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NEW CHALLENGES FOR ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY



**Ambassador Tété António ,
Minister of External Relations**

In a recent interview in Luanda, External Relations Minister **Tété António** stated that the **Angolan diplomacy will continue to give priority to economic** issues, with action focused on attracting foreign investment, in order to contribute to the process of diversification of the national economy.

The head of Angolan diplomacy noted the importance of strong investment in the area of tourism, exploration of new markets for exports of national products, under the scope of the **Programme to Support Production, Diversification of Exports and Substitution of Imports (PRODESI)**.

Minister **Tété António** hopes that the **African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)** will be a true space for economic cooperation, capable of facilitating trade between different countries and businessmen, for the development of the region.

"Angolan diplomacy will continue to work with the specialised agencies of the United Nations in the search for greater representation of the African continent in the main international bodies and in the resolution of the conflicts that continue to plague the Southern, Central and Great Lakes regions."

In office since April 2020, the current **Minister of External Relations**, is a career diplomat, having, among other duties, held the positions of Secretary of State of MIREX, Representative of the African Union to the United Nations in New York and Advisor to the President of the 59th Session of the UN General Assembly.

Born on January 22, 1955, in Bembe Municipality, Uige Province, Ambassador **Tété António** has a **Master's degree in International Economic Relations** from Kiev University/Ukraine.

He speaks and writes fluently Portuguese, English, French, Russian, Kikongo and Lingala and is co-author of the book entitled "**Angola in the UN Security Council (2003-2004), Experience and Practical Contribution to Conflict Resolution in Africa**".

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MIREX AND THE CHALLENGES OF ANGOLAN FOREIGN POLICY

The Ministry of External Relations is the ministerial department responsible for assisting the President of the Republic in defining, directing, planning, coordinating, implementing and assessing the Republic of Angola's foreign policy and international cooperation in all its aspects, in order to affirm the country and defend national interests in the international context.

According to **point 2, Article 1, Chapter 1 of the Organic Statute of MIREX**, the Ministry of External Relations is responsible for defending the interests of the Republic of Angola, protecting the rights of its citizens abroad, as well as monitoring and providing cultural and informational assistance to Angolan communities in the Diaspora.

The Ministry of External Relations is headed by a Minister who, in the exercise of his duties, is assisted by two Secretaries of State, namely **Esmeralda Bravo Conde da Silva Mendonça**, Secretary of State for External Relations and **Domingos Vieira Lopes**, Secretary of State for International Cooperation and Angolan Communities.

Ambassador **Esmeralda Bravo Conde da Silva Mondonça** is a career diplomat of the Ministry of External Relations, having participated actively in various works and missions for the development of Angolan diplomacy.

Ambassador **Domingos Vieira Lopes**, is also a career diplomat and during his career has had various participations in activities such as coordinating bilateral cooperation commissions, negotiating general cooperation agreements, signing strategic partnerships and in drafting the Organic Statute of the Ministry of External Relations.

The two diplomats also have the incumbency of assisting the holder of the portfolio in the exercise of international political activity and diplomatic relations, as well as in the execution of international cooperation activity and Angolan Communities abroad, respectively.



Esmeralda Mendonça
Secretary of State for External Relations



Domingos Vieira Lopes
Secretary of State for International Cooperation and Angolan Communities.

UNOFFICIAL VOTER REGISTRATION EXTENDING TO ANGOLAN CITIZENS ABROAD

The Republic of Angola has begun one of the most important phases of the preparations for the general elections scheduled for this year 2022: **THE UNOFFICIAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION** of citizens over the age of 18.

This is a fundamental step that gives citizens the right to participate in voting, one of the central elements of democracy.

Unlike previous elections, for the next polls the **government is planning to extend voter registration to citizens living outside the country**, and the process of updating the registration in person in the diaspora will begin in January.

The start of voter registration was preceded by an exhaustive clarification process involving senior officials from the **Ministries of Justice, External Relations and Territorial Administration**, the lat-

ter being the body charged with carrying out the task, as well as representatives of various sectors of society, **such as journalists and opinion makers**, including the **Diplomatic Corps accredited in Angola**.

With this procedure, the **Angolan government intends to demonstrate transparency and credibility, and to guarantee the involvement of all citizens** and electoral agents in the unofficial electoral registration process.

Angola is thus on its way to holding another election for the fifth time, and this will certainly be one of the most disputed, given the new reality that a large number of young people, many of whom are not committed, will be voting for the first time.

The next elections will also take place in a particularly different context, due to the Covid-19 pandemic that is ravaging the country and the world, with all the restrictions that the disease imposes.



NATURE AND COMPETENCIES OF THE DIRECTORATE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (DCI)

The Directorate of International Cooperation (DCI) is the Central Executive Service of the Ministry of External Relations, which, within the scope of its competencies, is responsible for **promoting the execution of international cooperation policies** and strategies and coordinating the activities developed by other ministerial sectors.

The **International Cooperation Directorate** is responsible for advising the Minister of External Relations on matters of **foreign policy** within the scope of the **Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP)** and the **Portuguese-Speaking African Countries (PALOP)**.

In this context, the Directorate of International Cooperation is the National Focal Point of the CPLP. To ensure that it can perform its tasks as effectively as possible, the International Cooperation Department is structured as follows:

- **Bilateral Cooperation Department ;**
- **Multilateral Cooperation Department;**
- **and**
- **Strategic Studies and Analysis Department.**

The Bilateral Cooperation Department is responsible for the following:

Prepare proposals for the negotiation, conclusion and denunciation of international treaties of a bilateral economic nature, to be sent to the Directorate for Legal Affairs, Treaties and Litigation;

Prepare the meetings of the bi-national and bilateral committees for economic, trade, technical-scientific and cultural cooperation.

The Multilateral Cooperation Department is responsible for the following:

Prepare proposals for the negotiation, conclusion and denunciation of international treaties and conventions that refer to the creation of international economic organizations, their transformation or existence and, in particular, those that refer to Angola's participation



Carlos Cruz de Lemos Sardinha
Director of International Cooperation of
the Ministry of External Relations

in these organizations, to be sent to the Directorate for Legal Affairs, Treaties and Litigation;

Prepare the participation in the process of negotiating, concluding or denouncing treaties and conventions that concern the creation of regional economic integration bodies, especially those that concern Angola's participation in such bodies.

The **Strategic Studies and Analysis Department** is responsible for the following:

- Compile information on international economic and financial organizations, ensuring the updating of complete information about them, especially regarding their constitution, functioning and activity;
- To analyse and issue its opinion on international cooperation matters;
- Study and issue opinions on the processes dealt with by international economic bodies or derived from their existence and which may be of special interest to the Republic of Angola;
- To compile the information received from the various sectors and ensure that complete information about the economic, social, technical and scientific situation of the various countries is kept up to date.

ANGOLAN AND GREEK GOVERNMENTS SIGN POLITICAL CONSULTATION AGREEMENT

The Governments of Angola and Greece signed on 11 January this year, at the headquarters of the Ministry of External Relations, the **Political Consultation Agreement**, for the beginning of a dialogue process aiming at identifying matters of common interest between Angola and the Hellenic Republic.

The signatories of the agreement were Her Excellency **Esmeralda Mendonça**, Angolan Secretary of State for External Relations and **Calliope Penny Douti**, Greek Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), with non-resident status in Angola.

The signing of the **Political Consultation Agreement** was witnessed by His Excellency **Nikolaos Dendias**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic of Greece, during his official visit to Angola, held from 09 to 11 January, at the invitation of His Excellency Ambassador **Téte António**, Minister of External Relations.

The two countries have as cooperation perspective the installation of a school for sai-

lors in Angola, management of ports and unique services, maritime insurance, construction of boats and technical assistance, promotion of tourism and exchange, air link with the establishment of a Luanda/Athens/Johannesburg route and vice-versa, hospital management, and intervention in the areas of Health, Education, Agriculture, Transport, Tourism and General Trade.

Greece is strategically located at the crossroads between Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Africa. It has land borders with Albania to the northwest, with the Republic of Macedonia and Bulgaria to the north and with Turkey in the northeast. Known as the cradle of Western civilisation, Greece has 11.4 million inhabitants who live in a land area of 131,960 km², with a demographic density of 87 people per square kilometre.

The political system is a parliamentary republic with a President and a Prime Minister. In total, the Parliament is made up of 300 Members, who are elected for a period of four years.



Nikolaos Dendias
Minister of Foreign Affairs of
the Hellenic Republic



Esmeralda Mendonça
Secretary of State for External Relations



The signing of the Political Consultation Agreement between Angola and Greece



The Angolan and Greek Delegations, Luanda - Angola

DIRECTORATE FOR AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS



Miguel Bembe
Africa, Middle East and Regional Organisations
Director of Mirex

The **Geopolitical Directorates of the Ministry of External Relations** carry out their duties on the basis of the principle of unity and collaboration with the other services of MIREX. These Directorates are headed by **National Directors** appointed from among diplomatic career officials of the **rank of Ambassador**.

Their responsibilities include drawing up studies and analyses, providing information on the political and cultural situation in the various regions and States, and submitting proposals for action. The **Africa, Middle East and Regional Organisations Directorate of Mirex** is currently headed by Ambassador **Miguel César Domingos Bembe**, diplomat and University Professor. He has a PhD in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Strategy and has served, amongst other duties, as National Director of the Studies, Planning and Statistics Office of the Ministry of External Relations.



Ambassador **Miguel Bembe** has published extensively in addition to his participation in various bilateral and multilateral political and diplomatic missions in Africa, America, Asia and Europe.

In this geopolitical area, the also university Professor, has the mission to execute and monitor the international political activity, cooperation, diplomatic relations and other areas of international relations, as well as to ensure the coordination of the activities developed by other Ministries and national public entities in these areas.

Another task is to gather information of a political and diplomatic nature, and in the economic, technical-scientific, commercial, social, cultural and related areas, relating to the countries and international organisations in the areas under its jurisdiction, and to carry out prior and specialised analysis and assessment of such information before it is forwarded to the Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

ADÃO PINTO IS THE FIRST AMBASSADOR OF ANGOLA TO SENEGAL



His Excellency, **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola, appointed, on January 5th, diplomat **Adão Pinto**, as **Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Angola to Senegal**.

He did his initial training in Angola, his **Law degree** and his first Master's degree in International Law at the University of Kiev, in the then Soviet Union. He also holds a **Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Monroe College in New York**.

He speaks his national language, **Kikongo, Portuguese, Russian, English, French and Spanish**.

Adão Pinto began his diplomatic career in 1989, as **Diplomatic Attaché at the Directorate of Legal and Consular Affairs of the Ministry of External Relations**, where he assumed particular and important responsibilities in monitoring the dossier inherent to the **United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**, assuming its defense before the Angolan Parliament for its entry into force in the domestic legal system.

Adão Pinto was, among other duties, **Consul General of Angola in New York** and before his appointment as Angola's first Ambassador to Senegal, he was **Advisor** in the Office of His Excellency **Ambassador Tête António**, Minister of External Relations.

EUROPE DIRECTORATE

The **Europe Directorate** is also another Geopolitical Directorate of the **Ministry of External Relations**. Its missions include participating and collaborating, with respect for the prerogatives of other State bodies, in the design and preparation of international programmes and meetings on bilateral and multilateral development, and preparing Angola's participation in international conferences and forums.

This Directorate is headed by Ambassador **Júlio Belarmino Gomes Maiato**, Master in International Economic Relations and Founding Professor of the Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of External Relations, where he taught the subject of International Relations.

He has elaborated scientific and academic works related to the themes "**Global Changes and their Reflexes in Southern Africa**", "**Impact of the Change of the World Economic Order for Developing Countries**", and "**Operationality of Negotiation Techniques in the Multipolar State of Affairs**".



Júlio Gomes Maiato
Director of Europe Directorate

In addition, he has participated in various events, as Consultant and Director of the Office of the Minister of External Relations, namely in the process of pacification of the conflict in Guinea Bissau, participation in mediation in the DRC conflict, in international conferences of the United Nations, the African Union and SADC.



NEW MANAGEMENT OF THE DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY PRESENTED TO THE STAFF

Professor Doctor **José Marcos Barrica**, was recently presented as the new Director General of the Diplomatic Academy "**Venâncio de Moura**", in an act led by the Secretary General of the Ministry of External Relations, Ambassador **Alfredo Dombe**.

The ceremony also marked the beginning of the functions of the management board of Professor **José Marcos Barrica**, who has as Deputy Directors General, respectively, **Claúdia Baptista**, for the Training Area, and **Matias Pires**, for the Study and Research Area.

The ceremony also marked the farewell of the outgoing Director, Ambassador **José Guerreiro Alves Primo**, who from now on will perform the function of Itinerant Ambassador, recently appointed by the President of the Republic.

The Diplomatic Academy "**Venâncio de Moura**", is an organ under the tutelage of the Ministry of External Relations, located at the Imperial Santana Street number 07, at the Kilamba Centrality, in Luanda, with a **capacity to annually train 1.800 specialists** in diplomacy and international relations.

Inaugurated in November 2020, by His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic, it is an infrastructure built on a useful area of four hectares, encompassing nine buildings which contain different service compartments, namely the teaching area, computer and language laboratories, rooms for consular practice and protocol and ceremonial practice, auditorium, administration, dormitories for teachers and students and leisure.

It also houses a medical post, canteen, an industrial kitchen, indoor sports field, a tennis court, gymnasium, high and medium voltage electricity distribution rooms, generators and a bank agency. The Diplomatic Academy "**Venâncio de Moura**", emerges in the scope of the ongoing reform in the Higher Education sub-system, maintaining the curricular matrix centred on diplomacy and international relations.



*José Marcos Barrica
General Director of the "Venâncio de Moura" Diplomatic Academy*



*Cláudia Baptista
Deputy General Director for
Training*



*Matias Pires
Deputy General Director for
Research*

Transformed into a higher education institution, in 2017 it was renamed "**Venâncio de Moura**" Higher Institute of International Relations, providing undergraduate, postgraduate, training and refresher courses for staff of various institutions.



"Venâncio de Moura" Diplomatic Academy



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