

INTRODUCTION

A Newsletter to bring you closer to the Angolan reality

The Embassy of Angola in Hungary has the great honor to launch its newsletter which will be available every two months. This newsletter is designed for both the diplomatic corps accredited in Hungary and the Hungarian political and economic decision-makers. It is also for the African community in general and in particular the Angolan Diaspora.

Over the last ten years, our country has made tremendous progress in the consolidation of peace, national reconstruction and implementation of a sustainable program for economic and social development.

The President of the Republic, José Eduardo dos Santos and the Government have done their best to rebuild the economic foundations of the country, balancing the fundamentals of national economy and boosting the political process in general elections that took place in 2008 and 2012.

The progress of our country is still unknown by a large section of public opinion in Hungary and the African and Angolan Diaspora. The purpose of this newsletter produced by the news services of the Embassy is to provide additional information that allows everyone to be closer to the Angolan realities.

I wish all readers of this newsletter a great trip to the realities of our country.

Lizeth Nawanga Satumbo Pena
Ambassador of Angola in Hungary



The Ambassador of Angola in Hungary
H.E. Lizeth Nawanga Satumbo Pena

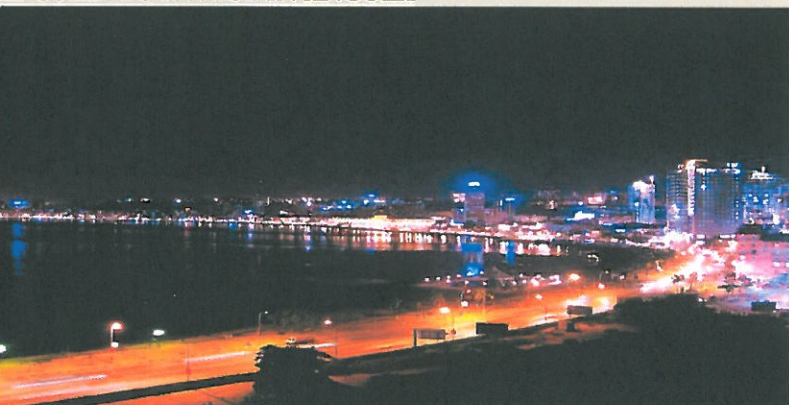


Map of Angola

NOW THE TIME HAS COME TO INVEST IN ANGOLA



National Bank of Angola



Luanda Bay by night

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INVEST IN ANGOLA

Angola's high growth rate in recent years was driven by high international prices for its oil and thanks also to the strategy of diversifying its economy. Angola represents nowadays one of the most compelling investment opportunities on the continent.

Angola is one of the world's most promising frontier markets. It has an exceptional resource endowment and unparalleled investment opportunities.

The website of the National Agency for Private Investment (ANIP) and its various publications provide an overview of business opportunities and priority sectors of activities of the Angolan Government.

Postwar reconstruction boom and resettlement of displaced persons has led to high growth rates in construction as well as in agriculture.

Since 2002, the Government has used billions of dollars in credit lines from China, Brazil, Portugal, Germany, Spain and the EU to rebuild Angola's public infrastructure.

The macroeconomic policy of the Government actively encourages foreign investors to invest in the creation of wealth in the country.

Private sector investment in infrastructural and other non-mineral projects is vital for the country to diversify its economy and tackle the development challenges that lie ahead.

Political stability and economic growth have reduced the risks of investment in Angola. The Government is committed to create incentives and to liberalize the markets.

Various incentives are already in place to attract interest from a broad spectrum of industry sectors. Further steps may be taken to streamline bureaucracy, simplifying the foreign investment process.

According to reports from the International Monetary Fund, Sub-Saharan African countries present very encouraging opportunities for growth and development. Now is the time to invest in Africa. The continent has not escaped from the global financial crisis but recent strong growth demonstrates the success of financial reforms and the emergence of a new and exciting financial era.

Political progress, democracy and progress towards the rule of law and respect for human rights, strong growth, stable inflation, financial security and rapid improvements in infrastructure distinguish Angola as one of the most dynamic economies on the continent.

The combination of all these factors encourages investors to invest in the country, to form partnerships with national companies and participate in the creation of national wealth, in a spirit of mutual interests which guarantees the return on investment and the repatriation and / or reinvestment of the profits.



Construction of the new building of the National Assembly



Angolan Offshore Facilities

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Angola: President of the Republic highlights the country's progress over the last ten years



The Angolan Head of State
José Eduardo dos Santos

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In an important and exclusive interview with the Portuguese television channel SIC, broadcasted on Thursday June 6, the President of the Republic answered several questions about Angola, Africa and international cooperation.

Giving an idea about Angola's general situation, the President of the Republic José Eduardo Dos Santos said that the last decade, in Angola, has been largely devoted to national reconciliation, the consolidation of the peace process, the revival of the political process and extensive programs of national reconstruction.

National reconciliation

About the national reconciliation the Head of State stressed: "national reconciliation implies, first of all, the perception that it is necessary to place the general interests, the interests of the nation, above any particular interest and thus guide ourselves by the essential values, like the values of the motherland, forgiveness, reconciliation, peace and defense of life, as a supreme good." President José Eduardo dos Santos said that in the early days, to cohabit with former enemies used to be difficult but necessary, "because, after all, the ultimate goal was to reconcile the Angolans, strengthen national unity and create the conditions for all Angolans, regardless of their origin, political and party affiliation, to participate in the great effort of national reconstruction, so as to build a nation that is everyone's pride."

Peace process

Touching on the peace process, the President of the Republic said: "after the war, in 2002, a peace and national reconciliation program was kicked off finally, in the course of which the formation of the Angolan Armed Forces could be completed by integrating the officers and soldiers of the UNITA military forces and by realizing the social integration of others actors of the society. More than four million displaced people had to be settled, conditions created to ensure food for them, thus ceasing the dependence from the World Food Program (WFP). He added that they have also started to intensively reunite families separated for many years, due to military instability and lack of security in many regions of the country".

Democratic process

About the revival of the political activity, the Head of State stressed the consolidation process of the democratic institutions and the creation of conditions for the deepening of democracy. Regarding the rule of law in Angola he added that several laws were passed to ensure political pluralism, the normal functioning of political parties and the creation of different associations, thus guaranteeing the right to free expression and the development of the private press.

Find the full interview at: www.portalangop.co.ao

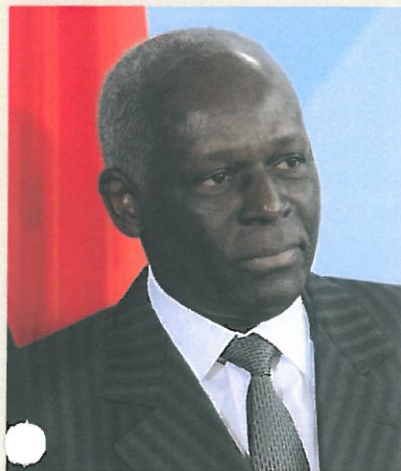
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H.E. José Eduardo Dos Santos
President of Angola

Reconstruction

Touching on the reconstruction, the Head of State explained: "The country was destroyed and in blood. The provinces have almost become islands, because nearly all the roads and railways were destroyed ". In the past decade, large-scale works have allowed reconstructing the network of roads and essential parts of the secondary railway network, the more than two thousand miles long iron transport system, as well as bridges, immense current generating and water treatment plants, and channels to transports these goods.

Education and training

The President explained that a comprehensive program of education and training of personnel was launched, schools, institutes rehabilitated and new schools built at all levels. The country has grown immensely in material and intellectual terms. "Now we are ready to face new challenges " he added.

He pointed out that he was proud of the efforts regarding human capital training and the creation of conditions to consolidate democracy, with general elections to be held periodically and the construction of facilities for the decent functioning of institutions, such as the grand Palace of the Parliament.

Combating corruption

Responding to a question on corruption, the Head of State said "I do not know if some day we will overcome the corruption. As you know, it is the world's oldest phenomenon and exists in every country, unfortunately even in the most developed ones. Clearly the Government's efforts should be focused to reduce this phenomenon as far as possible". President José Eduardo pointed out that the Government's policy aimed at combating corruption by improving regular salaries of public servants, strengthening the activity of the Audit Court, which oversees the State's accounts. He also stressed that in case of infringements, the offenders would always be held accountable, under the law.

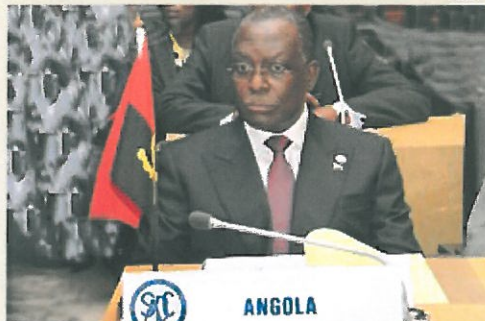
International cooperation

About the international cooperation, answering the question of a journalist, the Angolan President José Eduardo dos Santos found the relations to be good with Portugal, Brazil, China and Israel, in the perspective of the development of Angola.

Source: Angop

Find the full interview at: www.portalangop.co.ao

Angola attends the celebration ceremony of the foundation of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and reaffirms its commitment to peace and stability in Africa



The Angolan Vice President,
Manuel Domingos Vicente

Addis Abbeba – Angola reaffirmed in Addis Abbeba (Ethiopia) its commitment to promote peace, stability, democracy and development in Africa.

This was expressed by the Angolan vice president, Manuel Vicente, on behalf of the Head of State, José Eduardo dos Santos, while signing the declaration on the celebration of the foundation of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), currently the African Union (AU), on Saturday (May 25).

In terms of the 37-points declaration, the African leaders reiterated their commitment to continue the efforts aimed at eradicating racial discrimination and colonialism in all their forms.

The Heads of State also decided to revive the Pan-African congresses and incorporate them in the AU system.

They also renewed the commitment to see Africa free from conflicts and reiterated the determination to resolve, once and for all, the evil of conflicts and violence on the continent, and promote the consolidation of peace.

The African Heads of State expressed their decision to promote important changes in terms of democracy, good governance, science, technology and innovation.

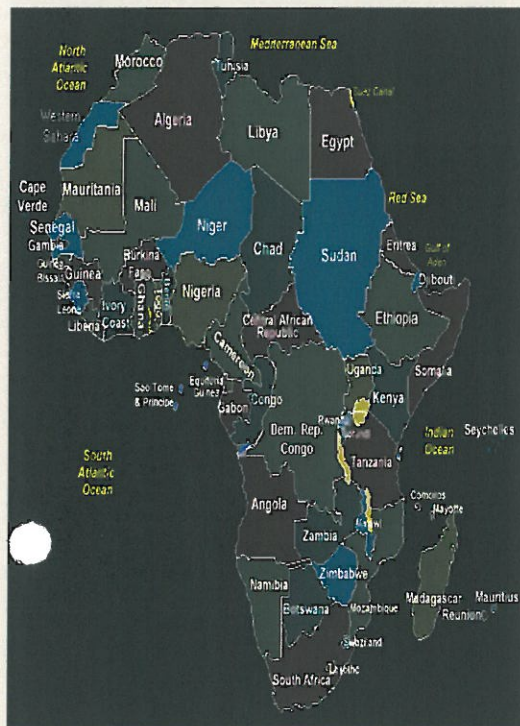
The African statesmen pledged to promote the human development, the management of natural resources, environmental awareness and the competence related to the full regional development.

On the other hand, they appealed to the African citizens, including the Diaspora, particularly the women and youth, to actively participate in the process that will define the agenda of the African Union until 2063, with a view to a better Africa.

They also expressed confidence that in 2063 Africa will be free from poverty and conflicts, with sound environmental policies that have an influence on world matters.

The Declaration on the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the OAU/AU was signed during the 21st Summit of Heads of State and Government of the organization that started on Sunday and is closing on Monday in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Abbeba.

Source: Angop



Map of the African Continent

ANGOLA-HUNGARY ECONOMIC FORUM FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES



The conference hall. More than 200 participants attended the Forum

Several speakers have developed important topics on Angola



Important Angolan and Hungarian personalities attended the Forum (from right to left)

1. Honorable Mr. Balázs Gerstl, Representative of the Hungarian Ministry for National Economy,
2. Honorable Madam Maria Luisa Perdigão Abrantes, President of the Board of Directors of the National Private Investment Agency in Angola,
3. Her Excellency Mrs Lizeth Satumbo Pena, Ambassador of Angola to Hungary
4. His Excellency Mr. Zsolt Maris, appointed Ambassador of Hungary to Angola

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OPENING SPEECH OF THE FORUM BY H.E. THE AMBASSADOR OF ANGOLA IN HUNGARY



H.E. Ambassador of Angola in Hungary
Lizeth N. Satumbo Pena

COUNTRY PROFILE

Official Name : Republic of Angola

Area : 1,246,700 sq. Km,

Capital : Luanda

Population : 20, 9 millions
(2013 ANIP)

Luanda Urban Population :
4,500,000,

Geography : Angola's terrain consists of a narrow coastal plain which rises abruptly to a vast interior plateau

Land boundaries: border countries:
Democratic Republic of Congo (2,511 km),
Republic of the Congo (201 km),
Namibia (1, 376 km),
Zambia (1, 110 km).

Coastline: 1600 km

The Ambassador welcomed the officials and many invited participants and declared:

"In the name of the President of the Republic, His Excellency José Eduardo dos Santos, and in the name of the Angolan Government, I would like to express my deepest thanks to all of you for having accepted our invitation and for honoring us with your presence at this event".

"I would specially like to thank Madam Maria Luisa Perdigão Abrantes, the President of the National Private Investment Agency in Angola, whose presence here today, her personal commitment and her recognized skills made possible the realization of this Forum in a short period of time".

The Ambassador stressed the role of the Hungarian Government in the realization of the Forum

"Our deepest thanks are extended to the Hungarian Government, particularly the Ministry for National Economy as well as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Both played a key role in realizing this Forum.

I would also like to thank the Hungarian Investment and Trade Agency, which is the equivalent institution of the ANIP, whose President's, Mrs. Erzsébet Dobos' presence here shows the high value that the Hungarian Government sets on Africa in general and on Angola in particular.

I would finally like to thank all the lecturers and the participants in this Forum and I wish their participation to enrich this Forum and allow the participants to have the maximum information and better knowledge about Angola".

The Ambassador explained the goal of the Forum

"This Forum, organized by the Angolan Embassy in Hungary in partnership with the ANIP (National Private Investment Agency in Angola) and the Ministry for National Economy of Hungary, aims at a very simple goal that can be divided in four aspects, mainly:

1. To present you Angola and the associated opportunities of investment,
2. To inform you about the legal frame and the opportunities of setting up your business in Angola,
3. To give you the chance to meet the most competent Angolan and Hungarian decision-makers who will clarify the parameters of investment in Africa and in Angola,
4. To offer a debate moment where your questions will be deeply answered.

This is the reason why I am especially happy with the intellectual and human quality of the lecturers and participants within this Forum which, without any doubt, will enrich the panels, allowing us to reach the expected goals".

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Climate: Angola's climate is semiarid in the South and along the coast as far as the capital city of Luanda. The North of Angola has a cool dry season (May to October) and a hot rainy season (November to April).

Natural Resources : Angola is rich in natural resources such as **petroleum, diamonds, iron ore, phosphates, copper, feldspar, gold, bauxite and uranium.**

Dial Code : 244

Currency: Kwanza (Kz)

GDP : US\$ 101 billion (2011),

Language : Portuguese (official),

Ethnic Groups : Ovimbundu 37%, Kimbundu 25%, Bakongo 13%, *mestiços* 2%, European 1%, other ethnic backgrounds 22%.

Elevation extremes: Lowest point: Atlantic Ocean zero m
Highest point: Morro de Moco 2,620 m



The statue "The Thinker of Angola"

The Ambassador stressed the excellent bilateral relations and the role of Hungary in Africa

"The realization of this Forum shows in fact the excellence of the bilateral relations between Angola and Hungary. Our two countries have strengthened political and diplomatic relations, excellent brotherhood and friendship. Therefore we are willing to extend this cooperation into economical, commercial, scientific, technical and cultural areas which hopefully will be consolidated and will be developed in the near future.

We remain convinced that Hungary, which is a country with a rich history, a diversified culture, a big opening to the world and which is a part of the European Union, has an eminently important role to play in Africa".

The Ambassador noted the progress made by Angola in the last 10 years and she invited Hungarian companies to invest in Angola

"After a long period of devastating war which impacted the national economy, our country reconquered the peace since 2002 and the Angolan Government set up a vast policy of national reconstruction, policies for economic and social recovery as well as legal incentives and financial measures to help the investments.

These policies started to show positive results allowing our country to become the second most powerful regional economy behind South Africa and one of the major trade places for the exchanges between Africa and the rest of the world. Apart from the economic performances worldwide recognized, as it is by the IMF (International Monetary Fund), the World Bank, the European Community and some rating agencies, Angola became a stability factor in Africa. Indeed, the country not only regained the peace and political stability at national level, but it participates in peace processes in certain regions of the African continent.

Several countries of the European Union signed with our country, agreements to protect investments and put in place numerous financial operations to strengthen these agreements and facilitate the repatriation of profits. Nevertheless, the most important thing remains the attractiveness of the Angolan market.

So, it seems convenient to me to invite the Hungarian entrepreneurs to take the innumerable opportunities of investment in our country.

During the last 10 years a considerable progress was realized. This progress concerns:

- The growth of the GDP(GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT) which was in average 10 % during the last ten years,
- The control of the inflation which allowed the stability of the currency and the prices,
- The diversification of the national economy which increased the activities of all the sectors not related to the oil and gas industry,
- The efficiency and the modernization of banks as well as financial institutions,
- The reconstruction and the construction of basic infrastructures,
- The setup of a flexible and attractive legal framework,
- The improvement of the accommodation conditions and the settlement of foreign companies and capitals.

In conclusion, I can assure you that the Angolan national economy is solid and allows the investors to perform in a politically stable and economically promising country".

Budapest, November 8th, 2012
Lizeth N. Satumbo Pena
Ambassador of Angola



Calandula Falls

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Madam Maria Luisa Perdigão Abrantes
Guest of honor at Angola-Hungary Economic Forum



Madam Maria Luisa Perdigão Abrantes, President of the Board of Directors of the National Private Investment Agency in Angola

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She declared: "Angola is an increasingly attractive market for foreign investors"

Maria Luisa Abrantes, President of the Board of ANIP (National Private Investment Agency) participated in Budapest at the Hungarian Economic Forum on investment opportunities in Angola as the guest of honor.

This Economic Forum, organized by the Embassy of Angola in Hungary and the Hungarian Ministry for National Economy aimed to present the country profile and its huge business opportunities.

On this occasion the leader of ANIP introduced her organization, its mission and objectives. She has largely presented the country's progress since the advent of peace and the political, economic and social developments.

ANIP'S MISSION AND MAIN ACTIVITIES

To promote the Government's policy on foreign investments;

To coordinate, guide and supervise private investment in Angola;

To promote the participation of the country in International organizations, at meetings on foreign investments and technology transfer issues;

To undertake, either in Angola or abroad, promotional actions to attract private investments that are most beneficial to the country's economy

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She wished to stress that "Angola, with an attractive market of some 20,9 million consumers, is strategically located on the Atlantic coast of West Africa, where it acts as an open gateway to Southern and Central Africa by way of road and railroad networks".

She explained that "The ANIP is the Angolan Government entity responsible for the coordination of the national private investment policy, as well as its promotion and follow-up. This leads to the eventual approval and supervision of the execution of investment proposals presented to the Agency".

Dame Maria Luisa Abrantes, President of the Board of Directors of ANIP had a particularly busy agenda for the Forum and bilateral meetings with the Hungarian authorities. During her visit in Budapest Dr. Maria Luisa Abrantes met with senior Government officials and Hungarian economic policy makers; she held an official meeting with Mr. Attila Holoda, Under-Secretary of State for Energy Affairs of the Ministry of National Development of Hungary.

The President of ANIP attended a working dinner, where on the Hungarian side were present His Excellency Zsolt Maris, appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Hungary to Angola, Mr Balázs Hidvéghi, outgoing Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Economic Relations and International Affairs of the Ministry for National Economy of Hungary and Mr. Balázs Gerstl, Head of Africa and Middle East of the Ministry for National Economy of Hungary.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE ECONOMIC POLICY

- Achieve and consolidate political stability
- Maintain and consolidate the current macro-economic stability,
- Improve productive and social infrastructures,
- Reform the administration of the State on the whole national territory,
- Improve the social services (education and health)

To undertake, either in Angola or abroad, promotional actions to attract private investments that are most beneficial to the country's economy;

To analyze direct investment proposals and/or technology import agreements, and to grant the necessary legal authorizations;

To intervene in evaluating, negotiating and monitoring all the phases of private investment agreements;

To advise and guide investors in the installation phase, particularly when in contact with other local entities;

To keep a register of national companies with foreign capital, foreign investment operations, and of other capital operations of foreigners in national companies.

For more information here is the website of ANIP
<http://www.anip.co.ao/>

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO INVEST IN ANGOLA

1. Presentation of proposal,
2. Draft articles of incorporation,
3. Certificate authorizing company name,
4. Annual financial reports
5. Certificate of financial capacity,
6. Certified criminal record

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Head of Department - Middle East and Africa /
Ministry for National Economy

SPEECH BY THE HONORABLE BALÁZS GERSTL

On behalf of the Ministry for National Economy it gives me great pleasure to extend to you all a very warm welcome to the Angolan Business Opportunity Forum. It is also an honour to welcome the President of the National Agency for the Private Investment in Angola, Mrs. Maria Abrantes, and the Director for the Promotion of the Investment and Marketing, Mrs. Ana Carina Venancio da Silva. I would like to express our gratitude to H. E. Mrs. Lizeth Nawanga Satumbo Pena, Ambassador of Angola in Hungary for her initiative to develop the cooperation between Hungary and Angola.

I would like to welcome Dr. Péter Faragó, vice president of the Hungarian Investment and Trade Agency, which is deeply committed to support the foreign trading activities of Hungarian small and medium-sized enterprises and to encourage and help foreign enterprises investing in Hungary. We would like to thank the speakers for sharing their experiences and knowledge of the African region.

I also welcome all the representatives of businesses who came here today to get a deeper picture of Angola. You may probably all have heard of the Hungarian Government's initiative, policy, the so-called "Eastern Opening". Under these efforts Hungary is readjusting its foreign policy to be more open to global developments. As part of this effort, we are reassessing Hungary's relationship with Africa. The potential for improvement is huge and we have made the decision to reverse the trend by injecting new substance into our relationship.

I hope you find the Forum an excellent opportunity to learn more about the process, how to invest in Angola. Since the end of the civil war in 2002, Angola has enjoyed rapid economic growth. Already the third largest economy in Sub-Saharan Africa with a GDP of US\$101 billion, the IMF estimates further growth of 11% in 2012. Angola is clearly a key African market for Hungarian businesses, with opportunities existing in a variety of industries from energy and education to financial services and agriculture. Hungarian businesses have much to offer to Angola.



Hungarian Map

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The Government of Hungary has been leading an increasingly active diplomatic activity in Africa



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A number of companies are already actively investing with bilateral trade between our two countries; our export has shown a significant increase this year, it has grown from 5 million USD to 64 million. We do hope to see this trend continued over the coming years.

We are happily informing you that we are strengthening our presence in Luanda, our Ambassador at large, H.E. Mr. Zsolt Maris is going present his credentials in the near future. Our Government has placed great emphasis upon strengthening and developing trade and investment in Africa. Finally, I wish you all a successful and fruitful conference and I hope that you will make the most of the opportunity to forge business relations that will flourish during the next years.

H.E. Mr. ZSOLT MARIS, ACCREDITED AS AMBASSADOR OF HUNGARY TO ANGOLA



Hungary's Ambassador stressed *"the excellent relations between the two countries. He pledged to promote strategies of cooperation in the sectors of energy, health, education"*.

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An experienced diplomat who knows Africa

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Education: Moscow State Institute of International
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EXPERIENCE

Director for Africa

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary
September 2010 – Present (2 years 6 months)
international affairs

Director for Africa

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Hungary
1987 – 2012 (25 years)

Consul General

Consulate General of Hungary, Sao Paulo
May 2004 – May 2008 (4 years 1 month) Brazil

Angola - Luanda (21 February 2013), The Angolan head of State José Eduardo dos Santos received Thursday the credential from the ambassadors of Serbia Dragan Markovic, Russian Federation Dimitria Lubaca, and Zambia Barbara Chilangwa.

During separate ceremonies held in the Presidential Palace, the Angolan Statesman also received the credentials of the ambassadors of Australia and Hungary, respectively John Wilson and Zsolt Maris, both non-resident diplomats.

After the handover ceremony of credentials the diplomats held courtesy meeting with the president.

The assistant of the President of the Republic and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also attended the ceremony.

The diplomats have recently delivered copies of credentials to the Angolan minister of Foreign Affairs Georges Chikoti having expressed their availability to work toward strengthened ties.

Zambian diplomat Barbara Chilangwa noted that the main challenge is to contribute to the increase of trade exchange between the two countries, with stress to the road connection.

While H.E. Mr. Zsolt Maris, Hungary's diplomat, stressed the excellent relations between the two countries, he pledged to promote strategies of cooperation in the sectors of energy, health, education.

John Wilson (Australia), spoke of the existence of various contacts between Angola and his country dating long years back, whose goal is to strengthen them.

AFRICA DAY, ANNUAL COMMEMORATION

Africa Day is the annual commemoration of the 1963 founding of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), presently recognized as the Africa Union (AU). The Africa Union is composed of 53 states and its main purpose is the unity of the continent, the fight against the civil war by peaceful means, the fight against poverty and the promotion of macroeconomic policies for economic and social development.

Each year, Africa Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of the peoples and governments and also an opportunity to know better Africa's economic performance and its cultural specificity.

The theme for this year's Africa Day in 2013 is "Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance" and marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Organization of African Unity, which gave way to the establishment of the African Union.

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The Africa Day in Hungary



Hungarian Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. János Martonyi and the Ambassador of Angola in Hungary H.E. Lizeth Nawanga Satumbo Pena

The event took place under the auspices of the Hungarian Foreign Minister, whose presence graced Africa Day. H.E. Mr. János Martonyi delivered a very informative and constructive speech, outlining the history of the African Union and the African continent's tremendous possibilities and challenges. Paying a tribute to the relevance of this reception, H. E. the Foreign Minister spent the entire evening there: he visited all the stands, tasted the culinary specialities and enjoyed the program.

As always, nearly the whole diplomatic corps honoured the reception and there were many other illustrious persons present. This is all the more significant, since Argentina's National Day reception was held practically parallel to our event. Also, for the first time ever since this reception has been celebrated, all African countries represented in Hungary have actually participated.



Photo Gallery of Africa Day

The cultural side offered a fortunate mix: after the impetuous dance of the well-known young Hungarian folk dancers „Csillagszemű táncgyűttes”, the Angolan group „Black Feeling” came up with its buoyant and energetic drum performance and dances. The sensuous Egyptian belly dancers enchanted all those present, courtesy of the Embassy of Egypt. Jeannot Randim Bia Rison accompanied his own wonderful Madagascar songs on the guitar. Many thanks for the performers.

The exciting raffle offered valuable prizes for the winners, including trips to Tunisia and Egypt.

The 14 African exhibit stands provided interesting glimpses into the African countries in question with a rich variety of colourful pictures, statuettes, handicrafts, jewellery and African everyday objects.

The African Buffet proved to be worthy to its rich tradition: it was exotic, varied and delicious and attracted many people. The cooks of 10 African countries made a fantastic effort to the delight of all the guests. Even rare delicacies found several tasters. The Party Service did a wonderful job ensuring the background and all the utensils for the buffet, considering that the Museum as venue offered restricted possibilities to this kind of services.

The well equipped drinks corner – thanks to one of our main and true sponsors, African-Hungarian Union (AHU), was another center of attraction. The drinks offered by AHU represent an important amount, for which we are most grateful.

There were several representatives of the media and photographers present, who will inform about this great diplomatic event accordingly, as they did every year: Economic Radio, ATV, Diplomata Magazine, Diplomacy and Trade, etc.

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