

MESSAGE ON ANGOLAN DIPLOMATS' DAY

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS BOOSTS STRATEGIC FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES

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HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT JOÃO LOURENÇO IN RWANDA AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



H.E João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço
President of the Republic of Angola

The cities of **Kigali** and **Kinshasa**, capitals of **Rwanda** and the **DRC** respectively, received on **11 and 12 November**, the visit of His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola, who **travelled** to these countries as **part of the diplomatic efforts** undertaken, as **mediator**, to ease the prevailing tension between the **Republic of Rwanda** and the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**.

In **Kigali**, Rwanda's largest city with a population estimated at **1,124,243** inhabitants, His Excellency **President João Lourenço** worked with his counterpart **Paul Kagame** on the implementation of the **ICGLR Road Map on the Pacification Process in the Eastern Region of the DRC**, adopted in Luanda on 6 July this year by the **Tripartite Summit** between the **Republic of Angola**, the **Democratic Republic of Congo** and the **Republic of Rwanda**.



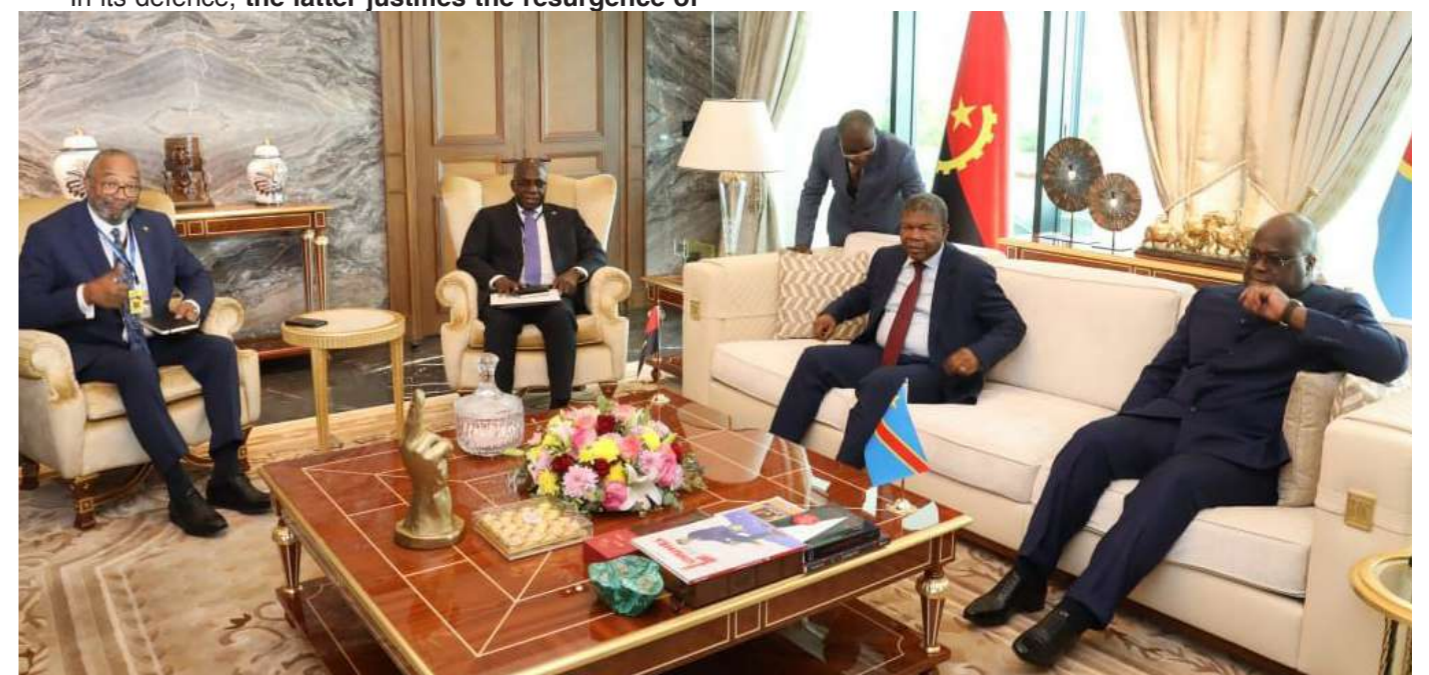
In **Kinshasa**, the **Highest Representative of the Angolan Nation** worked with his DRC counterpart **Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo**, in order to give one more step in the search of **peace and understanding** between the **DRC and Rwanda**, after the recently-held **Tripartite Ministerial Meeting of Luanda** that brought together the Ministers **Téte António**, of Angola, **Christophe Lutundula Apala Pen'Apala**, of the Democratic Republic of Congo and **Vicent Biruta**, of Rwanda **Rwanda and the DRC have accused each other** of supporting the military insurgency to destabilise each other, with **Kinshasa denouncing Kigali's harbouring and providing military aid to the M23**, allegations that Rwanda categorically denies.

In its defence, **the latter justifies the resurgence of**

violence on Congolese territory by the indifference of the Kinshasa government to address the concerns of the **Rwandophone population** in the neighbouring country, **including M23 members**, whose rights are allegedly ignored.

Several understandings reached, over the last 10 years, with international mediation, including Angolan, have not been enough to prevent the resurgence of the crisis on the common border.

It is now estimated that several dozen armed groups are operating in the DRC, including M23, which emerged from an old armed rebellion formed by individuals mainly of **Tutsi Rwandan origin**.



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MINISTER TÊTE ANTÓNIO INTRODUCES ANGOLAN GENERAL TO HEAD AD-HOC VERIFICATION MECHANISM IN GOMA

The visit of the head of the Angolan Diplomacy is part of the Angolan mediation in the situation of tension between the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Rwanda.

In Goma, His Excellency Ambassador Tête António held separate meetings with the Mayor of the province, the Commander of the 34th Military Region, the province's Navy Group, as well as the Provincial Commissioner of the Congolese National Police, located in this eastern part of the neighbouring DRC.

In this eastern DRC locality, Minister Tête António, also met with the Members of the province's Restricted Security Committee and the heads of the Office of the Joint Verification Mechanism of the ICGLR and the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO).

In Goma, Minister Tête António was accompanied by General José Luís Caetano Higino de Sousa "Zé Grande" and Ambassador Miguel César Domingos Bembe, Director of Africa, Middle East and Regional Organisations of the Ministry of External Relations.

It should be noted that last October 15, His Excellency Ambassador Tête António, Minister of External Relations, introduced in Kinshasa, Lieutenant General Nassone João, to His Excellency FELIX-ANTOINE TSHISEKEDI TSHILOMBO, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Kigali to His Excellency PAUL KAGAME, President of Rwanda.

Last July 6, in Luanda, the two Heads of State, along with JOÃO MANUEL GONÇALVES LOURENÇO, President of the Republic of Angola, agreed on an immediate ceasefire and the creation of an Ad-Hoc Observation Mechanism, headed, from now on, by Lieutenant General Nassone João.



H.E Tête António
Minister of External Relations

His Excellency Ambassador Tête António, Minister of External Relations, travelled on 09 November to the city of Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, to introduce the Angolan Lieutenant-General Nassone João, who has started his duties at the Ad-Hoc Verification Mechanism, created under the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Road Map for the pacification of Eastern DRC.



Lieutenant General Nassone João
Head of the Ad-Hoc Monitoring Mechanism



MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR TÉTE ANTÓNIO, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS, MARKS ANGOLAN DIPLOMAT DAY



H.E Tété António
Minister of External Relations

The Angolan diplomacy celebrated on 12 November, the Angolan Diplomat's Day, a fact that honors with satisfaction the national cadres that throughout the years, have been committed and engaged in the pursuit of the strategic objectives of the foreign policy of the Republic of Angola.

On this very important day, I salute the illustrious figures who have distinguished themselves up to the present day by their service with a spirit of mission and patriotic dedication in directing and leading the Central Organs of the State so that Angola could achieve Peace, Unity and Stability it enjoys today.

For that purpose, I cannot fail to remember, with the highest respect, dignity and reference, the new generations of Angolan diplomats, the names, whose time will never erase them in the History of the Angolan Diplomacy, namely, José Eduardo dos Santos, Paulo Teixeira Jorge, Afonso Van-Dúnem "M'binda", Pedro de Castro Van-Dúnem "Loy" and Venâncio de Moura, for their actions towards the consolidation of independence, sovereignty and defense of Angola's strategic interests, in an ever more troubled and challenging world.

I also remember, with deep nostalgia, former holders of the External Relations Ministry and other servants of diplomacy that are no longer part of our coexistence, but who marked an era, leaving indelible legacies of professionalism and dedication in the performance of their missions in favor of the Angolan diplomacy.

The Ministry of External Relations has taken on the responsibility of contributing to the consolidation of the State itself and the defence of National Sovereignty, asserting itself as a vanguard for the insertion of Angola in the international context, particularly in Africa.

It is in this spirit that Angola continues on the path of consolidating its democracy and economic growth, indispensable premises for solving the populations' most pressing problems, and which make Angola an international reference.

Angola will continue to develop its foreign policy based on the principles of respect and equality between states, peaceful resolution of conflicts, cooperation between peoples, progress and social justice.

It will continue its strategy of promoting its competitive insertion in the international context and of taking the greatest advantage of international cooperation in order to always, and increasingly, raise the living quality of the Angolan people.

The country will also continue to play its important role in the pacification process in Africa, particularly in the regions where it is inserted, namely the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the Gulf of Guinea Commission (GCC), the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), the latter of which Angola holds its chairpersonship.

Angola will continue to actively contribute to the more efficient identification of the causes of conflicts and elimination of the spectre of violence, through preventive diplomacy and to promote the African Agenda 2063, besides contributing to the achievement of Peace and Security on the continent and in other regions of the world.



The Angolan Government, led by His Excellency João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic, has been conducting diplomacy aimed at attracting private foreign investment to help the process of diversifying the economy, to which we encourage all diplomats to contribute in an effective and efficient manner.

Internally, the Ministry of External Relations will continue with its ongoing reforms, with the purpose of creating better working conditions for its staff, aiming at a more active and assertive diplomacy.

Thus, in the area of human resources, it will continue with the programme of qualification and rejuvenation of its staff, at the same time as ensuring the career progression provided by law, in addition to continuing with the modernisation and reform actions in administration and finance, in the search for greater discipline, effectiveness and efficiency in the management of State assets.

MIREX will continue with the necessary efforts to follow up on the programme to resize Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts, thus adjusting their operations to the country's current economic and financial situation.

The Angolan Diplomat's Day is associated with 11 November, National Independence Day, the greatest achievement of the Angolan people, celebrated this year in a unique environment of great challenges, given the responsibilities that we have in the context of Angolan mediation of the dispute between the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Rwanda.

Happy Angolan Diplomat's Day

Congratulations to all Diplomats.

For MIREX, All Together and United!

ANGOLA AND TÜRKIYE SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



His Excellency Ambassador **Téte António**, Minister of External Relations, witnessed on 3 November, in Luanda, the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Angola and the business Group Summa of Türkiye.

The co-signatories of this legal instrument were His Excellency **Carlos Alberto Gregório dos Santos**, Angolan Minister of Public Works, Urbanism and Housing, and **Fatih Bora**, Vice Chairperson of the SUMMA Group.

The ceremony was also witnessed by Their Excellencies **Manuel Nunes Júnior**, Minister of State for Economic Coordination, **Alp Ay**, Turkish Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Angola, and **Manuel Homem**, Governor of Luanda Province.

The newly signed **Memorandum of Understanding** is a framework agreement aimed at building various **infrastructures** at national level.

Linked by several agreements that will surely be reinforced and new legal instruments signed in areas of com-

mon interest, **Angola and Türkiye** are two countries that have much in common to explore and share.

The prospect of signing new agreements will be a significant gain for both countries, economies and peoples.

Angola and Türkiye, in recent years, have carried out important economic reforms, involving the improvement of the business environment, which today places them in a privileged position to re-launch cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

The **liberalisation of the economy** that began in the 1980s completely changed the Turkish economic panorama, with periods of remarkable growth.

Both countries have a large coastal area and obviously this link to the sea poses challenges for cooperation in the vast area linked to the so-called blue economy.

Agriculture, industry, transport, banking, among other sectors, are areas that can be of great interest for both countries and lead them to go hand in hand.



MINISTER TÉTE ANTÓNIO RECEIVES UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR IN ANGOLA

In the framework of the fulfillment of his diplomatic agenda, His Excellency Ambassador **Téte António**, Minister of External Relations, received on **3 November**, in Luanda, **Zahira Virani**, Resident Coordinator of the United Nations in the Republic of Angola.

This working meeting that took place at the Ministry of External Relations served for the two interlocutors to **address issues related to the strengthening of relations between Angola and the UN**, concerning peace and security.

The **United Nations in Angola and its local partners** are working towards the achievement of the **Sustainable Development Goals** that are aligned to the **National Development Plan for 2018-2022**.

The **Office of the Resident Coordinator** encompasses all **organizations of the UN System** that deal with operational activities for development, regardless of their formal presence in the Southern African country.

This system **aims to bring together the different UN agencies** to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their operational activities at country level.

The **Resident Coordinator leads the UN Country Team (UNCT)** and together works in close partnership with the Government, advocating for the interests and mandates of the UN System, and **ensures that the operational activities of the UN System are guaranteed**,



H.E. Zahira Virani,
Resident Coordinator of the United Nations
in the Republic of Angola.

contributing to the effective and efficient development of the country by providing an adequate response to its needs.

The coordination of development operations **promotes greater strategic support for national plans and priorities**, making operations more efficient and **reducing transaction costs for the government**, helping the United Nations to be a more relevant and reliable partner for the African nation.



MIREX HOSTS SESSION TO PROMOTE NEW ANGOLA-EUROPEAN UNION PARTNERSHIP



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

The opening session included the address by His Excellency **Domingos Custódio Vieira Lopes**, Secretary of State for International Cooperation and Angolan Communities, as well as explanations by the National Director for Integration, Cooperation and International Business of the Ministry of Economy and Planning, **Dr. António Pombal**, the Head for Cooperation of the European Union Delegation in Angola, **Dr. Enrico Strampelli**, and the Director of Europe of the Ministry of External Relations, Ambassador **Júlio Maiato**.

The application period for the **Third Call for Proposals of the Angola-European Union Dialogue Facility** is open until **27 January 2023**, with an overall financial envelope of **EUR 800,000**. Applications are accepted for **Dialogue Actions** in all priority thematic areas of the **Angola-European Union Joint Way Forward** political agreement signed in 2012, namely: **Peace and Security, Good Governance and Human Rights, Economic Growth and Sustainable Development, Energy, Transport, Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change, Science and Technology, and Education and Training.**

The **Call for Proposals** is aimed at **Services, Departments and Institutes of the Central, Provincial and Local Public Administration of Angola and European Union Institutions and Agencies.**

Other **public and private** entities from Angola and **European Union Member States, including civil society organizations**, think tanks, Institutes of Higher Education, Scientific and Technological Centres, as well as business organizations are also part of this mechanism.

The Ministry of External Relations on 9 November in Luanda hosted the Session to promote the New Angola-European Union Partnership and the Third Call for Proposals Dialogue Facility Project.

The event, which took place in a hybrid format (virtual and in-person), brought together officials from the Angolan ministerial offices and provincial governments, and aimed to inform the New Paradigm of Cooperation between Angola and the EU, as well as provide information on the Angola/EU Dialogue Facility Project, namely its context, objectives, achievements and also a brief explanation on the Third Call for Proposals.



The **Technical Assistance of the EU-Angola Dialogue Facility** will support proposing entities, in particular Angolan public institutions, in the preparation and submission of their applications through promotion and technical capacity building initiatives.

The **EU-Angola Dialogue Facility** is a project financed by the **European Development Fund**, which aims to support actions promoted by Angolan and European institutions to deepen the regular exchange of knowledge and good practices in the areas defined by the **Angola-European Union Joint Way Forward Agreement**, with relevance to the **2018-2022 National Development Plan.**

The **EU-Angola Dialogue Facility** is coordinated by the **Project Steering Committee**, consisting of the **Ministers of External Relations, Economy and Planning and the Ambassador of the European Union in Angola.**



Dr. Enrico Strampelli
Head for Cooperation of the EU Delegation in Angola



Ambassador Júlio Maiato
Director of Europe of the Ministry of External Relations



“VENÂNCIO DE MOURA” DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS



Ambassador José Marcos Barrica
Director General of ADVM

The “Venâncio de Moura” Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of External Relations, was established by Presidential Decree No. 5/21 of 04 January.

Unveiled on 12 November 2020, by the President of the Republic of Angola João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, it is an organ of the Ministry of External Relations, endowed with legal personality and administrative, financial and property autonomy.

The Diplomatic Academy has as its patron the late Minister of External Relations Venâncio da Silva Moura, whose tribute is rendered on 25 February, the day of his birth. For this reason, the diplomatic institute was named after “Venâncio de Moura” and has as its acronym ADVM.

The genesis of the ADVM dates back to the former Institute of International Relations (IRI), created through Decree-Law No. 3/99 of 03 July, in order to promote professional courses, training and capacity building of officials of the Ministry of External Relations.

In 2003 by Executive Decree No. 28/02 of 16 June, it began lecturing bachelor degree course in International Relations.

In September 2017, the Institute became a Higher Education Institution, through Decree No. 228/17, with double tutelage: the organic exercised by the Ministry of External Relations and the methodological side by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation.

In 2020 with the reorganization of the network of public higher education institutions, some academic institutions and regions in the country were extinguished. The Higher Institute of International Relations was included and started operating as a course in the organic of the University of Luanda, moving away, therefore, from the tutelage of the Ministry of External Relations (MIREX).

In this context, the Venâncio de Moura Diplomatic Academy was born as a superintended organ of the Ministry of External Relations, with the purpose of professionally training and qualifying diplomats and other officials of MIREX, as well as of other ministerial departments and public and private institutions.

MISSION: To train with rigor, excellence and to foster a culture of research for the promotion of peace, cooperation and development.

VISION: To be a model Diplomatic Academy, with an international reputation that offers quality training and innovative scientific research in the fields of International Relations and Diplomacy.

VALUES: Commitment to the Institution, Discipline, Rigour, Excellence, Meritocracy and Innovation.

CAPACITY BUILDING COURSE

For newly appointed Ambassadors, For Consuls appointed for the first time,
For Minister Counsellors and Counsellors, For 1st, 2nd and 3rd Secretaries.

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Ambassadors’ refresher course, Refresher course for Consuls and Vice-Consuls,
Consular Practise Course for Technical Officials, Course on Protocol and Ceremonial for State officials, Course in negotiation theory and techniques, Course in Portuguese language expression techniques.

TRAINING COURSES FOR TECHNICAL-ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Course for Financial Attachés, Course for Administrative Attachés, Course for Commercial attachés, Course for Press Attachés, International Relations and Diplomacy Course (for recently admitted non-diplomatic staff, Ambassadors, spouses of Minister Counsellors and Counsellors, spouses of Consuls and Vice-Consuls), Secretarial course for Mirex staff.

EXTENSION COURSES

Economic diplomacy course, Course in Commercial diplomacy, Course in Digital diplomacy, Course in cultural diplomacy, Course in protocol and event management, Course in protocol and municipal ceremonial, Course in international negotiation techniques, Course in business negotiation, Course in marketing and internationalisation of companies, Course in IT, Secretarial Training, Language courses.



The “Venâncio de Moura” Diplomatic Academy has a Languages Department, whose focus is the language training for diplomats and other officials of MIREX, as well as other ministerial departments and public and private institutions, and the general public.

The programmes are designed on the basis of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), and International Certification of Language Proficiency and Knowledge adopted in the European Union and other countries (DELFDALF, TOEFL/TOEIC, CIPLE/DEPLE/DIPLE/DAPLA/DUPLE).

STRATEGIC STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The Strategic Studies Department is the executive department responsible for producing in-depth studies on geo-strategic issues and international cooperation, with the aim of providing the Ministry of External Relations with specialised and up-to-date material on the development of international relations.

In this area, in-depth studies are carried out in the following areas:

Foreign Policy and International Relations, Economic Diplomacy, International Political Economy and Regional Integration, International Security and Conflict Resolution in Africa and the World, Communities, Emigrants and Immigrants, Climate Change.

The outcome of the research undertaken by the Department of Strategic Studies is published in the scientific journal **MUNDUS DIP**, owned by the Diplomatic Academy.



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REFRESHER SEMINAR ON UNITED NATIONS



In the framework of the celebration of the 77th Anniversary of the creation of the United Nations (UN), commemorated on 24 October, the “Venâncio de Moura” Diplomatic Academy held, from 24 to 28 October, a Refreshment Seminar for the Officials of the Ministry of External Relations, Members of the Intersectoral Commission for the Preparation of Human Rights Reports (CIERDH), Civil Society and the academic community.

Ambassador **Arcanjo do Nascimento**, **Dr. Mateus Luemba**, Professor at the Academy of Science and Technology (ACITE), **Dr. Márcio Burity**, Consultant to the Minister of External Relations, as well as **Dr. Mady Biaye**, Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Angola, were invited to this Seminar.

The event was witnessed by Ambassador and Professor **Marcos Barrica**, Director General of the “Venâncio de Moura” Diplomatic Academy and by **Dr. Matias Pires** and **Dr. Cláudia Baptista**, Deputy Directors General.

The meeting served to review the context of the creation of the organization, its main organs and its specialized agencies, as well as the structure and functioning of its main bodies such as the **General Assembly**, **Security Council**, **Economic and Social Council**, **Trusteeship Council**, **International Court of Justice** and its **Secretariat**.

The speakers took the opportunity to talk about the position expressed by Angola in all the high-level debate sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, at the **level of the Head of State** and the **Minister of Foreign Affairs**, on the **reform of the Security Council** so that there is a better geographical representativeness that will produce a balance in the Council’s decision-making process.

The seminar served to remind participants of **Angola’s relevance in international life at the global and regional levels and its influence in the corridors of the United Nations**.

Angola has served twice as **Vice President of the United Nations General Assembly** and in equal numbers on the **Security Council** as a **Non-Permanent Member** of this body, in the 2003-2004 and 2015-2016 biennium.

While on the Security Council, Angola chaired the working group on conflict prevention in Africa; the working group on procedures; the Security Council; as well as led field visits to the Great Lakes Region.

On Specialized Agencies, there was also discussion of their role in the international community and their relationship with United Nations Member States.



MINISTER TÊTE ANTÓNIO WELCOMES ANGOLAN INVENTOR

His Excellency Ambassador **Tête António**, Minister of External Relations, received on **9 November**, in Luanda, **Augusto Neves Eduardo**, an Angolan student, **entrepreneur and inventor**, with studies focused on renewable energy.

The talent of this **INAGBE scholarship holder in India** was discovered by the **Ministry of External Relations** during the tour of a multi-sectorial Angolan delegation, headed by Ambassador **Carlos Sardinha**, MIREX International Cooperation Director, to the State of Israel.

The Angolan inventor **Augusto Neves Eduardo** has in his archives manufactured materials such as hydrogen-powered **drones**, **various electric bicycles**, **biodegradable batteries**, **solar panels**, and **transparent conductors of high conductivity**.

Born in Uige province and resident in the Cassenda neighbourhood, in Luanda, the Angolan inventor is currently the **CEO of the KIESE company** in Angola. He is also one of the managers of the **AGNIPANKH ENERGY** company, in India, and an employee of the **Honorary Consulate of Angola in Chennai**, Southern India.



Augusto Neves Eduardo
Angolan Entrepreneur and Inventor

During the audience, the Angolan inventor said he **felt motivated to meet with the head of Angolan diplomacy** to express his desire to see the Angolan Government engaged more and more in **scientific research work**.





FOR MIREX ALL TOGETHER AND UNITED