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The Board		11 June 2008
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Biographies		
Organization Chart	Democratic Republic of the Congo: Ethnic origin of members and supporters of the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire (Alliance des forces démocratiques pour la libération du Congo-Zaire, AFDL); whether certain members are of Rwandan origin	
Employment		
Legal and Policy		
References	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa	
Publications		
Tribunal		
Refugee Protection Division	A number of sources report that the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire (Alliance des forces démocratiques pour la libération du Congo-Zaire, AFDL) was made up of Tutsis (<i>PHW 2008</i> 2008, 286; Friends of the Congo 30 Apr. 2008; UN 19 Feb. 2002; RFI n.d.). In addition, according to the <i>Political Handbook of the World 2000-2002</i> , most AFDL members were Tutsi, but individuals of Luba and Shaba ethnic origin were also affiliated with the AFDL	
Immigration Division	(2004, 255). Other sources report that the AFDL included people from different ethnic minority groups (<i>Europa 2007</i> 2007, 1347; <i>PHW 2008</i> 2008, 286; UN 19 Feb. 2002). Moreover, two sources indicate that some Tutsis within the AFDL were of Rwandan origin (Friends of the Congo 30 Apr. 2008; Jeuneafrique.com 15 Aug. 2004). The United States (US) Department of State indicates that the Secretary General of the AFDL was Rwandan (US Apr. 2008).	
Immigration Appeal Division		
Decisions		
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Research Program	This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.	
National Documentation Packages		
Issue Papers and Country Fact Sheets	<u>References</u>	
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Media Centre		
News	Jeuneafrique.com. 15 August 2004. Dominique Mataillet. "Qui sont les Banyamulengues?"	
Information Sheets	< http://www.jeuneafrique.com/jeune_afrique/article_jeune_afrique.asp?art_cle=LIN15084quisosegneI0 > [Accessed 25 Apr. 2008]	
Media Relations		
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Additional Sources Consulted **Internet sites, including:** AllAfrica.com, Amnesty International (AI), L'Avenir [Kinshasa], British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), European Country of Origin Information Network (ecoi.net), Factiva, Freedom House, Human Rights Watch (HRW), Ligue des droits de la personne dans la région des Grands Lacs (LDGL), L'Observateur [Gombe], Le Phare [Kinshasa], Le Soft [Kinshasa], United Nations (UN) Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Mission des Nations Unies en République Démocratique du Congo, MONUC).

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