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**50 YEARS OF ANGOLA'S
INDEPENDENCE 1975-2025
PRESERVING AND LEVERAGING
THE ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR,
BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE**



OPENING REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR ALCINO ISATA DA CONCEIÇÃO



H.E. Alcino Isata da Conceição, Ambassador of the Republic of Angola to Norway.

The world is experiencing a mix of challenges with mitigated progress. War in Europe and in the Middle East and in the corner of Africa, permanent violation of the rule of law, disrespect of the human rights and failure of the international organizations in promoting a peaceful and fairly world. Unilateralism and protectionism are on the rise and the strengthening of military power through mounting investment in defence and lethal industry afflicts us all.

As many countries and regions across the world continue to face drought, migration of its youth, famine and increased environmental deterioration, we have recently witnessed the high-level conference in Seville, Spain, aimed at tackling the growing gap between rich and poor nations and trying to drum up trillions of dollars needed to close it. However, with no compulsory outcomes, it looks a *deja vue* conference.

Many major contributors had pulled out their participation. This financing for development meeting was taking place as many countries face escalating debt burdens, declining investments, decreasing international aid and increasing trade barriers.

Among the non-mandatory proposal and actions, the conference calls for a minimum tax revenue of 15% of a country's gross domestic product to increase government resources, a tripling of lending by multilateral financial organisations and multilateral development banks and scaling up private financing by providing incentives for investing in critical areas like infrastructure.

Debt alleviation for Africa is another source of concern that has been in the center of attention for centuries. As a result of this mismatch, in 2024, 3.3 billion people were living in countries that pay more interest on their debts than they spend on health or education, and this number will increase to 3.4 billion people in 2025, according to an UN official. Developing countries will pay \$947 billion to service debt in 2025, up from \$847 billion last year.

Against this backdrop, I would like kindly to invite you to this newsletter in which I tried to address specific issues pertaining to the activities of the Embassy of the Republic of Angola to the Kingdom of Norway that, my staff and I, have been participating throughout this year that Angola celebrates the 50th anniversary of its independence.

Section 1 underscores President Lourenço award as person of the year for the energy sector due to his efforts to strengthen power plants projects across the continent in his capacity of President *Ad Interim* of the African Union and the important ministerial meeting between Angola and Norway on the sidelines of the 1st G20 foreign ministers' meeting in South Africa.

Section 2 points out the Luanda 2025 Africa-USA business summit, held on 23rd and 24th June with the aim of presenting new prospects for the continent development strategies and confirming Africa with bright present and future.

Section 3 underlines the new private investment Law, passed in June 2024, which altered the benefits and incentives for investors. Investors are now granted colossal incentives and benefits including repatriation of dividends and funds, tax deductions and exemption from certain taxes and duties. AIPEX, the national agency for private investment, remains a key player in determining whether to grant incentives and consideration will be given to the economic and social impact of the investment according to the national economic development strategy 2025-2050.

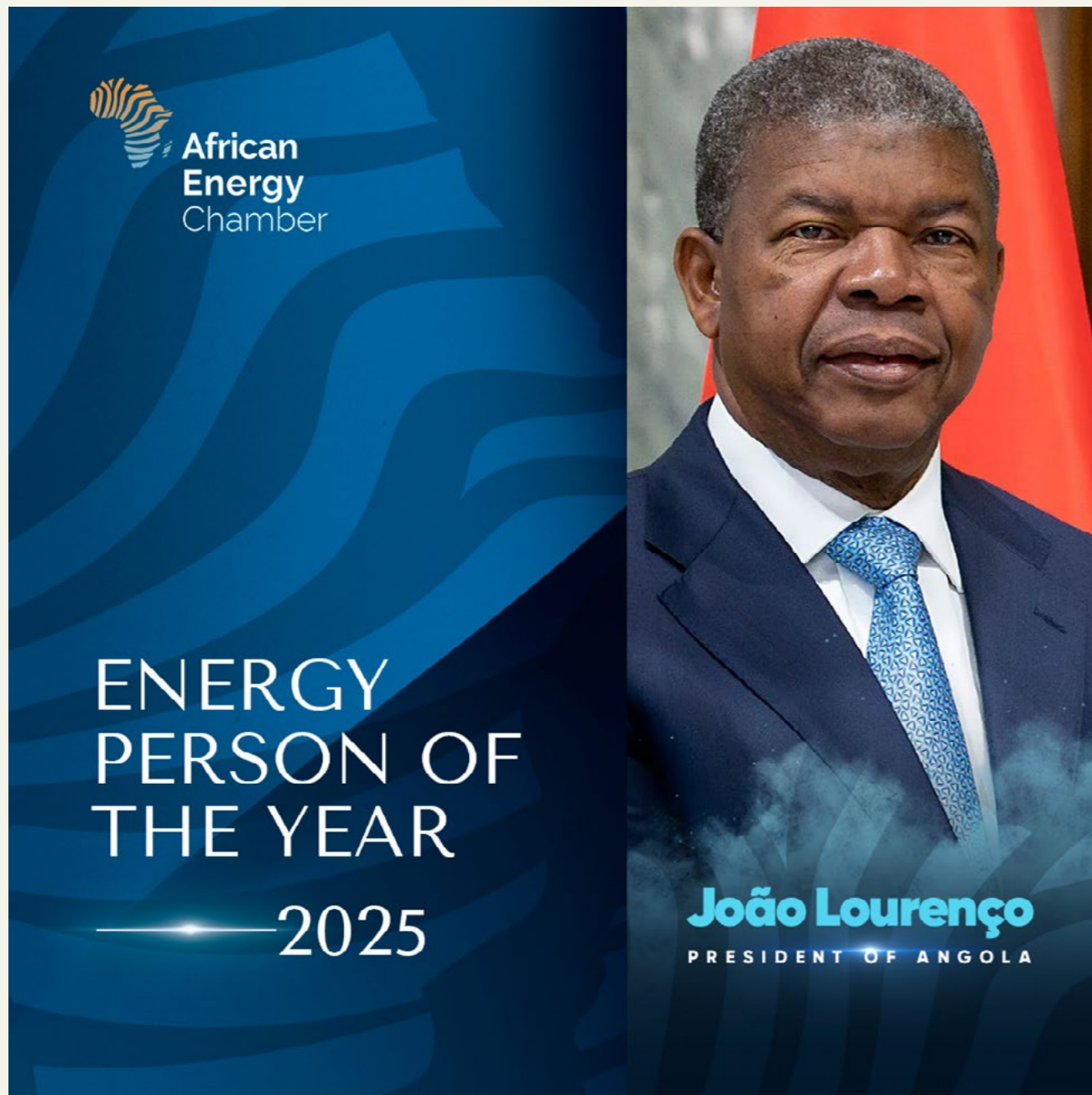
A snapshot of the successful 2024 Africa - Norwegian Business Forum held in Oslo is also addressed in the newsletter providing, to some extent, relevant information on investing in Angola as prosperous business space.

Finally, allow me to thank the Royal Norwegian authorities and my colleagues for their support as living in Oslo since November 2023 is still a learning process on how to deal with Nordic roots, which I very much appreciate.

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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA HONOURED AS 'PERSON OF THE YEAR IN THE ENERGY SECTOR'

President João Lourenço was honoured as Person of the Year in the Energy sector by the African Energy Chamber in recognition of his commitment to good governance and structural reforms with a significant impact on the Angolan and African energy sector.

Since his election in 2017 the Head of State has repositioning Angola as one of the continent's main energy producers. His strategy of revitalising the sector has made it possible to attract new investments, guarantee greater transparency and boost production, in a context of sharp decline due to ageing oil fields.

The award also highlights the implementation of more flexible investment models such as risk-sharing contracts, the permanent offer of blocks and the exploitation of marginal fields. The restructuring included the partial privatisation of Sonangol and the creation of specific regulatory bodies for the upstream and downstream areas.

The country has also clear targets that include plans to sustain oil output above one million barrels per day (bpd) beyond 2027, scaling-up capacity in the natural gas sector while accelerating green energy development.

With a six-year licensing round introduced in 2019, the country witnessed a surge in investments as major operators sought out new discoveries in both the on- and offshore markets.

As of today, Angola anticipates a \$60 billion five-year investment drive as major players expand their portfolios. Upcoming projects include the Agogo Integrated West Hub Development by Azule Energy and TotalEnergies-led Kaminho development.

To further bolster production Angola is opening doors to new block opportunities. A licensing round launching in 2025 will further attract spending, offering 10 blocks for exploration in the Kwanza and Benguela Basins. The country also offers 11 blocks for investment via direct

negotiation in conjunction with five marginal fields opportunities. Angola's flexible investment framework continues to play a major role in facilitating spending across Angola's upstream market. Already an LNG producer, the country strives to enhance production capacity through associated and non-associated projects. Angola's first non-associated project – led by the New Gas Consortium – will come online in late-2025 or early-2026.

To address domestic fuel demand the country targets a refining capacity of upwards of 400,000 bpd. The first phase of the Cabinda oil refinery will begin operations in 2025, introducing 60,000 bpd to the market. Additional investment opportunities in the downstream sector include the planned 200,000 bpd Lobito refinery and the 100,000 Soyo refinery. Under President Lourenço's leadership, the country has engaged investors on these projects, while promoting new downstream developments that promise greater fuel security in both Angola and the broader region.

Concerning natural gas, Angola is focusing on increasing production with the first non-associated gas project led by the New Gas Consortium, scheduled to come on stream between end-2025 and early 2026. At the same time, the country is moving ahead with the construction of new refineries in Cabinda, Lobito and Soyo, which should guarantee a total refining capacity of over 400,000 barrels per day.

Angola's vision also extends to the development of renewable energies and green hydrogen, as part of the country's commitment to the energy transition and the fight against climate change.

BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN ANGOLA AND NORWAY ON THE SIDELINES OF THE 1ST G20 MINISTERIAL MEETING IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA.

On February 2025 Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola, Ambassador Tete António, met with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway, Espen Barth Eide, on the sidelines of the 1st G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in South Africa.

The aim was to discuss the way forward and strengthen diplomatic ties and explore new opportunities for cooperation between the two countries.

The two heads of diplomacy addressed bilateral and multilateral issues with special attention to global economic dynamics and the role of African nations in redefining international relations.

The Norwegian minister reaffirmed his country's commitment to supporting Angola's economic development,

highlighting the production investment and manufacturing sectors as priority areas for future partnerships.

In the multilateral field, Norway expressed support for African initiatives aimed at economic integration and strengthening continental governance.

Cooperation between Angola and Norway was also analysed in the geopolitical context with both nations recognising the importance of periodic political consultation for the defence of common interests.

The ongoing partnership aims to promote human rights in Angola demonstrating the commitment of both countries to this cause. In 2024, Angola announced the opening of an Embassy in Oslo further strengthening diplomatic ties and thus facilitating cooperation in various areas of common interest.



LUANDA HOSTED THE 2025 AFRICA-USA BUSINESS SUMMIT ON 23RD AND 24TH OF JUNE 2025.

From 22nd to 25th of June Angola hosted the 2025 Africa-USA Summit with participation of a large number of Head of States and governments from around the world, the President of the African Commission and relevant officials from the incumbent US administration.

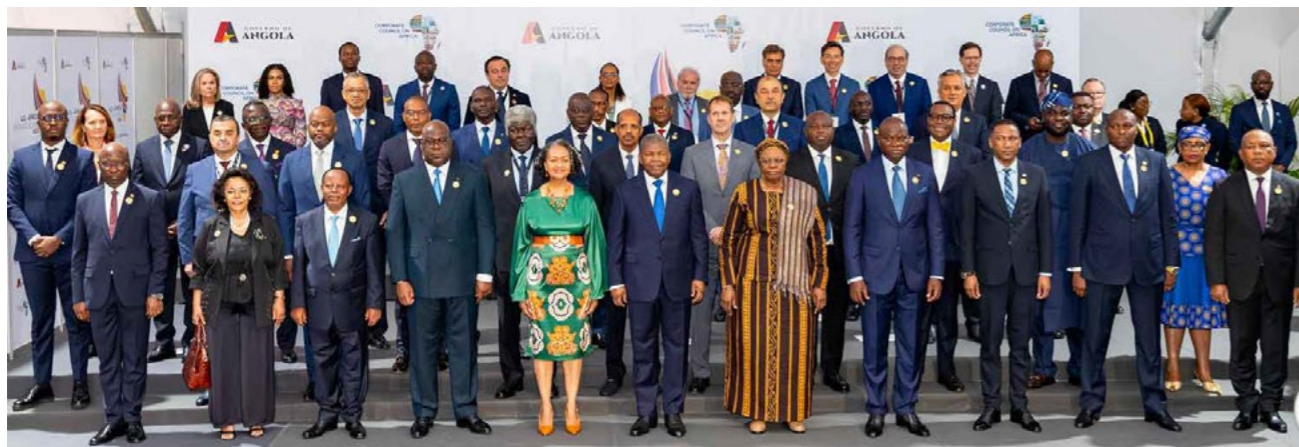
Recognizing the vital need to address the electrification and industrialisation of the continent President Lourenço has also been a strong advocate for diversified investments in Africa.

The African continent must revert in the short run the trend of migration, particularly for its youth. With 70 percent of the population under 30 years the future of the continent is bright, and Angola is spearheading renewable energy projects as well as green hydrogen and the Lobi-

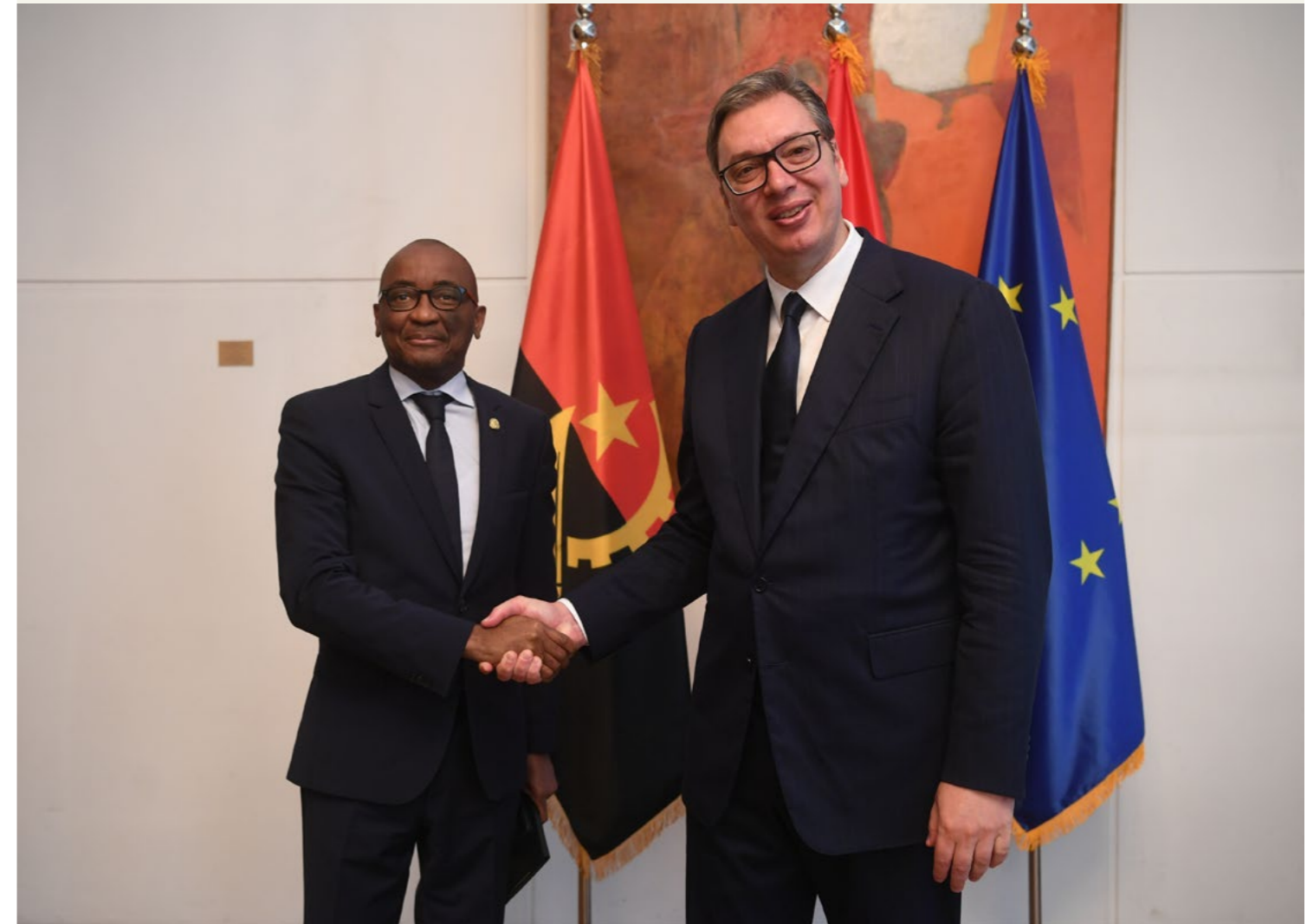
to corridor project that will link the railway from Porto of Lobito to Port of Dar-Es-Salam in the Indic Ocean, is transforming the intracontinental and intercontinental trade amongst African countries.

With a commitment to improve peace in Africa, President Lourenço continues to work closely with regional counterparts to foster stability and come up with the digital transformation of the continent, promoting star-ups and technologies initiatives addressed to the young and creative population.

As Angola celebrates 50 years of its independence in 2025 President Lourenço's vision extends to the development of renewable energies and green hydrogen as part of Angola's commitment to the energy transition and the fight against climate change.



Heads of State and Government attending the 2025 Africa-USA business summit in Luanda.



At the end of his tenure as Ambassador of Angola to Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania and Montenegro, H.E. Alcino Isata da Conceição had a farewell audience with President Aleksandar Vucic of the Republic of Serbia.



Ambassadors accredited to Norway paid a courtesy visit to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon and Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mette-Marits.



Mingling with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon and the African Ambassadors.

THE NEW PRIVATE INVESTMENT LAW WAS APPROVED IN 2024 WITH SUBSTANTIAL INCENTIVES FOR FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS.

On June 26th, 2024, the new Angolan Private Investment Law (N-LIP) was published, approved by Presidential Decree n° 10/18 which repealed the former Private Investment Law (LIP).

The N-LIP applies to private investment projects of any amount unlike the LIP which made its application dependent on a minimum amount of domestic investment. Also, regarding its scope the N-LIP does not apply to sectors of activity whose investment regime is regulated by special law.

Under the N-LIP investors can choose to carry out internal, external or mixed investment operations, a new modality that combines internal and external investment operations.

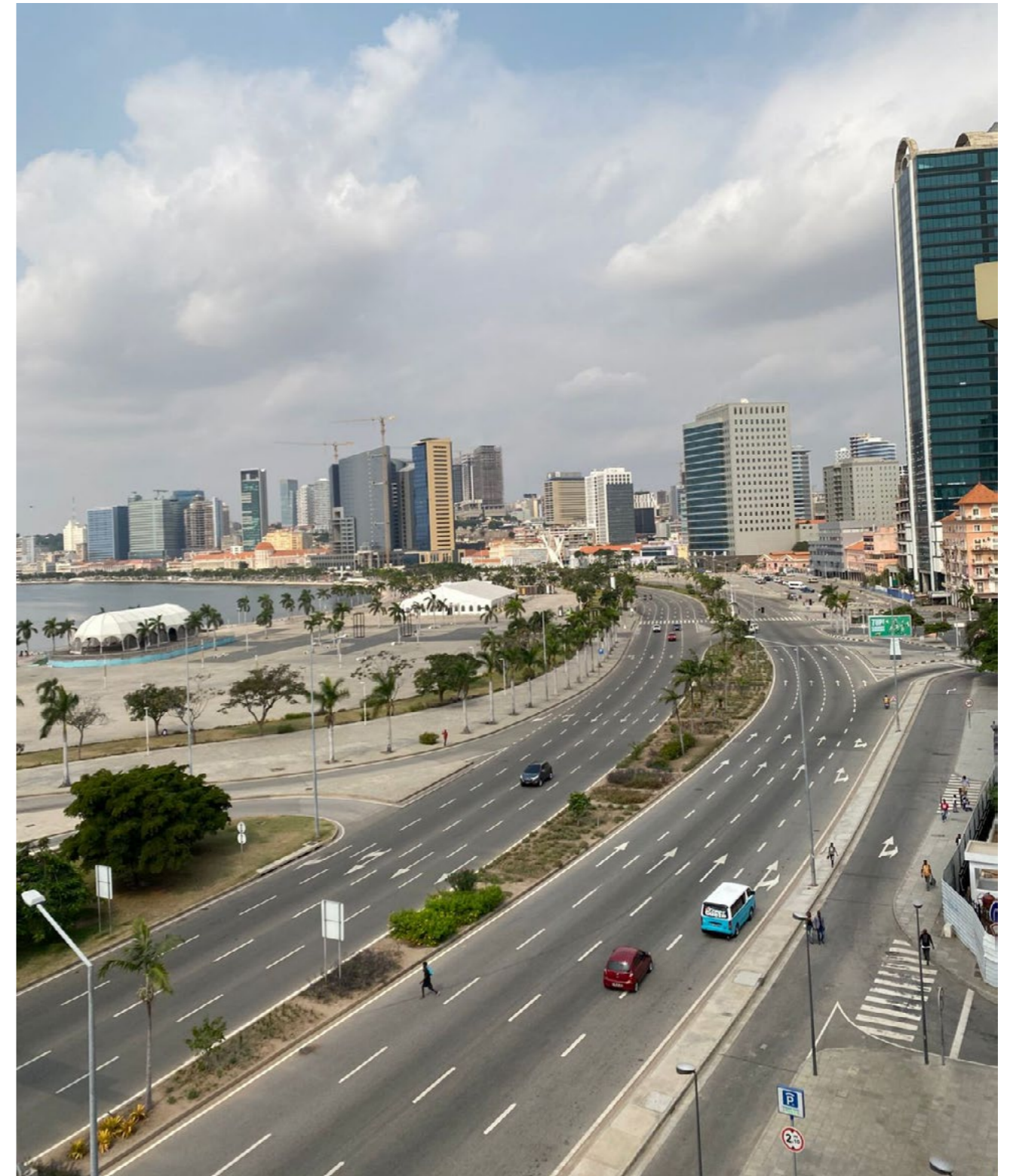
Under the terms of the LIP, the granting of fiscal and administrative incentives depended on the value of the investment (Ex. 1,000,000 USD in the case of foreign investment) and its location. In contrast, the N-LIP makes the granting of incentives dependent on the sectors of activity in which the investment is located and the development zones established by the law itself - see below.

“ There is no longer obligation for Angolans to participate in the share capital and management in foreign investment projects as previously stated in the former law.

The N-LIP states that the granting of benefits and facilities is automatic if the investment fulfils the criteria set out therein, however, it also states that tax and customs benefits are not the rule and are limited in time.

The priority sectors of activity are the market segments in which there is identified potential for import substitution or for promoting and diversifying the economy, including exports.

The list set out in the N-LIP is as follows: (i) Education, Technical-Vocational Training, Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation; (ii) Agriculture, Food and Agro-Industry; (iii) Specialised Health Units and Services;



(iv) Reforestation, Industrial Processing of Forest Resources and Forestry; (v) Textiles, Clothing and Footwear; (vi) Hotels, Tourism and Leisure; (vii) Construction, Public Works, Telecommunications and Information Technol-

ogy, Airport and Railway Infrastructure; (viii) Electricity Production and Distribution; and (ix) Basic Sanitation, Collection and Treatment of Solid Waste.

In this regard, the Development Zones established in the N-LIP are as follows:

- **Zone A** - Luanda province and the municipalities of Benguela and Huila provinces and the municipality of Lobito.
- **Zone B** - Bié, Bengo, Kwanza-Norte, Kwanza-Sul, Huambo and Namibe ' provinces and the remaining municipalities of Benguela and Huila provinces.
- **Zone C** - Cuando Cubango, Cunene, Lunda-Norte, Lunda-Sul, Malange, Moxico, Uíge and Zaire Province, and;
- **Zone D** - Cabinda province.

The parties are free to opt for either investment regime but the special regime applies to private investments made in priority business sectors and development zones, the reference to development zones being unclear insofar as they cover the whole of Angola.

The prior declaration regime is characterised by the simple presentation of the investment proposal to the competent body of the Public Administration for the purposes of registration and the granting of the benefits provided for in the N-LIP.

Under this regime, companies must be previously incorporated, and it is not necessary to present the Private Investment Registration Certificate at the time of incorporation.

The prior declaration regime benefits from the following taxes: (i) Real Estate Transfer Tax; (ii) Industrial Tax; (iii) Capital Gains Tax; and (iv) Stamp Duty.

The special regime enjoys benefits in relation to: (i) Real Estate Transfer Tax; (ii) Urban Property Tax; (iii) Industrial Tax; and (iv) Capital Gains Tax.

There are also specific benefits for private investment vehicle companies, which include, among other things, regular assistance in resolving problems that may arise with public authorities during the implementation phase of projects, in relation to obtaining visas, various types of licenses and other operational needs for the implementation of private investments. It should be noted that the vehicle company is exempt from paying the fees and emoluments due for any service requested (including customs) by a non-business public entity, for a period not exceeding 5 (five) years.

A final note on the authority competent to approve and supervise investment projects. Presidential Decree 81/18 of 19 March created the Private Investment and Export Promotion Agency - AIPEX - which has, among other things, the power to approve private investment projects.

EMBASSY OF ANGOLA TO NORWAY ATTENDS NORWEGIAN AFRICAN BUSINESS OUTLOOK 2025

On March 6th, 2025, the Embassy of Angola in Oslo took part in the “Norwegian African Business Outlook”, organised by the Norwegian African Business Association (NABA). The event featured five sessions presented by experts from different areas and partners/members of NABA and Norwegian Energy partners (Norwep).

Svelland Capital presented an outlook for the energy sector in 2025 where they highlighted the range of opportunities in the energy sector and addressed the trends in the energy transition. A number of graphs were displayed which showed that, as the transition evolves, there are price changes in the physical commodity markets and related stocks. With the investment team’s experience and dealings in the energy transition area, they believe they are well placed to capitalise on these issues.

This session discussed the need for extensive energy storage alongside electrification, and that one of the main market drivers is the electrification of vehicles.

The graphs illustrated the supply and demand of the key base products for batteries - graphite, cobalt, nickel, lithium and copper. There was a brief comparison between the five, mentioning that as technology develops the battery for electric vehicles uses less cobalt. Cobalt is a bi-product of nickel from Indonesia and copper from the DRC.

In addition, it was mentioned that there is an increase in the number of projects underway with lithium and demand for copper is increasingly influenced by the energy transition.

The presentation emphasised Africa’s strategic role in diversifying the world’s graphite supply, stressing

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that the African continent is the second largest producer of natural graphite after China, which is very advanced in the use of economic energy. European Union is missing the opportunity to invest in graphite in Africa.

“In conclusion, an energy transformation is underway but those interested should be aware of the risks of investing in these minerals.

The panel on « What will be the future of debt financing, effective financial strategies for sovereigns and central banks in Africa? » was presented by Africa Public Sector Group, Citi, and NABA.

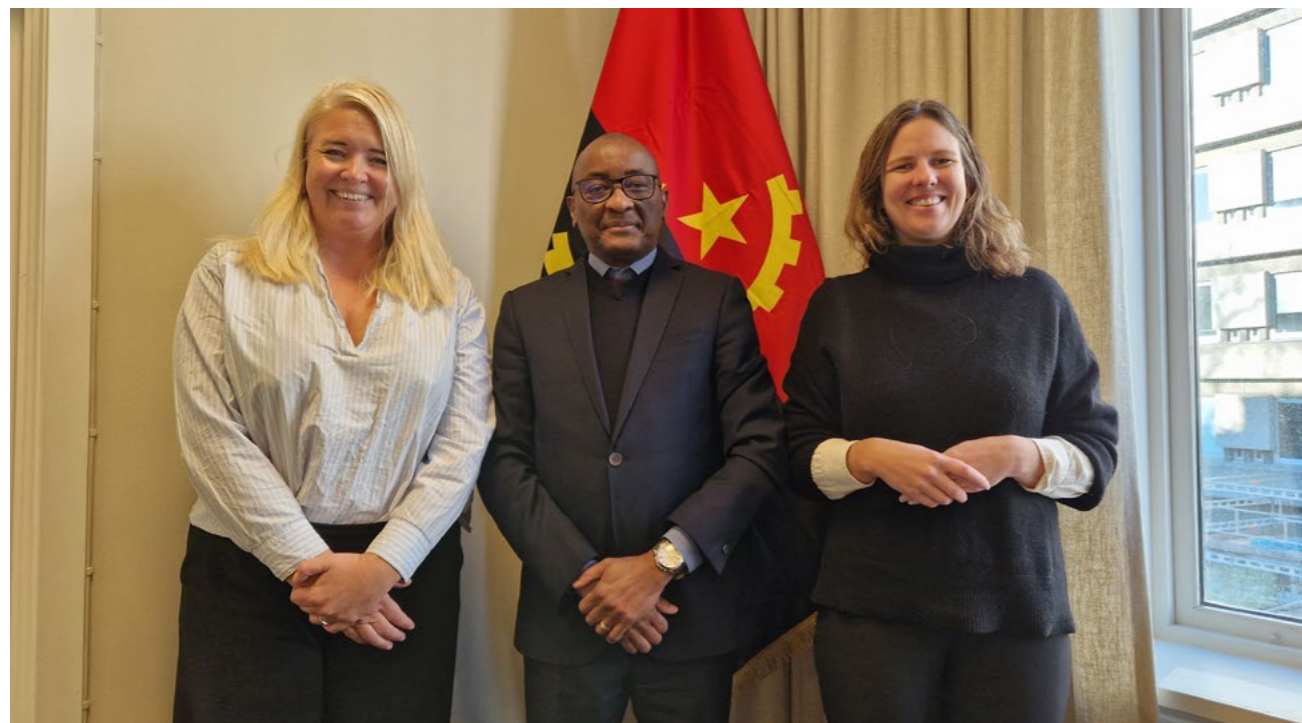
The Citi multinational are experts on presenting topics on sustainable business models for different countries, providing advises on financing issues, and recognise the importance of being part of a community of investors. Currently, they are working with a team of the African Union using different methodologies and mechanisms on financing issues to help different African countries.

The panel highlighted the importance of engaging with the government and creating policies that favour the financing of projects in the areas of renewable energy, how to deal with some of the risks that come with exposure, shared information about the structure of the G20 and its opportunities and stressed that they consider China to be a very important partner for Africa.

There was also a Panel conversation with industry experts from the Norwegian Shipowners Association, Sveland Capital, Accelerate Capital, Höegh Evi Ltd, and Altera Production.

In this panel, speakers:

- shared their experiences of projects in Africa, especially projects based on liquefied natural gas, and the lessons learnt in each African zone/country.
- emphasised the important role of Embassies and how they helped them establish projects in Africa.
- recommended to focus more on trade, rather than humanitarian aid (“from aid to trade”), underlying that private companies could make a difference.



ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY PRAISES CREDIT GUARANTEE FUND PRESENCE AT NABA

Angola’s Ambassador to Norway, Alcino Isata da Conceição, participated on the 2024 Africa-Nordic Summit, in Oslo.

The Norwegian Minister for International Development at the opening ceremony expressed that Norway shares the objectives of sustainability and economic growth with the continent.

“African countries have natural resources and a large population growth, offering more opportunities for business, investment, trade and strengthening long-term partnerships”, she emphasised.

The minister underscored that for decades Norway has collaborated and strengthened partnerships with African countries in different sectors, such as transport, fisheries and oil and gas. In August 2024 Norway launched a new strategy that further engages Norway with African countries.

“Norway will provide substantial support to establish and strengthen growing partnerships with African nations” has she concluded.

According to Ambassador Alcino Conceição, Angola attended this Summit to look closely for business oppor-



tunities beyond oil and gas. The Ambassador expressed that “...oil and gas industry is the most prominent at the moment, however there are other Norwegian companies that can operate in our market in different areas, so that the investment portfolio can be increased and diversified.”

The Angolan Credit Guarantee Fund (CGFs) also participated with the intention to play a significant role in attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by mitigating risks and increasing the attractiveness of Angola as a friendly country for foreign investment.

With regard to the impressions of corruption and lack of security in foreign investment commented by some participants, Alcino Conceição clarified that “it is an image that Angola has the responsibility to reverse in order to change the perception of foreign investors”. “... The negative image must be re-dimensioned”, stating that “...the image that African countries are insecure for investment has been conveyed in purpose by the western press.””



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EMBASSY OF ANGOLA TO NORWAY FACILITATES COOPERATION BETWEEN MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES AND THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY OF ANGOLA AND THE MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES OF NORWAY

On 25th April, 2025, the Embassy of Angola in Oslo organised a hybrid meeting between the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources and the Ministry of Trade and Industry of the Republic of Angola and the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries of the Kingdom of Norway.

Ambassador Alcino Conceição opened the meeting by recalling the various agreements signed within Angola and Norway, recognising that many were signed under the financial oil for development mechanism that unfortunately is no longer available.

The aim of the meeting was to update the existing agreements and memorandums of understanding to establish a sustainable cooperation with the Norwegian government, particular the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries.

The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries recognises that Angola and Norway are partners in the main industrial sectors of the Norwegian economy - energy, oil and gas, fisheries, and maritime resources.

The Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources of Angola stressed that our collaboration last from 1985 through the NANSEN project which aimed to reduce poverty and improve food security in partner countries through an ecosystem approach to fisheries management (EAF) throughout two components (1) the use of data and monitoring, and (2) training and capacity building with education programmes from the University of Bergen.

In 2025, on the 50th anniversary of the EAF-Nansen Programme, the project, funded by the Norwegian Institute of Marine Research and Norad, came to an end with good results. The programme supported efforts to implement the conventions on fisheries and the environment and to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

In Angola, the collaboration was based on 3 pillars:

research, management and monitoring, making a major contribution to the sustainability of marine resources it has strengthened the capacity for scientific research and its application, as has allowed Angolan researchers to start looking at the ecosystem, rather than the resources, and promote better management, monitoring and sustainability.

The studies carried out since the early 1980s continue to be used as reference points when decisions need to be made. Angola continues to use the results of the Nansen surveys as the main source of information for fisheries management and for environmental impact assessments and for monitoring oil exploration activities.

The EAF-Nansen Programme is incorporated into the activities of the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations) and we are looking forward to the new phase of the project and the implementation of the Programme Mentoring.

“The focus is now on innovation, digital transformation and data collection. And this data will make it possible to establish a strategic policy for Angola. Today, Angola has its own research vessel (Baía Farta) that is good platform for extracting more data and helping and supporting the national strategy.



There is data that was extracted 38 years ago and needs to be used to guide the ministry towards sustainable fisheries management and a need to create PhD programmes and promote research in the areas of biodiversity and aquaculture.

Angola’s Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources expressed its continued interest in strengthening the relationship between Angola and Norway in the field of ecosystem research and management, by investing in the new generation, enabling them to better understand the ecosystem and its dynamics, to eventually promote changes in the economic and social system.

The Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries presented the ‘Blue Justice Initiative’ aims to support the implementation of the International Declaration on Transnational Organised Crime in the Global Fisheries Sector (Copenhagen Declaration). The initiative will help countries prevent crime in the fisheries sector at international level. The initiative is accompanied by the

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and is part of a collaboration with, among others, various Norwegian government bodies and international partners.

The cooperation is carried out through an international vessel tracking center that was established in Vardø (Norway) in 2021, and the use of the Blue Justice Community, a digital platform to secure cooperation between states against crime in the fisheries sector.

The Blue Justice Community was developed in Norway and is administered by the UN through the UNDP. Data is collected by a Norwegian satellite and can be used for analytical work and policy creation. The platform is very useful when it comes to issues related to combating crime or the practice of illegal, regulated and unreported fishing in our context. The system was created for governments use only.

Norway’s Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries have capacity-building training available and offered any kind of support to the participants.

On the other hand, Angola's Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources is also developing a project that will use a software for quality management in the fisheries sector and is looking for training and studies with its partners.

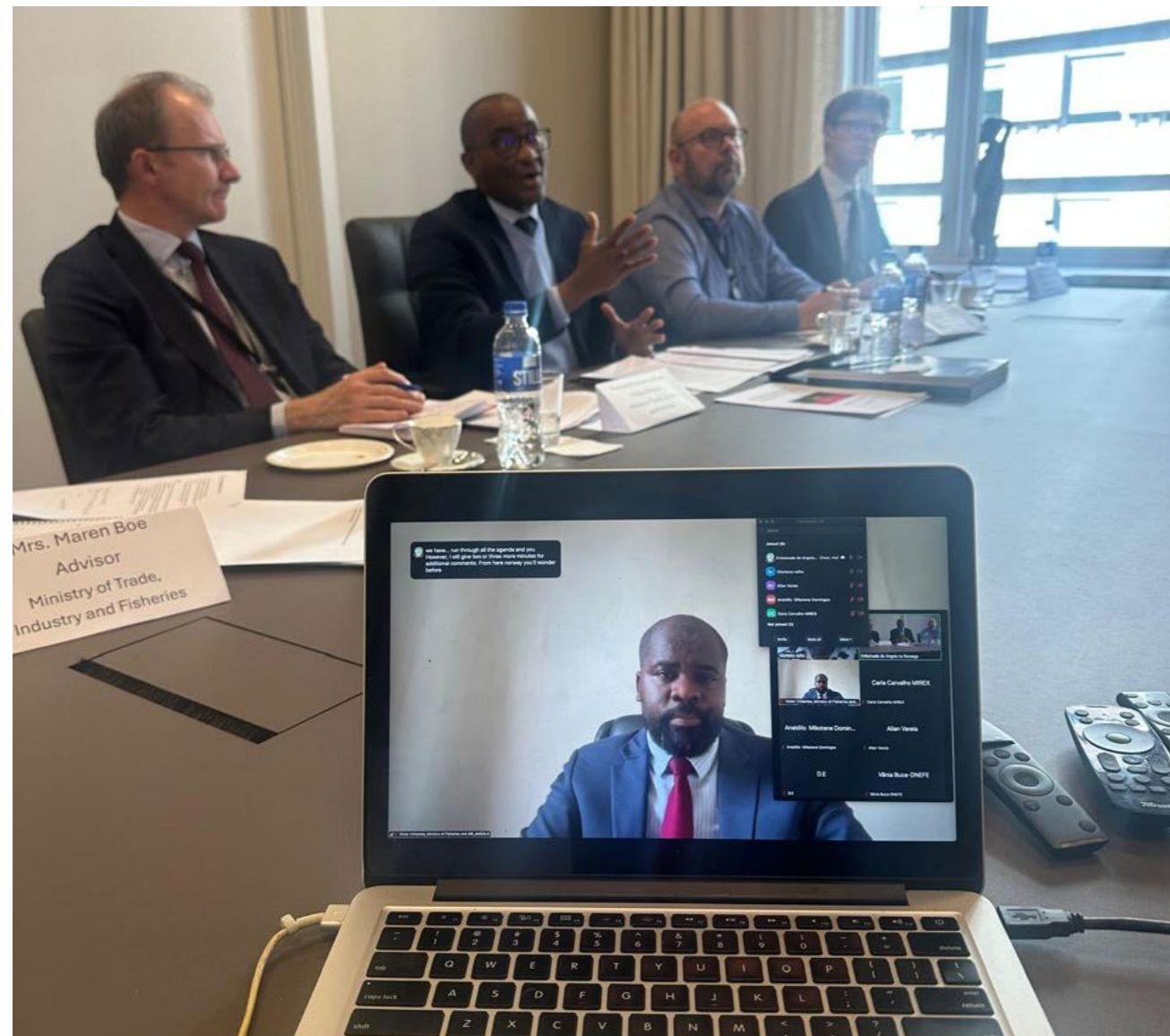
In the context of the negotiations on the Protocol on Trade in Goods between SADC and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA/ZCLCA), the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources suggests that a new memorandum should be drafted, bearing in mind that there is still no bilateral agreement for integrating the private sector into the market.

The representative of the Ministry of Trade and Industry shared that foreign investors who want to invest in

Angola will be exempt from taxes on all raw materials. This information is contained in the import and export tax legislation, which is published and available online.

The importance of cod fish in the Angolan gastronomy was also discussed as just residual parts are imported from Norway and the majority from other intermediary countries. The participants want to better assess the costs of these imports to reduce the intermediation process and probably gain better access to the Norwegian market.

Finally, all the participants expressed their desire to promote meetings between the Angolan and Norwegian private sector to establish sustainable partnerships.



IN NOVEMBER 2024, THE EMBASSY OF ANGOLA CELEBRATED FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY IN OSLO

On 11th November 2024, Angola celebrated the 49th Anniversary of its independence. In the occasion, Ambassador Alcino da Conceição delivered the following statement:

"49 years is a young age!

Although Angola celebrated its independent in 1975, the country has been at the centre stage of the Cold War. We are living, effectively, in peace since April 2002, only 22 years....

Angola had to restart everything from scratch after 2002, including an expensive reconstruction programme with very limited financial support from the international community...

National reconciliation still remains the main goal of the Angolan authorities with the aim of repairing souls and minds, cleaning the vast landmines, spreading public administration all-over the country and continuing to unify and restore families, friends, neighbours.

After the conflict, more than 500.000 Angolans have lost their lives, more than 400.000 were internally displaced, many well-educated people went abroad looking for better live condition.

Roads, bridges, hospitals, power dams, schools, plenty of the economic and social infrastructure was destroyed...

The country lost 3 generations of well-educated people and is still struggling with human and institutional capacity.

Nevertheless, taking into consideration the global uncertainties and challenges ahead the future of Angola remains bright....

Angola is implementing resilient structural reforms to prevent the country's economic and social bottlenecks.

Democracy and the Rule of Law, fiscal consolidation and a more controlled inflation, a stabilized flexible exchange rate regime, the creation of social safety nets for the more vulnerable and reducing gender inequality are the goals of the Angolan authorities today.

In the last 20 years, Angola has invested more than 200 billion USD from its own resources to refurbished and rebuild new infrastructures, building institutional and human capacity, creating condition to diversify its economy and increasing the share of agriculture, tourism, industry, commerce, high education in its global domestic product.

On the diplomatic field, President Lourenço is leading many peace process across the continent, particularly in the DRC, in Central Africa and in the Great Lakes.

The Luanda process, for instance, has made important progress including the operationalization of the Angola-led reinforced verification mechanism with the aim, for all parties involved, namely DRC and Rwanda, to respect their commitments.

On the other hand, the regional Great Lakes international conference proposed by the Government of Angola is now recognised by the African Union and other relevant international organizations as an important mechanism to prevent and resolve conflicts throughout the continent and this is an important achievement for the Angolan diplomacy.

For the first time ever, we are celebrating the Angola Independence's Day in Oslo, Norway.

For the first time ever, Angola is opening an Embassy in Oslo, making us proud, since Angola and Norway have a common interest in various fields, including oil and gas, fisheries, human rights and renewable energy.

I expect that the Embassy of Angola to Norway will follow-up the entering into force of additional bilateral agreements in other domains like agriculture, industry, higher education, tourism, new technology, AI, environment and culture.

Going forward, my authorities will continue to count on the support of you all to achieve its goals."



Their Excellencies Ambassadors of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Republic of Ghana, Republic of Angola, State of Palestine, Republic of Cuba and Lawyer Dag Drevvatne.



H.E. Ms. Amel Ben Younes, Former Ambassador of Tunisia to Norway.



H.E. Abigail Naa Kwashi, Ambassador of the Republic of Ghana.



Members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Norway and friends of Angola.



Mrs. Merette Louis, former minister counsellor at the Embassy of Norway in Angola.



H.E. Dragan Petrovic, Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia.



Mrs. Marita Sorheim-Reisvik, Director for Partnership and Development Policy Analysis at the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



H.E. Dr. Gamal Metwally, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt.



Mr. Alexander Gremitskikh, Minister Counsellor at the Embassy of Russian Federation.



Mrs. Siv Cathrine Moe, Director of Africa and Middle-East Department at the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Mrs. Nina Birgitte Koch, Senior Vice President Exploration and Production International – Africa at Equinor ASA.



Distinguished members of the diplomatic corps in Oslo.



H.E. Former Ambassador of the Republic of Algeria and Spouse.



H.E. Pedro Pessoa e Costa, Ambassador of Portugal.



H.E. Rodrigo de Azeredo Santos, Ambassador of Brazil.



H.E. Gülin Dinç, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey.



Dom Kikas, renowned Angolan singer.



H.E. Maw Maw, Former Ambassador of the Republic of Myanmar in Norway.



H.E. Alejandra del Río Novo, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain.



Mrs. Unn Merete G. Zervou and Mr. Oystein Eriksen, Senior Advisors at the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



H.E. Claudia Beltrán Galvés, Ambassador of the Republic of El Salvador.



H.E. Ramon Gordils, Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.



Member of the diplomatic corps accredited to Norway.



Mrs. Mathilde Thue, Executive Director of the Business Association Africa Nordic Countries (NABA) and Ms. Solveig Tangen, Finance Director at NABA.



Members of the Angolan resident community in Norway.



H.E. Alcino da Conceição delivering the welcoming remarks.



Members of the Angolan community resident in Norway.



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Mingling with the Angolan resident community.



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ANGOLA AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY ATTENDS STUDY TRIP OF RESIDENT AMBASSADORS TO TROMSØ

From 2-4 April 2025, the Angolan Ambassador joined other Ambassadors in Oslo to a study trip to Tromsø, the capital of the Norwegian High North and an industrial and fishing region with many oil and gas exploration/drilling sites and home to one of the best Norwegian universities linked to the science and technology of marine resources.

The study trip provided insights into a strategically important region and a firsthand view of Norway's approach to the unique challenges posed by climate, demography and geography in the High North. Ambassadors shared their interests of dialogue and prospects and met with engaged, adaptable and technologically sophisticated local communities ready to make the most of the region's rich potential.

On the first day, Ambassadors learnt how the traditional mainstay of Northern Norway's economy has adapted to a new era. The programme also included a seafood luncheon, and a guided company tour.

On the second day, the programme focused on science, research and technology, where the Norwegian Polar Institute presented the Arctic climate research; the Kongsberg Satellite Services (KSAT) addressed Norway as a space nation; and UiT the Arctic University of Norway hosted a roundtable on sustainable community building and majority and indigenous encounters in the high north.

On Friday and final day, Ambassadors went on an excursion into the Balsfjorden on board of the KV Hopen, the Norwegian Coast Guards' newest patrol vessel, including a tour of the ship, lectures and demonstrations. Later, they attended a lecture on Norwegian Polar History by the UiT The Arctic of Norway.

The study trip at the beautiful and vibrant city of Tromsø ended with photographs and site visiting. It was an opportunity to appreciate the nature of Norway's High North and see Norwegian Arctic as a living and dynamic region.

This interesting and rewarding experience contributed to a few takeaways:

- Nearly half of Norway's land mass is Arctic territory, consisting of two counties Nordland and the combined county of Troms and Finnmark on the mainland, the Svalbard archipelago and the island of Jan Mayen. Norway's Arctic territory is home to 80% of Norwegian population.
- Norway has many oil and gas platforms above the Arctic circle, especially in the Barents Sea. There are 150 exploration wells in this area.
- Petroleum extraction in the High North has been one of the most contentious and polarizing cleavages in Norwegian petroleum politics.
- **The Arctic is experiencing dramatic climate changes that also make the region available for greater resource exploitation and transport activity. The Arctic is indeed becoming increasingly important in international politics.**
- The Arctic is a key platform to tackle issues such as the three C's – Conflict, Competition and Climate.

The study trip provided insights into Norway's approach to Arctic policies, scientific research interests, truth and reconciliation and respect for the indigenous people, European Union and green economy and the Norwegian trilateral cooperation with Sweden and Finland, climate change as a collective problem and the impact of global warming to international relations.

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo / Embassy of Angola
Photographs: <https://gofjords.com/destination/welcome-to-tromso/>





Accredited Ambassadors in Oslo trip visit to the city of Tromsø.

THE EMBASSY OF ANGOLA TO NORWAY WAS INVITED TO THE 2025 NORSHIPPING EXHIBITION.

The Angolan Embassy attended the 30th International Maritime Exhibition NorShipping from June 2-6, 2025, at Nova Spektrum, in Lillestrøm, confirming its reputation as the “main Shipping gathering in Norway.” The leading maritime event in Scandinavia, held every two years, celebrated 60 years of continuously presence.

Since 1965, Nor-Shipping has been an activity-filled arena attracting key maritime industry players from across the world. The presence of leading heads from the entire maritime value chain and press makes Nor-Shipping one of the world’s most recognized meeting places for strategic deal making and networking.

The predecessor to Nor-Shipping was the trade fair “Deck and Engine Room”, which was organised for the first time in the early 1960s by Norwegian Industrial Fairs in cooperation with the magazine Skip.

“Nor-Shipping today is one of the world’s leading arenas – not just for shipping, but across ocean industries with around 90% of the vessel crossing the oceans being Norwegian vessels.”

This year, the event gathered more than 50,000 participants from 85 nationalities. Angola was represented by its Ambassador in Oslo. The Norwegian event recorded impressive participation figures that make it one of the top maritime events worldwide.

The central theme “#Future-Proof” and the emphasis on sustainability aimed at lower CO2 emissions highlighted the environmental challenges facing the maritime industry. Within a dense program of discussions, forums and panels, carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) shared the spotlight with liquefied natural gas (LNG), alternative fuels, and new ship technologies.

On the first day, an opening ceremony took place at Oslo City Hall, where two great women leaders, Oslo Mayor Anne Lindboe and Norway’s Minister of Fisheries and Ocean Policy Mariane Sivertsen Næss, delivered inspiring speeches and kicked off the week with music and a cocktail.

On the second day, three major conferences took place: The Ocean Leadership Conference, The Ocean Invest Conference and The Offshore Aquaculture Conference, which solidified the quest for ocean conservation and environment preservation.

Throughout the week, Nor-shipping hosted a full range of social events, seminars, conferences such as the Deepsea Minerals Conference; Offshore Wind Conference; LNG Conference; Maritime Leaders’ Summit; the 6th International Ship Autonomy & Sustainability Summit; 10 Women to Watch 2025 – Award Ceremony; Tradewind’s Shipowners Forum; Polish-Norwegian cooperation in the Maritime sector: On the way to energy transition; Brazil Nor-Shipping 2025: Future-Proofing Maritime Collaboration Between Brazil and Norway; Blue Talk 9 – Recycling ships; Blue Talk 10 – Navigating sustainability: Green vs. Greenwashing; Launching: The Global Electric Shipping; TecnoVeritas: Actual Decarbonisation projects to Future-Proofs Fleets – Lessons Learned; Singapore Nor-shipping; Liquid Hydrogen in Motion: Building the Value Chain; Siemens Energy’s Ocean Green Initiative; MariApps: AI in Maritime: Moving beyond hype to re-



al-world applications; Market Opportunity Hour: Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia; the 1st LNG Conference; India Nor-shipping; China Nor-Shipping: Sailing Together to a green future; Opportunity Portugal – Your Safe Harbor for the future of the Maritime Industry and a few others.

The conference also hosted more than 100 exhibitors such as A.P. Moller-Maersk, Chevron, Total Marine Solutions, AB Volvo Penta, Autoridade Portuária Bahía de Algeciras, Alternative Energy Solutions, Al Mufaddal Engineering and Marine Services CO.LLC, Association of Singapore Marine Industries, Blue Supply Chains, Bluetech Finland, BNCC Brazilian Norwegian Chamber of Commerce, China

Council for the Promotion of International Trade, C-LNG Solutions Pte Ltd, DNB Bank AS, Netherlands Maritime Technology, Energys Australia, Estonian Business and Innovation Agency, European Space Agency Business Incubation Center Norway, GreenOil Standard A/S, Gulf Oil Marine Ltd., HD Hyundai Heavy Industries, Hudson Electric (Wuxi) Co.,Ltd, Indian Ports Association, Italian Trade Agency - ICE Agenzia, Japan Marine United Corporation, Japan Ship Exporters’ Association, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd., Korea Offshore & Shipbuilding Association, Mercy Ships Norge, Mitsubishi Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., NAMDOCK Namibia Drydock & Ship Repair



Annual luncheon for Resident Heads of Diplomatic Missions in Norway 2025.



(Pty) Ltd., Niessing Anlagenbau GmbH, QATAR AIRWAYS GROUP (Q.C.S.C), Bosch Building Technologies, Samsung Heavy Industries Co. Ltd, Siemens Digital Industries Software and more.

It was undeniable that Nor-Shipping provides an unbeatable arena for professional networking and so-

cializing. Overall, the event highlighted that geopolitics issues require measures and actions instead of just waiting how the US-China rivalry will determine global trade outcomes.

RECENT MACROECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ANGOLA FOR 2025.

A favourable domestic outlook bolstered by increase in nonoil activities would continue to sustain Angola's growth momentum. The regained confidence in the government's ability to invest in infrastructure and social safety programs are important steps that have helped Angola's continued good economic performance.

Real GDP speeded up in 2024 to around 2.7 percent and is expected to slightly accelerate in 2025 due to significant public investment program to close infrastructure gap and new dynamics in the nonoil sector, particularly in agriculture and transport with the entry into force of Lobito Corridor, energy, water and banking and financial services.

The 2025 budget was approved with a view to enhance the country's structural transformation and shift the sectoral share of GDP from extractive sector toward non mineral activities. In this regard, the approved budget accommodated an increase of 30 percent in public capital expenditure aimed at improving infrastructure, building-up human and institutional capacity and diversifying the economy. As a result, the current account balance registered a deficit of about 2.1 percent of GDP in 2024.

An accommodative monetary policy stance combined with flexible exchange rate re-

gime has helped stabilize the exchange rate thereby avoiding a deep depreciation of the Kwanza in 2024. Year-on-year inflation averaged 12 percent in 2024 and is expected to continue its downward trajectory in 2025 though uncertainties persist due to commodity prices volatility.

Major reforms in the monetary and financial market have been implemented including new dispensation for better liquidity management, improved operational risks in the banking system and strengthened banking supervision.

The government's structural reform agenda is underway with the goal of further strengthening public financial management and improving the legal framework that would enhance institutional reinforcement, promote job creation and create a more friendly business environment.





In November 2024, African Ambassadors in Oslo, met with the Norwegian Minister of Trade and Industry, H.E. Ms Cecillie Myrseth, discussing strengthening trade in Africa, Africa Strategy and benefits of the AfCFTA.

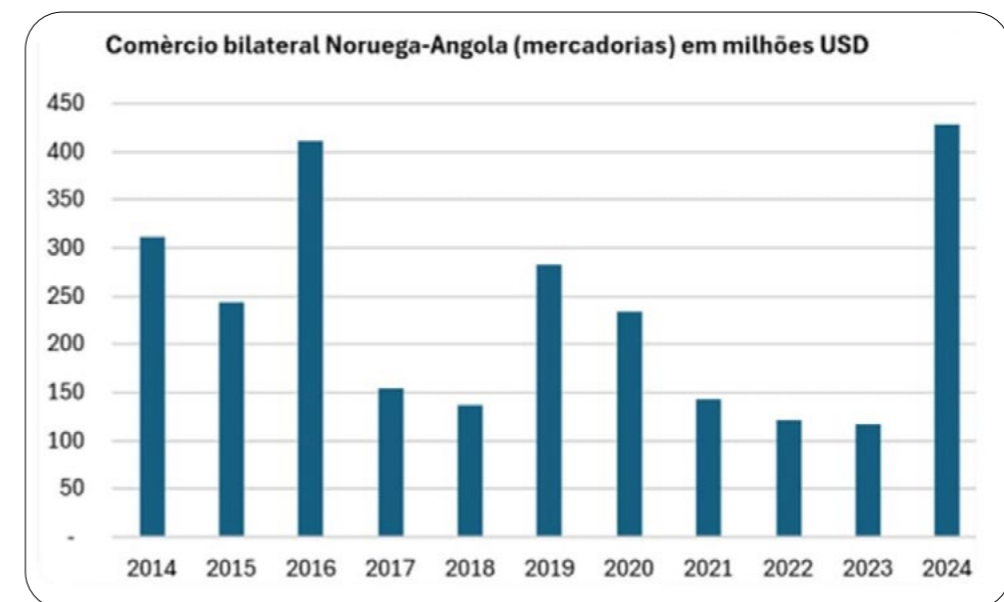
NORWAY-ANGOLA BILATERAL TRADE AT RECORD LEVEL IN 2024!

Bilateral trade in goods between Angola and Norway in 2024 reached a record level of 4,494,000 million Norwegian kroner, which corresponds to approximately 428 million dollars, according to data recently published by National Statistics Bureau of Norway. The figure surpasses the previous record of 2016 and is the highest in more than ten years.

The most important categories of goods exported to Angola were machinery, equipment and materials, as well as iron and steel products destined for Angola's offshore oil sector. Angolan exports to Norway are also showing signs of recovery after a sharp reduction in the

years following the Covid-19 pandemic and, from 2023 to 2024, the export of goods to Norway more than tripled to 417 million Norwegian kroner (around 40 million dollars). Most of this export consisted of machinery and equipment for Norway's oil services industry.

According to Norwegian Embassy in Luanda "...It's positive that bilateral trade is on an upward trend. This clearly indicates that Angola continues to be an attractive investment destination for Norwegian companies. However, Angola has enormous export potential in many sectors, including agribusiness. We hope to see these high-quality products on the shelves as well..."



LAUNCH OF THE CHAMBER OF COMERCE AND INDUSTRY ANGOLA NORWAY, LAST JUNE IN LUANDA.

The Angola-Norway Chamber of Commerce and Industry was officially launched on June 5TH, 2025, in Luanda. The initiative is a strategic link to boost bilateral trade, attract direct investment and promote solid relations between private sectors of the two countries.

The new chamber will also facilitate links between Angolan companies and Norwegian financial institutions. These include Norfund, Oljo Fund, Nurad Eksfin, Norges Bank and the Norwegian Sovereign Fund.

In addition to the commercial aspect, the institution aims to “...strengthen and expand cooperation as well as attracting new investments in agriculture, mariculture, fisheries, tourism and professional training’.

Another important purpose of the chamber is to facilitate the transfer of technical knowledge and business mobility, including the issuing of visas and financial transfers necessary for the development of business between Angola and Norway.



The launch brought together government representatives, diplomats accredited in Angola and managers from strategic areas. Sectors such as oil and gas, energy, agribusiness and fisheries were part of the session, reinforcing the potential for multidisciplinary partnerships.

The Angolan Ambassador to Norway sent a written message noting that the Angola-Norway Chamber of Commerce and Industry is an important instrument of economic cooperation and aims to strengthen commercial, industrial and investment relations between the two countries on a basis of mutual interest. Bilateral relations between Angola and Norway are solid with room for fur-

ther development, especially in important sectors such as fisheries and marine resources, oil and gas, the shipping industry, and also in the energy, environment, capacity building and tourism.”

The Embassy of Angola to Norway welcomes the formalisation of this chamber which, in a responsible and assertive manner, can become an important mean of communication on legal import/export procedures, investment and business partnerships, both for Angolan and Norwegian businesspeople interested in investing.



Meeting with the Angolan community in 2024.

THE LEGENDARY BONGA IN DRAMMEN, NORWAY, IN MAY 2025.



Meeting with the Angolan community in 2025.

Bonga is an icon from Angola who has left his mark on African music and culture with an impressive career spanning more than five decades. Releasing his 32nd album in 2021, his music combines Angolan semba, Brazilian rhythms and Portuguese melancholy. Through his performances, he shares stories of both hope and struggle, giving audiences an insight into Angola's culture.

On 31st of May 2025, Bonga offered a unique opportunity and experience to Norwegians and the lusophone community residing in Norway and neighbour countries. The show took place in Drammen, a harbour and river city

of Drammen, centrally located in the south-east and the most populous part of Norway.

Bonga's first show in Oslo solidifies his long international career and a rare musical journey. The Embassy of Angola attended the event and expressed their gratitude for this unforgettable experience at Union scene stage.

Bonga's voice of peace and conscience continues to make him a hero to the people of Angola no matter where he resides. He remains fiercely dedicated to the ideal of nonviolence, he states simply: "We must live without harming others."



THE EMBASSIES OF ANGOLA, BRAZIL AND PORTUGAL IN OSLO INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE

WORLD PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE DAY

**SUNDAY, MAY 4TH, 2025
MELAHUSET, MARIBOES GATE 8, OSLO**

ANGOLA SHINES AT THE CELEBRATION OF PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE DAY IN OSLO

Norwegians and members of the Portuguese-speaking communities in Oslo applauded the opening of the Angolan Embassy in Norway. The gesture followed the information given by Angola's first ambassador to Norway, Alcino da Conceição, on the occasion of the Portuguese Language Day held in Oslo on 4th May this year.

"...I'm in Oslo for the first time ever to open the Angolan Embassy to Norway and I've been here for a year and a half," said the Angolan Ambassador, followed by applause from those present during the celebration of Portuguese Language Day, co-organised by the Embassies of Angola, Brazil and Portugal.





Miss Tati, Angolan-Norwegian singer showcasing the Angolan traditional recipes.

During the event, which also covered the history and importance of the Portuguese language in the context of the economic growth of Angola and other Portuguese-speaking countries, the Angolan Ambassador pointed out that “...around 95 per cent of the Angolan population speaks Portuguese which is an indispensable element of communication between Angolans and a heritage of which we are proud....”

The Portuguese Ambassador to Norway, Pedro Pessoa e Costa, also shared few words at the opening session and emphasised the strategic importance of the Portuguese language associated with countries with strategic importance such as Angola, Brazil and Mozambique and others, and the fact that Portuguese remains an official language in international institutions such as the United Nations, the African Union and the European Union.

Brazil’s Ambassador, Rodrigo de Azeredo Santos, addressed the multifaceted aspects of the Portuguese lan-



H.E. Ambassador of Portugal, H.E. Ambassador of Angola, H.E. Ambassador of Egypt, H.E. Ambassador of Brazil and H.E. Ambassador of Cuba.

guage in Brazil and emphasised the influence of Angola and other countries on the construction of Brazilian speech and writing. He also highlighted the role of Bra-

zilian Portuguese as an instrument of diplomacy in the context of soft power.

An Angolan journalist resident in Oslo was the master of ceremony and hosted an energizing and successful event. The guests were delightful to try different Angolan traditional delicacies and with the performance of the *Palanca sisters*, two Luso-Angolan sisters from Bergen,

Norway, who amazed the audience with their music and voices.

The Ambassador of Angola appreciated the energy and performance and expects the show “...to be the first of many....” “...they showed a snapshot of our rich culture and I think we put it on the best show...”.



H.E. Rodrigo de Azeredo Santos, Ambassador of Brazil, H.E. Alcino da Conceição, Ambassador of Angola and H.E. Pedro Pessoa e Costa, Ambassador of Portugal.

ANGOLA EMBASSY IN NORWAY JOINS AFRICAN AMBASSADORS CELEBRATING AFRICA DAY.

Africa Day, formerly African Freedom Day and African Liberation Day, is the annual commemoration of the foundation of the Organization of African Unity on 25 May 1963. It is celebrated throughout the African continent and around the world. Africa Day 2025 was marked under the theme “Justice for Africans and people of African descent through reparations”.

In Oslo the event took place on May 22nd with Africans Ambassadors resident in Oslo gathering with Norwegian friends of Africa. The former dean of the African Ambassadors, Tunisia, hosted the ceremony in the presence of Ambassadors of Angola, Algeria, Egypt, Ghana, Morocco, South Africa, South Sudan and Sudan.

“...Today, we not only honour our history but also unite to shape our future together. Africa Day 2025 reaffirms our



Performance of a Ghanaian music/dance group.



African Ambassadors accredited to Norway.

collective journey, grounded in dignity, sovereignty and the shared belief that global progress depends on partnerships built on equality and trust...” Ambassador Amel stated.

Every country had a table with national dishes, appetisers, and drinks. Angola offered the guests the famous *mucua* juice, made from the baobab tree, commonly known as *imbondeiro*, *paracuca*, the perfect combination of peanut and sugar, *galette*, a sort/of type of waffle, pop-

ular in the streets of Angola, coconut-based traditional candy and *pé-de-moleque*, a delicacy typical of Angola, eaten mostly in festivals and celebrations=.

The reception welcomed Ambassadors from other accredited countries to Norway, invitees from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and representatives from Norad, Norfund, and NABA.

Source: Africa Union <https://au.int/en/newsevents/20250524/africa-day-2025>

ANGOLA GETS READY TO RECEIVE DITT AFRIKA

In May 2025, the Ambassador of Angola to Norway held a virtual meeting between the Ministry of Tourism of Angola, through the Instituto de Fomento Turístico de Angola – Infotur - and Ditt Afrika, a private Norwegian agency for tourism.

According to Ditt-Afrika general manager and owner, Catherine Bryn, the goal is to closely look at touristic opportunities in Angola through field visits and networking with local actors and promoting the country's unique attractions to the Nordic market.

Participants addressed challenges and opportunities in the Angolan tourism sector, including visa requirement, flight cost and the need for infrastructure development. Infotur recognises that Angola is not yet well known in the Norwegian market, however, Angola is working on initiatives to attract investment capable of boosting tourism and sharing its hospitality, particularly during this special year of celebration of the 50th anniversary of Angola's independence.

Ditt-Afrika is a Norwegian private company that organises trips throughout sub-Saharan Africa, including Seychelles, Mauritius, Maldives, Zanzibar and other islands in the Indian Ocean. Ditt-Afrika expressed its intention to visit Angola and promoting Angola as a touristic destination, highlighting its potential based on its nature - tribes, culture, and beaches and gastronomy.

They are planning to travel with a journalist from an important Norwegian travel magazine to cover the trip and generate promotional content, fostering business opportunities and market Angola as preferential destination.

Ditt-Afrika emphasized the importance of focusing on tourism and business in Angola, highlighting the potential for Norwegian companies to expand their operations there. *"...promoting Angola could enhance diplomatic connections and increase awareness of the country's business potential."*



Kalandula falls in Malange Province.



Tourist attractions in Namibe Province.

The Ministry of Tourism of Angola and Infotur will ensure that Ditt-Afrika explores the country's diverse attractions, including its national parks, rich culture, vibrant music, climate and gastronomy.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT ANGOLA'S OIL AND GAS CONFERENCE TAKING PLACE IN LUANDA, FROM 3RD TO 4TH SEPTEMBER IN 2025

Angola's Oil and Gas conference (AOG) is the largest oil and gas event in Angola. Taking place with the full support of the Ministry of Mineral Resources, Oil and Gas, the National Oil, Gas and Biofuels Agency, the Petroleum Derivatives Regulatory Institute, National oil company Sonangol and the African Energy Chamber the event is a platform to sign deals and advance Angola's oil and gas industry.

With a \$60 billion upstream investment pipeline, a 2025 licensing round and restructured block opportunities, Angola is positioning itself as the premier destination for upstream investors. Meanwhile, new downstream pro-

jects are opening up financing opportunities for technology and capital providers.

Against this backdrop, the Angola Oil & Gas (AOG) conference and exhibition returns for its sixth edition from September 3-4 in Luanda, bringing together industry leaders to explore investment opportunities, forge collaborations and drive Angola's oil and gas sector forward. Here is what to expect from this year's edition:

Celebrating 50 Years of Angola

Taking place on the eve of Angola's 50th anniversary of independence, AOG 2025 will celebrate five decades of



growth in the country's oil and gas sector. By reflecting on past successes, challenges and lessons learned, the event will not only highlight Angola's profitability and potential but also lay the groundwork for future investment and development.

Multi-Track Agenda

AOG 2025 offers a dynamic multi-track agenda designed to cater to all segments of the oil and gas value chain. Topics range from upstream exploration and production, to downstream refinery and petrochemical advancements, to regulatory and policy frameworks, and more. Keynote presentations and panel discussions will also provide insights into Angola's latest licensing round and emerging opportunities in the energy sector.

Pre-Conference Program

Leading up to the main event, AOG 2025 introduces an expanded pre-conference program, including specialized technical workshops and training sessions led by global energy experts. Designed for engineers, geologists, project managers and energy financiers, these sessions will explore cutting-edge advancements in drilling technologies, reservoir management, digital transformation and sustainable energy practices. To take part in the pre-conference program, contact sales@energycapitalpower.com

Dedicated Deal Room

A centerpiece of AOG 2025 is the exclusive Deal Room, designed as a high-impact 'Dragon's Den'-style platform where companies, service providers, SMEs and technology firms can showcase their solutions to investors, project developers and government representatives. This setup fosters direct engagement, driving collaboration and deal-making.

Expanded Exhibition

AOG 2025 will feature an expanded exhibition space, spotlighting the latest technologies, services and innovations shaping the oil and gas industry. Exhibitors will gain access to unparalleled brand exposure, senior decision-makers, high-value networking and targeted lead generation. The exhibition serves as a vital platform for companies looking to increase visibility and forge new business relationships.

Networking Prospects

As Angola's largest oil and gas industry event, AOG 2025 welcomes the participation of over 2,500 attendees from 40 countries and 450 organizations.

The event unites the entire oil and gas value chain, connecting upstream exploration and production to downstream infrastructure and services to finance, policy and technology. Delegates will have the unique opportunity to strengthen cross-sector collaboration and grow their brand in one of Africa's most exciting oil and gas markets.

Secure Your Place at AOG 2025

Don't miss the chance to engage with one of Africa's largest oil and gas markets. Join the AOG 2025 conference today and be a part of the discussion on turning Angola's oil and gas industry into a fuel for long-term, sustainable economic development. AOG 2025 offers a range of participating opportunities, including sponsorships, exhibition, speaking slots and delegation prospects.

Visit www.angolaoilandgas.com for more information.

LUANDA TO HOST HEADS OF STATE-LEVEL INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING SUMMIT UNDER AFRICAN UNION CHAIRMANSHIP, FROM 28-31 OCTOBER 2025

The African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) and African Union Commission (AUC) in collaboration with the government of the Republic of Angola will host Africa's biggest Infrastructure Financing Summit from 28-31 October 2025 in Luanda.

Following the momentum of previous editions, including the 2023 Dakar Infrastructure Financing Summit, this year's gathering is part of the broader continental effort to unlock investments and partnerships in support of the African Union's Agenda 2063 infrastructure aspirations under the framework of Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA).

The Summit comes at a critical time as Africa faces an annual infrastructure financing gap exceeding \$100 billion and gears up to mobilise the \$1.3 trillion required to implement the Continental Power Systems Master Plan (CMP) for an African Single Electricity Market by 2040. PIDA alone requires \$16 billion annually to deliver transformative, cross-border projects that deliver the continent's industrial, trade, and energy ambitions by 2030.

As current Chairperson of the African Union, H.E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola, has placed infrastructure financing at the heart of his continental agenda. Speaking at the AU Commission Handover Ceremony in March 2025, President Lourenço stated:



“Infrastructure is one of the essential pillars of the African Union’s Agenda 2063. We must mobilise all available financial resources to achieve our goals — from roads and railways to ports, power lines, and digital networks. I have called on the Commission to convene a continental infrastructure conference in 2025 to drive investment and connect Africa for trade, innovation, and prosperity.”

The Luanda Infrastructure Financing Summit responds directly to this call. Through curated deal rooms and investment pitch sessions, African governments and institutions will present infrastructure portfolios to potential investors, with the goal of securing capital commitments for regional corridors, power generation and transmission, logistics platforms, and digital backbones. Strategic corridors such as the Lobito Corridor, LAPSSET, and the Dakar–Bamako–Djibouti route will feature as integrated models combining infrastructure, trade, and industrial development.

In parallel, the Summit will highlight the imperative of mobilising domestic capital. With over \$70 billion in African pension and sovereign wealth funds available

annually, new public-private cooperation models will be explored to unlock these resources for long-term infrastructure investment. Attention will also be given to innovative financing mechanisms, including blended finance, project bonds, and risk mitigation tools.

Importantly, this continental momentum aligns with Africa’s positioning on the global stage.

Under South Africa’s G20 Presidency in 2025, Africa has a unique opportunity to elevate infrastructure financing and energy access as global priorities. The Summit in Luanda will serve as a key African platform feeding into global dialogues and reaffirming Africa’s leadership in proposing solutions that work for the continent and for the world.