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# JOÃO MANUEL GONÇALVES LOURENÇO, REELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA



The **National Electoral Commission (CNE)** declared the **MPLA** and its head of list President **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço** as the winner of the general elections in Angola, held last 24 August.

According to CNE chairperson, **Manuel Pereira da Silva**, the **MPLA** won the ballot with **51.17%**, managing to elect a majority of **124 Members of Parliament** to the **National Assembly**, with a total of **3,209,429** votes.

**UNITA** was the **second** most voted party, with **43.95** percent and **90 Members of Parliament**, with a total of **2,756,786** votes.

The **Social Renewal Party (PRS)** was the third political force. It won **1.14%** of the votes and elected two **Members of Parliament**.

The **FNLA (Angola's National Liberation Front)**, ranked fourth with **1.06%** and two seats in the National Assembly. Also with two **Members of Parliament**, but with **1.02%**, was the **PHA (Humanist Party of Angola)**. **CASA-CE** did not win any mandate.

His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lou-**

**renço** has a Degree in **Historical Sciences** from the former **Soviet Union**, is married to the former Minister of Planning and World Bank consultant, **Ana Dias Lourenço**, and is the father of six children.

He is a son of **Sequeira João Lourenço**, born in Malange Province and **Josefa Gonçalves Cipriano Lourenço**, born in Namibe, a Nurse and Seamstress respectively, both deceased.

Born in Lobito, Province of Benguela, His Excellency the re-elected President has already held, among other positions, that of **Governor of the Provinces of Moxico and Benguela**, **Member of Parliament of the Assembly of the Peoples**, Secretary of Information of **MPLA**, **President of the Parliamentary Group of MPLA**, Secretary-General of **MPLA**, **President of the Constitutional Commission**, Member of the Permanent Commission, President of the Parliamentary Group of **MPLA** and **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Speaker of the National Assembly**.

His official biography states that his hobbies are reading, chess and horse riding.



**H.E ESPERANÇA MARIA EDUARDO FRANCISCO DA COSTA**

4<sup>TH</sup> VICE PRESIDENT IN THE HISTORY OF ANGOLAN DEMOCRACY

## ESPERANÇA DA COSTA, NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

**H**er Excellency **Esperança Maria Eduardo Francisco da Costa** is the new **Vice-President of the Republic of Angola**, elected in the last general elections held in the country, replacing His Excellency **Bornito de Sousa Baltazar**.

The new leader was born in Luanda and studied Biology at the “**Agostinho Neto University**”, where she graduated in 1985.

Between 1983-1984 she worked at the **Botany Centre of the Institute of Scientific Research in Lisbon**, Portugal, and on her return to Luanda she was appointed assistant of Plant Biology at her university, in 1986 becoming **Head of the Biology Department**.

Between 1986 and 1990, H.E. **Esperança**

**Costa** developed the **Luanda Herbarium** and became the Angolan representative to the **African Biosciences Network (ABN)**, after attending an ABN meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe, on forest management.

In 1990 he attended a **Master’s Degree in Plant Productivity at the Technical University of Lisbon**. From 1992 he worked on a thesis on Plant Ecology, obtaining her **PhD** from the same university.

In 1997 she returned to Angola to be appointed professor at the Agostinho Neto University and director of the herbarium.

Before being elected Vice-President of the Republic, she served as **Secretary of State for Fisheries**.



## AMBASSADOR TÊTE ANTÓNIO REAPPOINTED AS MINISTER OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

**H**is Excellency **Ambassador Tête António** was reappointed as **Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola**. Career Diplomat, he took office on 19 September of this year, as the new head of Angolan Diplomacy. His Excellency **Ambassador Tête António** was born on 22 January 1955, in Bembe Municipality, Province of Uíge, has a **Master's Degree in International Economic Relations, from Kiev University/Ukraine**.

He studied **Preventive Diplomacy at the Columbia University, New York, Management, Conflict Resolution and Mediation at the Jimmy Carter Center**, and **Diplomacy at the Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Cairo, Egypt**, **Law and United Nations Practice at New York University, USA**.

He has served as **Secretary of State for External Relations** and **Representative of the African Union to the United Nations in New York**. He was also **Diplomatic Advisor to the Chairperson of the African Union Commission**, **Minister**

**Adviser at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations in New York**. He was a member of the Angolan delegation to the Security Council (2003-2004); **Senior Expert during the Angolan Presidency of the UN Peacebuilding Commission**; **Advisor to the Chairperson of the 59th Session of the UN General Assembly (2004-2005)**; **Director of Cabinet to the**

**Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs (1999-2002)**; **Political Observer for the African Union at the United Nations Mission for the Organization of a Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO), based in El Ayoun, Western Sahara from 1997 to 1999**.

**Diplomat at the Embassy of the Republic of Angola in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and Permanent Mission to the African Union (1993-1997)**, **Official of the Department of the African Union and Specialized Institutions of the Africa and Middle East Directorate of the Ministry of External Relations**; **Official of IMPORTANG, of the Ministry of Foreign Trade**.

He has served on election observation missions for the African Union, study missions to countries emerging from conflict for the UN Peacebuilding Commission; He has participated in several meetings of the UN, the African Union, the South Atlantic Peace and Cooperation Zone, the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the Community of Southern and Eastern African States (COMESA).

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

**H.E TÊTE ANTÓNIO**

**MINISTER OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA**



REAPPOINTED



**H.E. Esmeralda Bravo Conde da Silva Mendonça**  
Secretary of State for External Relations

**H**er Excellency **Esmeralda Bravo Conde da Silva Mendonça** was reappointed as **Secretary of State for External Relations of the Republic of Angola**.

Daughter of **Mário Conde Nunes da Silva** and **Iolanda António**, she was born on July 2, 1963, born in Rangel, Luanda province.

She attended primary school in Kibala, Kuanza-Sul province, where she was a boarding student at the Lar da Mocidade Portuguesa.

Back to Luanda, she carried on her studies and in 1978 she completed her secondary education at N'zinga M'bandi school.

In 1993, she concluded the **High Course of Labor Economics**, at the Labor Studies Center, in the city of Luanda, and in 2006 she **graduated in Law** at the Agostinho Neto University, also in the city of Luanda.

She has been a staff member of the Ministry of External Relations since 1983, having joined the diplomatic career in 1993, in the category of Third Secretary.

She rose to the category of **Minister Counsellor** in 2015, and to the category of **Ambassador** in 2019. Throughout her career, she has attended several pro-

fessional training courses, most notably, the diplomatic and consular training course lectured by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal in 1997.

She attended the technical professional upgrading course for diplomats, lectured by the **Institute of International Relations** of the Ministry of External Relations (IRI) in 2004.

She studied 3rd course of diplomatic practices for PALOP (Portuguese-speaking African Countries), promoted by the **Rio Branco Institute of Brazil**, in the year 2011, in **Maputo**, Mozambique.

She also attended the 10th course of International Relations, taught by the Higher Institute of International Relations "**Raul Roa Garcia**", in **Havana** - Cuba, in 2012, and the IV course for African diplomats, promoted by the **Alexandre Gusmão Foundation of Brazil**, in **Brasília**, in 2013.

A member for the rotation plan of Mirex in 2018, and member for the public recruitment of the Ministry of External Relations, in 2019.

She was part of the last two Angolan delegations to the 73rd and 74th Sessions of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly, and she was part of the team of international observers to the elections in the Federal Republic of Brazil, in 2018.

REAPPOINTED



**H.E. Domingos Custódio Vieira Lopes**  
Secretary of State for International Cooperation and Angolan Communities

**H**is Excellency **Domingos Custódio Vieira Lopes** was reappointed as **Secretary of State for International Cooperation and Angolan Communities**.

He was born on April 1, 1959, in Luanda.

He is a career Ambassador, with an academic background that began at **Cáritas Portuguesa** (primary education) and, at the João Crisóstomo School (preparatory).

In 1975, he passed by the Center for **Revolutionary Instruction (CIR)** of Tombo; he attended the **5th year** of high school in **Ngola Kiluange** School and PUNIV in **Mutu-Ya-Kevela School**.

He attended the **3rd year** of the **Law Course** at the **Agostinho Neto University** and **graduated in International Cooperation and Development Management** at the Moderna University of **Lisbon/Portugal**.

During his professional career, he held management and leadership positions at the then **Secretary of State for Cooperation (SECOOP)**, where he was Head of the Planning and Finance Department (1982) and Head of the Global Planning Department (1984).

With the merger between MIREX and SECOOP, he became Director of the Planning Office of SECOOP (1987) and Head of the Department of Programs and Projects of the Office of Economic Affairs of MIREX (1990).

He was a National Contact Point and Coordinator of the Committee of Experts of SADCC/SADC. In this capacity, he participated in seven Summits of Heads of State, and seven Ministerial Conferences with international cooperation part-

ners.

At the Secretary of State for Cooperation, he was **Director for Africa and the Middle East** (1992) and Director for International Organizations (1996).

At the Ministry of External Relations, he was Head of the Asia and Oceania Department of the Directorate of Bilateral Cooperation (2002);

Minister Counsellor at the Embassy of the Republic of Angola in the Kingdom of Sweden, Nordic Countries and Baltic States (2003); Head of the America Department at the Directorate of Bilateral Cooperation (2008);

Director of the Directorate of **Bilateral Cooperation** (2010);

Promoted to Career Ambassador (2010); Consultant at the Office of the Secretary of State for Administrative Organization (2012);

**Consul General of the Republic of Angola in Porto/Portugal** (2013); He was appointed **Secretary of State for International Cooperation and Angolan Communities** (2017).

During his working career, he had several participations in activities such as:

Coordination of Bilateral Cooperation Commissions; He participated in the negotiations of the General Cooperation Agreements between Angola and Cuba (Vice-President of the Republic) and Brazil (President of the Republic);

Participation in the signing of the Strategic Partnership Agreement between Angola and the United States of America.

## NEW SECRETARY OF STATE OF MIREX



### H.E. Maria Auxiliadora Fragoso Pascoal Ramiro

Secretary of State for Administration, Finance and Asset of the Ministry of External Relations

**H**er Excellency **Maria Auxiliadora Fragoso Pascoal Ramiro** is the new Secretary of State for Administration, Finance and Asset of the Ministry of External Relations.

**Place of Birth:** Cunene

**Nationality:** Angolan

#### Academic Background:

**Master in Finance and Banking Investments** from the European School - **Rome/Italy** (2004);

**Degree in Accounting and Finance** from the University of **Havana - Cuba** (1987 to 1981);

Pre-University Education at Isla de la Juventud - Cuba (1983 to 1987);

Secondary Education at Isla de la Juventud - Cuba (1981 to 1983);

Conclusion of Basic Education at Isla da Juventude - Cuba (1979 to 1980);

Basic Education at Ondjiva - Cunene (1973 to 1979).

#### Professional Experience:

**Director of the Office of the Minister of Finance** (2020 - to date);

**Director of the Office of the Secretary of State for Finance and Treasury** (2017 to 2020);

Head of Department of Sovereign Bodies and Non-Sectorial Central Administration of DNOE (2014);

Technician at the National Directorate of the State Budget (2013);

Technician at the Budget Directorate of the Sovereign Bodies and Central Administration (2010 to 2012);

Head of Section at the National Budget Directorate (2008 to 2010);

Technician at the National Budget Directorate (2006);

**Financial Attaché** and Head of Department and Finance of the **Embassy of the Republic of Angola in Italy** (1999 to 2006);

Directorate of the Budget Directorate (1992 to 1997).

#### Other Professional References:

Training on Planning and Budgeting in Cape Verde, Paria City;

Regional Training on Civil Protection in South Africa - Johannesburg;

Course on Macroeconomic Management and Financial Sector Issues, Lisbon-Portugal (January 2009);

Course on Project Elaboration and Evaluation, Lisbon-Portugal (April to June 1995);

Course of Macroeconomic Analysis, Lisbon-Portugal, (April to June 1994).

## WORLD LEADERS CONGRATULATE HIS EXCELLENCY JOÃO MANUEL GONÇALVES LOURENÇO, ON HIS RE-ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA



**H.E Vladimir Putin**  
President of Russian Federation



**H.E Xi Jinping**  
President of China



**H.E Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa**  
President of Portugal

Several Heads of State and Government have congratulated His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, re-elected President of the Republic of Angola, following the announcement of the final results of the general elections held on 24 August.

In a statement made public, His Excellency **Vladimir Putin**, President of the Russian Federation, stressed in his message that Russian-Angolan relations are based on the long-standing traditions of friendship and mutual respect.

The **Russian President** hopes that the new mandate of the Head of State **João Lourenço** will continue to contribute to the development of constructive bilateral cooperation in various areas, adding that good relations between the two countries lead to **the strengthening of security and stability on the African continent**.

The President of the People's Republic of China **Xi Jinping** has congratulated Angola's **People Liberation Movement (MPLA)** and its re-elected President.

In a message delivered to His Excellency **Téte António**, Minister of External Relations, conveyed by the Chinese Ambassador **Gong Tao**, President **Xi Jinping** highlights the solidarity of the Asian country with the ruling MPLA party and its leader, **João Lourenço**, after the victory in the recent general elections.

His Excellency **Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa**, also congratulated the re-election of **João Lourenço** as President of Angola and greeted the opposition leaders for the results achieved.

In the statement, the **Portuguese Head of State** also expressed the hope that Angolan political life would continue to develop in a climate of **freedom, pluralism and tolerance**.

The **US Department of State** also congratulated the President of the Republic of Angola. His Excellency **Antony Blinken**, US Secretary of State, stressed that he looks forward to working with President **João Lourenço** to strengthen the vital relationship between Angola and the United States of America.

In the document, the US Secretary of State **salutes the millions of Angolan voters who cast their ballots in these elections** who, in doing so, demonstrated their commitment to strengthening democracy.

His Excellency **Macky Sall**, in his dual capacity as **President of the Republic of Senegal and Chairperson of the African Union**, extended his congratulations to the re-elected Angolan President.

President **Macky Sall** praised the **Angolan Head of State for the efforts undertaken for the economic and social development of Angola**, as well as for his **prestigious contribution to the progress of the African continent** during his first mandate at the head of Angola's destiny.



**H.E Miguel Díaz-Canel**  
President of Cuba



**H.E Antony Blinken**  
US Secretary of state



**H.E Macky Sall**  
President of Senegal

## HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AT THE INAUGURATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY JOÃO MANUEL GONÇALVES LOURENÇO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA



**H**igh-level world leaders, including **Statesmen, Vice-Presidents and Heads of Government** attended the swearing-in ceremony of His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço** as President of the Republic of Angola on 15 September for a five-year term of office (2022-2027).

### AFRICA

H.E. **Hage Geingob** - President of the Republic of Namibia.

H.E. **Hakainde Hichilema** - President of the Republic of Zambia.

H.E. **Félix Tshisekedi Tshilombo** - President of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

H.E. **Denis Sassou Nguessou** - President of the Republic of Congo.

H.E. **Obiang Nguema Mbasogo**, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

H.E. **José Maria Pereira Neves**, President of the Republic of Cape Verde.

H.E. **Emmerson Mnangangwa**, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

H.E. **Carlos Vila Nova**, President of the Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe.

H.E. **Umaro Sissoco Embaló**, President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau.

H.E. **Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Gabon.

H.E. **Moussa Faki Mahamat** - Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union.

H.E. **Brahim Ghali**, President of the Arab Democratic Republic.

### EUROPE

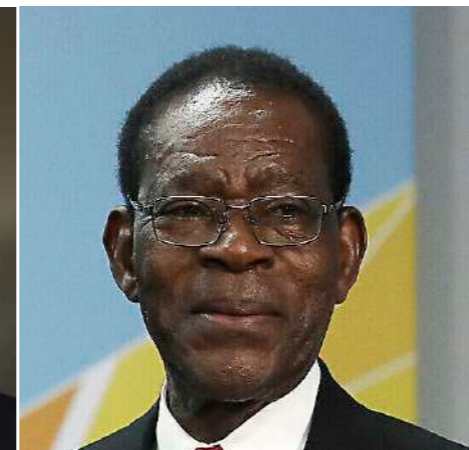
H.E. **Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa** - President of the Portuguese Republic

### NORTH AMERICA

H.E. **Scott Nathan**, Chief Executive Officer of The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation.

### CENTRAL AMERICA

H.E. **Salvador Valdés**, Vice President of the Republic of Cuba.



**T**he **USA, Russia, China** were represented by high-level delegations, sent specifically for the ceremony that swore in His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço** for the second term as the country's highest Magistrate.

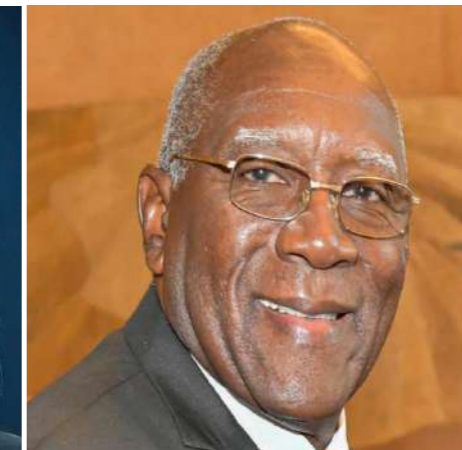
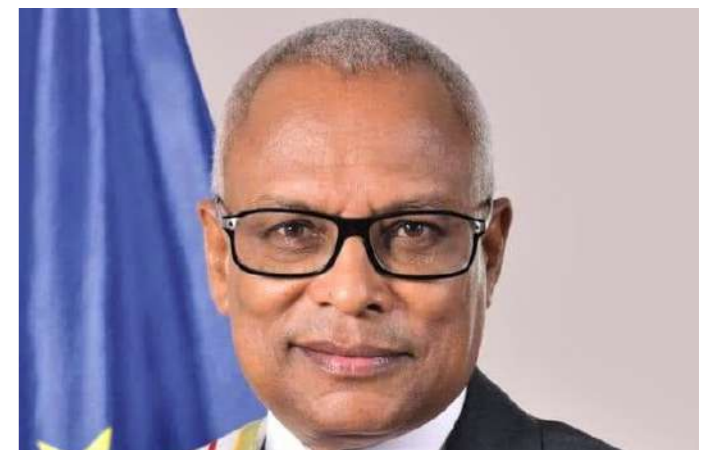
International and regional organizations, such as the **Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)**, which was represented by its Secretary General, Ambassador **Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti**; the **Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP)**, attending the ceremony with its Executive Secretary, **Zacarias Albano**; and the **Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)**, with its Commission President, Ambassador **Gilberto da Piedade Veríssimo**.

It was the task of the Head of Angolan Diplomacy, H.E. **Téte António**, and His Secretaries of State, Their Excellences **Esmeralda Mendonça** and **Domingos Vieira Lopes**, to do the honours of the house.

Minister **Téte António** was at the "4 de Fevereiro" International Airport and at the **Republic Square**, welcoming and bidding farewell to the dignitaries from the four continents.

Some countries and international partners honoured the ceremony, sending to Angola Vice-Presidents, heads of governments and/or ministers of Foreign Affairs.

The Inauguration ceremony, which took place on 15 September, confirmed His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, as President of the Republic of Angola, and Her Excellency **Esperança Maria Eduardo Francisco da Costa**, Vice President of the Republic, following the result of the elections held in the ballot boxes last 24 August.



## NEW GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA



**H.E Adão Francisco C. de Almeida**  
Minister of State and Head of the Civil



**H.E Francisco Pereira Furtado**  
Minister of State and Head of the Military House



**H.E Manuel José Nunes Júnior**  
Minister of State for Economic Coordination



**H.E Dalva Maurícia C. Ringote Allen**  
Minister of State for Social Area



**H.E João Ernesto dos Santos**  
Minister of National Defence and  
Homeland Veterans



**H.E Eugénio César Laborinho**  
Minister of Home Affairs



**H.E Tété António**  
Minister of External Relations



**H.E Dionísio Manuel da Fonseca**  
Minister for Territory Administration



**H.E Ricardo Viegas D'Ábreu**  
Minister of Transports



**H.E João Baptista Borges**  
Minister of Energy and Water



**H.E Carlos Alberto G. dos Santos**  
Minister of Public Works, Urbanism  
and Housing;



**H.E Mário A. da Silva Oliveira**  
Minister of Telecommunications, Infor-  
mation Technologies and Mass Media



**H.E Marcy Cláudio Lopes**  
Minister of Justice and Human Rights



**H.E Vera E. S. Daves de Sousa**  
Minister of Finance



**H.E Mário Caetano João**  
Minister of Economy and Planning



**H.E Teresa Rodrigues Dias**  
Minister of Public Administration,  
Labour and Social Security



**H.E Maria R. Bragança Sambo**  
Minister of Higher Education, Science,  
Technology and Innovation



**H.E Luísa Maria Alves Grilo**  
Minister of Education



**H.E Sílvia P. Valentim Lutucuta**  
Minister of Health



**H.E Ana P. do Sacramento Neto**  
Minister of Social Action, Family and  
Gender Promotion



**H.E António Francisco de Assis**  
Minister of Agriculture and Forestry



**H.E Carmen Sacramento Neto**  
Minister of Fisheries and Marine  
Resources



**H.E Victor F. dos Santos Fernandes**  
Minister of Industry and Trade



**H.E Diamantino Pedro de Azevedo**  
Minister of Mineral Resources,  
Oil and Gas



**H.E Filipe Silva de Pina Zau**  
Minister of Culture and Tourism



**H.E Ana P. C. Luna de Carvalho**  
Minister of Environment



**H.E Palmira Leitão Barbosa**  
Minister of Youth and Sports



## ANGOLA CELEBRATES CENTENARY OF ANTÓNIO AGOSTINHO NETO



Angola and the world celebrate on 17 September this year the **centenary of the birth** of the father of the nation and also the first President, Dr. **António Agostinho Neto**, whose legacy serves as inspiration for the current times, because it was completely devoted to universal struggle against all forms of oppression and exploitation of man by man.

The **Independence Square**, in Luanda, received the visit of national and foreign personalities who had given a deserved homage to the outstanding son of this African nation.

### MESSAGE FROM JOÃO LOURENÇO

In a message of anniversary, the Head of State and of the Government, **João Lourenço**, praised the political ideology and humanist of the intellectual and patriot who was Agostinho Neto, affirming that:

“All together we can build, in harmony and with commitment, the Nation that would be a source of pride for its founder”.

To follow the example of Neto, means to maintain the commitment to work for a better life in terms of health, education, housing, work, culture and leisure. In this

regard, he remembered the conception of the former statesman and leader of the MPLA with an emblematic phrase of Agostinho Neto: “**The most important thing is to solve the people’s problems**”.

The date of **17 September** invites us to exalt the qualities of the unbending fighter for the independence, freedom and well-being of all Angolans.

### REMEMBERING NETO

Remembering **President Neto** is indeed a noble task insofar as he left a legacy that should continue to inspire Angolans, based on the idea immortalised by the slogan “**the most important thing is to solve the people’s problems**”.

Born in Kaxicane, at Icolo e Bengo, Province of Bengo, son of Methodist Pastor **Agostinho Pedro Neto** and Primary School Teacher **Maria da Silva Neto**, Angola’s First President was known from an early age for his dedication to his studies.

Angolan Doctor, writer and politician, **António Agostinho Neto**, died in Moscow on **10 September 1979**. He proclaimed the **independence of Angola on 11 November 1975**.

# ANTÓNIO AGOSTINHO NETO

**FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA  
AND IMMORTAL GUIDE OF THE ANGOLAN REVOLUTION**



**Dr. Maria Eugénia da Silva Neto**  
Widow of the first President of the Republic of Angola



**Dr. Irene Alexandre da Silva Neto**  
Daughter of the first President of the Republic of Angola

Mumuila woman, Mumuila tribe, Huila province (capital of Lubango), Southern Angola.



**FOR MIREX ALL TOGETHER AND UNITED**