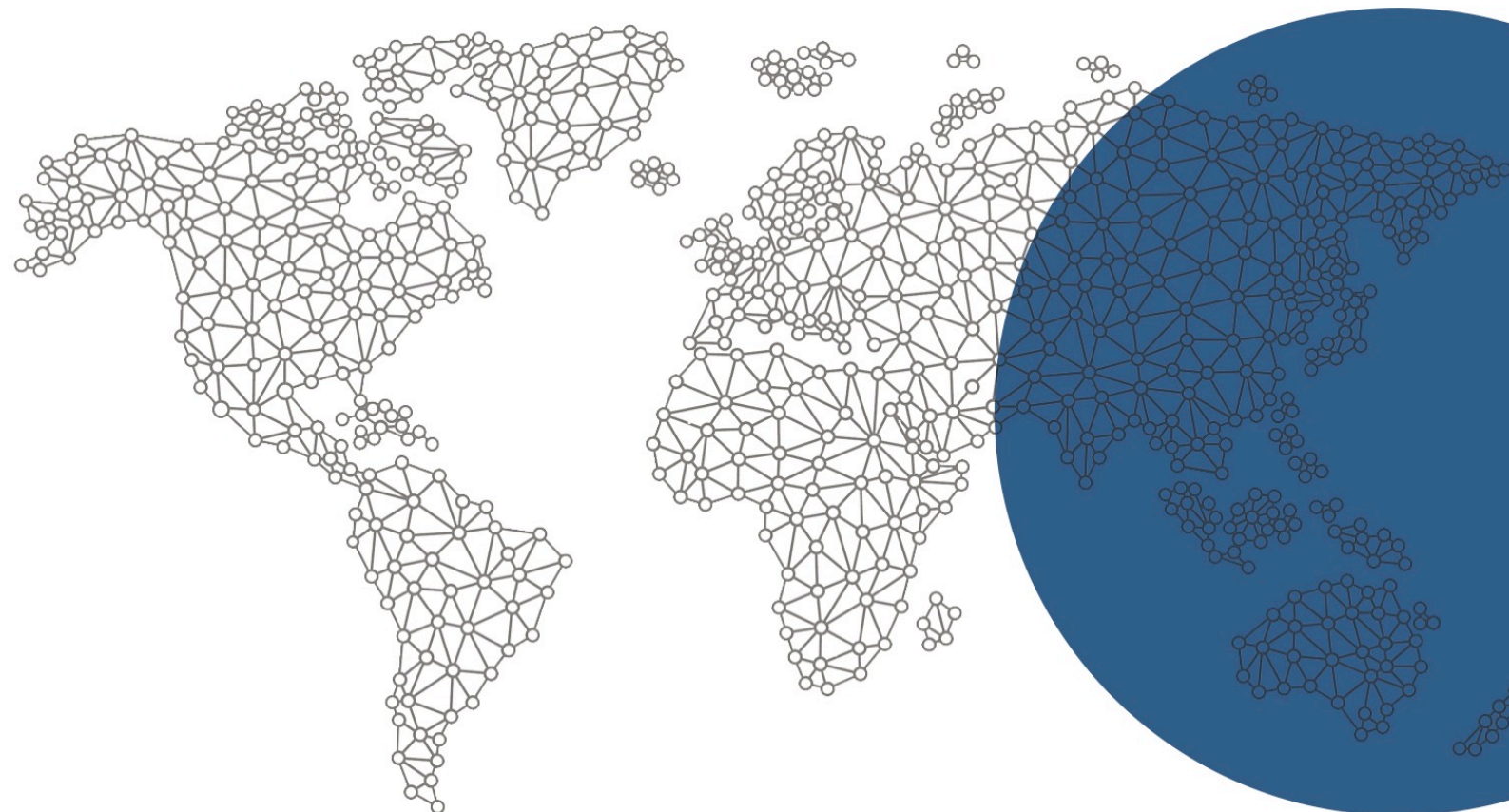




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