

SA-ACC - Angola Business Environment News (ABEN)

Contact Shell Angola

http://www.shell.com/home/content/top/contact/contact_angola.html

Letters: Exploitation of Africa

... [Namibian] Managers told me the European-built 1960s fleet of locomotives has been replaced by Chinese-built ones. These were subject to frequent failure and non-availability resulting in large-scale disruption of passenger and freight services...

<http://comment.independent.co.uk/letters/article3286791.ece>

Cahora Bassa, Sonangol, Geocapital and Eximbank highlights of Lusophone African business year

...The presence of Geocapital in Angola looks more uncertain, where the company has tried to launch the BANC bank in partnership with influential Angolan figures, including Luanda's current finance minister, José Pedro de Morais...

<http://www.macauhub.com.mo/en/news.php?ID=4583>

National Reconstruction Office wants to speed up road network renewal

...The Angolan government of plans to invest US\$3 billion over the next three years on rebuilding roads and bridges, but has noted that much more funding will be needed to recover the country's entire network of 73,000 kilometers of roads...

<http://www.macauhub.com.mo/en/news.php?ID=4549>

Chinese investors claim 2.7 mln yuan compensation from company releasing false information

...The company announced on Feb. 15 that it was in talks with a partner on a 30 billion yuan overseas construction project. It formally disclosed on March 13 that it had signed contracts worth 34.4 billion yuan (4.4 billion dollars) with the Hong Kong-based China International Fund Ltd. to supply products and services for public housing projects in Angola...

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2007-12/27/content_7319466.htm

Cabinet Approves Series of Institutional Contracts

...It also foresees the construction of 11 bridges in the provinces of Kuando Kubango, Huíla and Bié, the rehabilitation of the airports of Kuito Kuanavele, Negage, Cahama, Menongue, Catumbela and the aerodrome of Ndalatando, as well as the execution of projects of water supply and sanitation for the cities of Ondjiva as from Xangongo...

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200712200004.html>

World Bank DRC website

www.worldbank.org/drc

Search the Kew Herbarium Catalogue for "Angola" records – 3502 digital records - specimens and images

<http://apps.kew.org/herbcat/navigator.do>

Sun International seeks overseas growth

...The group's drive for international expansion has involved establishing a presence in other parts of Africa and South America...

<http://africa.reuters.com/country/ZA/news/usnBAN156122.html>

Business Anti-corruption Portal - Angola country profile

...Although corruption is definitely rampant and one of the main concerns of companies operating in Angola, it is not the only concern of companies. Violence is exploding in mining-areas, and according to the [2006 World Bank Enterprise Survey Angola](#), 36% of companies cite crime, theft and disorder as major obstacles to doing business in Angola. The police have managed to control crime in Luanda's wealthier neighbourhoods by brutally cracking down on all sorts of illegal behaviour, but crime remains rampant in the rest of the country. ...

<http://www.business-anti-corruption.com/normal.asp?pageid=386>

The Lapdesk Company

<http://www.lapdesk.co.za/site/awdep.asp?depnun=19766>

Huambo: Government Activity in 2007 Positive – Governor

<http://www.angolapress-angop.ao/noticia-e.asp?ID=583972>

Millennium [bank], Sonangol sign partnership agreement

...Angola's oil boom is also spreading to other sectors of the economy and Sonangol is active across the economy, including in the telecommunications and aviation sectors...

<http://africa.reuters.com/country/AO/news/usnBAN144972.html>

CNE Report on Elections Date Approved

<http://www.angolapress-angop.ao/noticia-e.asp?ID=583966>

The New Business Watergate: Prosecution of International Corporate Bribery is on the Rise

<http://www.corpwatch.org/article.php?id=14859>

2007 Retrospect: Speaker Defends More Active Parliament

<http://www.angolapress-angop.ao/noticia-e.asp?ID=583488>

IFRC Angola Appeal 2007 – 2008

[http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/KHII-7A39HS/\\$File/Full_Report.pdf](http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/KHII-7A39HS/$File/Full_Report.pdf)

President Dos Santos Congratulates Jacob Zuma on Election

<http://www.angolapress-angop.ao/noticia-e.asp?ID=583260>

A new utility metering device helps consumers identify the use, or more appropriately misuse, of appliances.

<http://www.isis-innovation.com/licensing/2871.html>

Angola oil exports to fall, output below OPEC target

...Angola is set to export 1.80 million barrels per day in February [2008], down 70,000 bpd from the previous month, its second consecutive monthly decline, trade sources said on Tuesday...

<http://africa.reuters.com/country/AO/news/usnL18572985.html>

Ruling Party Secretary General Congratulates Jacob Zuma on Election

<http://www.angolapress-angop.ao/noticia-e.asp?ID=583174>

TI CPI 2007 – Angola shows marked improvement

http://www.transparency.org/policy_research/surveys_indices/cpi/2007/regional_highlights_factsheets

Sector Pleased with Execution Rate of Works in Luanda

...According to Joaquim Malichi, apart from the rains and other constraints, contractors are to fulfil the agreed, so as to hand over the works within the deadlines, thereby avoiding likely fines, similar to what happened to Mota Engil/Monte Adriano and Soares da Costa companies...

<http://www.angolapress-angop.ao/noticia-e.asp?ID=583581>

Russia's Alrosa receives Angola oil licenses

<http://africa.reuters.com/country/AO/news/usnL19617607.html>

TI on "Corruption analysis in Southern Africa"

http://www.transparency.org/news_room/in_focus/2007/nis_africa

DRC full report http://www.transparency.org/news_room/in_focus/2007/nis_africa

Exxon Angola Mondo exports likely delayed – trade

<http://africa.reuters.com/country/AO/news/usnBAN846867.html>

Interior Ministry Unhappy with Police Overzeal

<http://www.angolapress-angop.ao/noticia-e.asp?ID=582876>

US view on Africa - Panel Discussion: Emerging Markets

... The truth is that corruption and its many permutations runs rampant in numerous African countries. The truth is also that many non-American investors accept this as a cost of doing business in Africa, and are not hamstrung (as many would see it) by a Foreign Corrupt Practices Act... The old song is that Europeans, Brazilians, and more recently Indians and Chinese know how to do business in Africa, and Americans don't. That's code for corruption...

<http://www.state.gov/p/af/rls/rm/97693.htm>

MERIC on Angola

<http://ded.mo.gov/researchandplanning/indicators/international/cty7620.stm>

Galp Energia may compete as operator for Angolan oil blocs for first time
... Forty-two companies are included on the list as "non-operators", including Iberdrola, Gema, National Petroleum Corporation of Namibia, Repsol, Roc Oil and Sonangol Sinopec International...

<http://www.macaub.com.mo/en/news.php?ID=4555>

Frankfurt Opens Flight to Luanda

<http://www.angolapress-angop.ao/noticia-e.asp?ID=582735>

World Bank List of economies 2007

<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/DATASTATISTICS/Resources/CLASS.XLS>

2008 State Budget Provides for Administrative Decentralisation

<http://www.angolapress-angop.ao/noticia-e.asp?ID=581679>

Petra Diamonds is a growing force in winning diamonds from Africa's rich resources

...Petra has two world class exploration projects in Angola, Alto Cuilo and Luangue. Exploration activities at project Alto Cuilo yield ever more exciting results; 75 kimberlitic occurrences had been identified by drilling and highly encouraging diamond indicator minerals had been recovered which are comparable to other economic kimberlite deposits around the world, confirming the potential for Alto Cuilo to host major economic diamond deposits....

<http://petradiamonds.com/content/>

Agriculture Deputy Minister Works In Bie Province

<http://www.angolapress-angop.ao/noticia-e.asp?ID=581683>

Landmine clearance facilitates national reconstruction

... CNIDAH's chief urges partners involved in demining operations for a double effort during the elections so that no Angolan is hindered from voting by a landmine or other explosive devices....

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/EDIS-7A2R3D?OpenDocument>

New African Frontiers – Angola travel page

<http://www.newafricanfrontiers.com/countries/angola/index.htm>

Gem Diamonds Kimberley

...Chiri kimberlite in Angola...

<http://www.gemdiamonds.com/announcements/Kimberley%20Closing%20announcement%20181207%20FINAL.pdf>

Outside investors eye Africa with new enthusiasm

... Resource-rich former war zones such as Angola, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Democratic Republic of Congo and Mozambique have become amongst some of the fastest growing economies on earth, some even outstripping China -- albeit from very low bases... Corruption remains a huge concern. Anti-corruption pressure groups, companies and officials say it is broadly falling although some countries including Angola lag behind... In some countries, despite double-digit growth, not enough seems to get through to the poor...

<http://africa.reuters.com/country/AO/news/usnL13596592.html>

IFAD's Executive Board approves US\$ 263 million in loans and grants to combat rural poverty in 16 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Near East

... A loan of US\$8.2 million will allow some 126,000 households in Angola to increase agricultural production and gain access to more efficient agricultural markets. After almost three decades of war, peace in Angola has opened the way for reconstruction. It is a potentially rich agricultural country, but lack of investment has severely limited the sector. There is significant potential to increase production by expanding the average cultivated area per farmer and by increasing labour productivity. The project will promote a participatory approach to small-scale agricultural investments...

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/EGUA-79VS2T?OpenDocument>

ENE Debates Power Network Interconnection with SADC Countries

<http://www.angolapress-angop.ao/noticia-e.asp?ID=583033>

Stock market would help capital flow -Angola cbank

<http://africa.reuters.com/country/AO/news/usnL14135173.html>

Luanda health centers to be equipped in 2008

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/EDIS-79VNV9?OpenDocument>

World Potato Atlas - Angola area under cultivation

...FAO reported 11,000 hectares in 2001, 74,000 hectares in 2002, and 103,000 hectares for 2004. The 2003 estimate is used here, distributed sub-nationally consistent with CIP estimates noted above. Since root and tuber crop cultivation has generally been underestimated in this region of Africa, the higher estimates are probably more accurate, but should still be treated cautiously...

http://research.cip.cgiar.org/confluence/download/attachments/4818/INFO_PT_AREA_YIELD_70921.doc?version=1

Bender on 500 years of "Angola under the Portuguese" [myths and realities]

<http://www.africaworldpressbooks.com/servlet/Detail?no=208>

Angola since 1961 – aviation (200 airstrips in Angola) and military / historical background by ACIG.Org

http://www.acig.org/artman/publish/article_181.shtml

Airports in Angola

<http://www.worldaerodata.com/countries/Angola.php>

Latest Issue of Inside Southern African Trade (INSAT) – on Namibia

... This issue of INSAT is dedicated to Namibia – 'The Land of Contrast'. With Sub-Saharan Africa's fourth highest Human Development Index ranking and third highest GDP per capita, the last country in Southern Africa to win its independence seems to be doing well. However, the Namibian economy is poorly diversified, relying heavily on mining for export earnings and fiscal revenue, and is thus exposed to large and unpredictable fluctuations in commodity prices. Where it exports other products, such as beef, fish products and grapes, it has relied very heavily on preferential access to a limited range of markets. The recent threat of loss of such preferences through, for example, the end of the Cotonou Agreement, brought attention to the possibility of huge trade disruptions in Namibia and should serve as a warning to other industries and countries in the region...

<http://www.satradehub.org/index.php?id=1090>

Web version <http://204.3.167.236/assets/files/INSAT%2011%20-%20Web.pdf>

Enter the World Challenge 2007 and show the world how your company puts back value into the community

<http://www.theworldchallenge.co.uk/>

African legacies: settler-colonialism, land-politics

http://www.opendemocracy.net/article/democracy_power/africa/zimbabwe_kenya

Lonrho to establish a \$9m water bottling plant in Angola

...[Lonrho Springs] It explained that following an extensive market review and analysis of the projected future bottled water requirements in the country, Lonrho was establishing a new Angolan subsidiary, Lonrho Springs Angola Lda, (Losa) that would develop the project and operate the business...

http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article.php?a_id=123492

Wikipedia on Angola

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angola>

IRIN on Angola

<http://www.irinnews.org/RadioCountry.aspx?Country=AO>

Group Five wins R430m Nigerian power contract

http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article.php?a_id=123295

Chevron Announces Green Light for Angola LNG Project

... The Angola LNG project plans to commercialize dedicated Angolan natural gas resources by collecting and transporting gas located offshore Angola to an onshore liquefaction plant located in the Soyo region, Zaire Province. The project is designed to receive approximately one billion cubic feet of associated natural gas a day and produce approximately 5.2 million metric tonnes a year of LNG and related gas liquids products. It is expected to supply up to 125 million cubic feet a day of natural gas to Sonangol for domestic use in Angola...

<http://investor.chevron.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=130102&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=1085686&highlight=>

SAPICS supply chain conference 2008 – early bird registration period

<http://www.sapics.org.za/conference/>

Final Investment Decision for Angola LNG Project

... First LNG from the project is expected in early 2012. LNG will be shipped by project-chartered vessels to the Gulf LNG Energy regasification terminal which will be developed near Pascagoula, Mississippi. Regasified LNG will be sold to the US gas marketing affiliates of the partners. Accordingly, Total Gas & Power North America will buy and market Total's 13.6% share, around 100 million cubic feet per day...

http://www.total.com/en/press/press_releases/pr_2007/071210-angola-lng-project_14350.htm

Exploration resumes at Petra, BHP Angolan diamond operations

... Exploration activities resumed at the Petra Diamonds and BHP Billiton joint-venture operation in Alto Cuilo, in Angola, after operations were suspended following a helicopter crash on November 16, Petra said on Friday...

http://www.miningweekly.co.za/article.php?a_id=123188

Children "Accused of Witchcraft" in Angola [slideshow]

http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2007/11/14/world/1114-WITCHES_index.html

Angola army denies Congolese migrant rape charges

... Angola's army has denied allegations that its soldiers have raped, beaten and tortured illegal Congolese migrant workers before deporting them across the border, the state-run Jornal de Angola said on Saturday...

<http://africa.reuters.com/wire/news/usnL08660347.html>

ANGOLA-DRC: Activists denounce political apathy towards migrant rape victims

... Amigo Gonde, president of the Human Rights Defence Association, was equally critical of the DRC government. "Rape is used here in Congo as in other countries as a psychological weapon to defeat the enemy and humiliate ... Similarly, by these acts, Angola wants to reinforce the idea that Congolese people are and should remain inferior..."

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=75746>

TI's GCB 2007

[Survey includes 5 African countries excluding Angola]

http://www.transparency.org/policy_research/surveys_indices/gcb/2007

ANGOLA: To tell or not to tell, that is the tricky question

... The debate in Angola about the role of healthcare workers in disclosing the HIV status of their patients has been heated. On the one hand there are those who believe that health workers should do their utmost to find the spouses of patients living with HIV, as was once the case with syphilis, and there should be compulsory notification. Others say doctor-patient confidentiality should be preserved at all costs...

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=75737>

Congo [DRC] seeks more new partners after huge China loan

... Two days ahead of a summit between African and European leaders in Portugal, Kabila lauded the loan and infrastructure development package signed in September with China, which is to be repaid in part with valuable mineral concessions....

<http://africa.reuters.com/country/CD/news/usnL06898291.html>

Chevron Announces \$22.9 Billion Capital and Exploratory Budget for 2008

... Angola -- deepwater development of Tombua-Landana and construction of LNG facilities....

<http://investor.chevron.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=130102&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=1084856&highlight=>

Some projects in Luanda (Angola) [look virtually into the urban future of Luanda and Benguela – what are we missing?]

<http://www.skyscrapercity.com/showthread.php?t=471629&page=7>

Stay at the Hotel Avenida in Luanda

http://www.geocities.com/hotel_avenida/

Angolan mangrove communities

http://www.mangais.com/english/2-e-2_Comun_dos_Mangais_eng.htm

Angola: Conflict and Development 1961 to 2002

... Can a country achieve its development goals or, at least, its economic growth goals when it faces forty years of war? Angola's case is a paradigmatic example to answer this question. From 1961 to 1974, Angolans opposed Portuguese colonial rule by violent, revolutionary struggle. But from 1975 (Angola's independence year) to April 2002 (the date of the last ceasefire), a civil war pitted the ruling MPLA party against the main rebel group, UNITA. Macroeconomic performance differed across these two time-periods. The purpose of this article is to explore the influence of internal and external economic and political conditions on Angola's development, under circumstances of war, and to speculate on Angola's immediate future...

http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/pdfs/eps_v1n1_ferreira.pdf

Human Security in Angola - A Retrospective Study

... This case study uses the analytical lens of human security to conduct a retrospective analysis of the conflict and humanitarian crisis of the last ten years (1991-2001) in Angola. This study develops a set of indicators to measure rising instability that might be effective for predicting conflict or crises in other settings. The close analysis of the situation in Angola also illustrates how an ex ante human security assessment might have improved the international community's interpretation and possible response to the shifting conditions on the ground over the last decade of civil war. Human security is broadly defined as the individual or collective capacity to function productively and contribute to society...

http://www.certi.org/publications/policy/Hum_Sec_Angola_FINAL.htm

Tatas may join \$3 bn Angola project

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/News/News_By_Company/Companies_A-Z/T_Companies_/Tata_Steel/Tatas_may_join_3_bn_Angola_project/articleshow/2107611.cms

Payload: Taking Aim at Corporate Bribery

... the oil services company, paid a record \$44 million fine after admitting that it had bribed officials in Kazakhstan, **Angola**, Russia, Nigeria and elsewhere...

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/11/25/business/25bae.html>

IFAD in Angola

... IFAD's primary objective in post-conflict Angola is to ensure food security and help increase incomes, particularly for people living in the poorest areas of the central highlands. The organization's programmes and projects will address vulnerable groups such as women and households headed by women, as well as young people, demobilized soldiers and displaced persons....

<http://www.ifad.org/english/operations/pf/ago/index.htm>

IFAD Angola Country Strategic Opportunities Paper 2005

<http://www.ifad.org/gbdocs/eb/85/e/EB-2005-85-R-12.pdf>

Amnesty International Report 2007 – Angola

...In February [2007] the National Assembly approved a new Press Law, which prohibits media censorship and guarantees access to information. The new law abolished the article which prevented journalists from defending themselves in court in cases of defamation of the President of the Republic...

<http://thereport.amnesty.org/eng/Regions/Africa/Angola>

Human Rights Watch 2007 – 2008 expected in January 2008

<http://www.hrw.org/wr2k7/wr2007master.pdf>

SA-ACC CEO on “Success in Angola means playing by the rules”

<http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/saexporter.aspx?ID=BD4A647530>

There's no new “Scramble for Africa”

<http://www.spikedonline.com/index.php?/site/article/4145/>

Angola to abide by new OPEC output target <http://africa.reuters.com/country/AO/news/usnL05118883.html>

Price riggers prosecuted [in China – watch this space!] ... Shares catapulted the previously little known company to instant stock market stardom, on the back of a 34.4 billion yuan construction and engineering project for public housing in Angola earlier this year before it aroused the attention of the securities regulator...

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90884/6315171.html>

The Angolan Government must put an end to abuse... <http://www.msf.org/>

Group says Angolan soldiers rape and beat Congolese migrants

<http://africa.reuters.com/country/AO/news/usnL06594708.html>

Angola: Energy profile by Enerpub – [summary of US EIA information]

<http://www.energypublisher.com/article.asp?id=12765>

Complete WTO International Trade Statistics 2007 now available as a pdf file at
http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/statis_e/its2007_e/its2007_e.pdf

Repsol and Gas Natural in Angola gas project [potentially a second, big, gas processing project]
<http://www.energypublisher.com/article.asp?idarticle=12764>

PARIS CLUB CREDITORS AND ANGOLA NORMALIZE THEIR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS 5
December 2007

Paris Club creditors welcome the official commitment by Angola to clear all its remaining arrears towards them and commend the government of Angola for its decision. Angola has already paid to Paris Club creditors all its arrears except late interests and has resumed the normal payment of the maturities of its outstanding debt. The government of Angola has also committed to pay the late interests calculated by the Paris Club, in three instalments from January 2008 to January 2010. This formal commitment from Angola to clear all its remaining arrears allows Paris Club creditors to normalize their financial and economic relationships with Angola. Paris Club creditors that wish to do so will resume their activities of export credit. Paris Club says Angola to pay off late interest
<http://africa.reuters.com/country/AO/news/usnBAN555206.html>

Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda assist with Angola's DRC peace effort
<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/KHII-79L2VW?OpenDocument>

Ranking port cities with high exposure and vulnerability to climate extremes – [five references to Luanda]
<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/16/58/39720578.pdf>

Lonrho Mining Completes A\$4 Million European Institutional Placement Ahead of Aim Listing
...funds raised will be used to accelerate Lulo concession exploration...
<http://www.narediamonds.com/images/nare-35--shequ.pdf>

Enhancing knowledge transfer in multinational corporations: a dynamic capabilities driven model
[Angola-related knowledge transfer is one of the most important investment risk mitigation activities that your firm can engage in – recent experience has shown that even listed corporates are failing to manage this function effectively]
Abstract html <http://www.palgrave-journals.com/kmrp/journal/v5/n1/full/8500119a.html>
Full article pdf <http://www.palgrave-journals.com/kmrp/journal/v5/n1/pdf/8500119a.pdf>

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WWW.GC-SAT.COM

Further oil discovery on Block 32, in the Angolan ultra deep offshore
... Total is present in Angola since 1953 and holds interests in production permits both operated (Block 17) and non operated (Blocks 0 and 14) and exploration permits, two of which it operates (Blocks 17/06 and 32)...
http://www.total.com/en/press/press_releases/pr_2007/071203-angola-block32-Alho-1_14292.htm

Expanding tropics 'a threat to millions'
http://environment.independent.co.uk/climate_change/article3218026.ece

Air Sea USA Wholesalers of Cellular parts, Laptops, CCTV and Computer Hardware for Angola
<http://www.airseausa.net/default.cfm>
Human Development Report 2007/2008 - Fighting climate change: Human solidarity in a divided world
<http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2007-2008/>

Miss China Zi Lin Zhang Wins Miss World 2007 [Miss Angola came in second!]
... real shocker came with Miss Angola - a 50/1 long shot - came in second place...
<http://www.gambling911.com/Miss-China-Zi-Lin-Zhang-Wins-Miss-World-2007-120107.html>

<http://www.ibnlive.com/news/chinese-beauty-wins-miss-world-2007/53414-8.html>

The Chinese Revolution lives!

... recently China stepped forward and rescued Angola from the clutches of the International Monetary Fund...

<http://www.workers.org/2007/us/millies-1206/>

World Bank told to consult African Statisticians

... Mr Arbache attributed the spike in growth in some African countries like Angola and Nigeria, which are oil and producing countries because of boom in those commodities although 18 non-mineral economies with more than a third of African people were also doing well...

<http://www.myjoyonline.com/news/200711/10837.asp>

Fortis enters market via Angolan bank

... the funding of infrastructures (roads and bridges) and in the areas of industry and agriculture are also included in the agreement's objectives," said the deputy chairman of the BNI, an entirely Angolan owned and managed bank...

<http://www.macaub.com.mo/en/news.php?ID=4435>

El Paso takes major stake in Mississippi LNG project

... A group of Houston-based investors -- the Crest Group -- will own 30 percent and the American arm of Angolan state energy company, Sonangol USA, will own 20 percent...

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/headline/biz/5335144.html>

Bridge Collapse Blocks Caxito/Uíge Traffic

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200711300097.html>

CCS China Monitor for November 2007

http://www.ccs.org.za/downloads/monitors/China_Monitor_November_2007.pdf

Japanese Cars and PC memory for Angola

<http://www.annagoya.com/index.html>

Governance Indicators – Where should we be going?

...Scholars, policymakers, aid donors, and aid recipients acknowledge the importance of good governance for development. This understanding has spurred an intense interest in more refined, nuanced, and policy-relevant indicators of governance. In this paper the authors review progress to date in the area of measuring governance, using a simple framework of analysis focusing on two key questions: (i) what do we measure? and, (ii) whose views do we rely on? The paper emphasizes the need to: transparently disclose and account for the margins of error in all indicators; draw from a diversity of indicators and exploit complementarities among them; submit all indicators to rigorous public and academic scrutiny; and, in light of the lessons of over a decade of existing indicators, to be realistic in the expectations of future indicators. By Daniel Kaufmann and Aart Kraay, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 4370, October 2007...

<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTWBGIVANTCOR/Resources/wps4370.pdf>

Bié - Public Works Entrusts 40 Undertakings

... The works include the rehabilitation and construction of bridges, sports infrastructures, and repair of some main, secondary and tertiary roads...

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200711250038.html>

Mobilizing the African Diaspora for Development Initiatives

... More than a third of Africa's highly qualified human resources are presently in the Diaspora. Studies show that the most educated Africans increasingly opt not to return to the continent and stay in their host country after completion of their studies. A survey of African PhD students in the U.S. and Canada in 1986-96 showed that about 44 per cent decided to stay. The impact of the non-return has been debilitating on Africa's public and private sector, in some cases forcing countries to rely on high rates of international consultants to tackle development work. A partnership with the African Diaspora for the continent's development is thus essential to enable Africa to increase its capacity to use and apply knowledge and increase its access to financial resources.

With support from African governments, the World Bank hopes to use its engagement with the African Diaspora to strengthen the performance of its extensive portfolio of investment and development policy loans in the region (about US\$22 billion) by better engaging the African Diaspora with government support, in the over US\$6 billion of technical assistance which is financed by this portfolio....

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TAAG still on EU banned list together with many DRC airlines

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/pdf/list_en.pdf

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... also approved the contract of rehabilitation and reclassification of roads of the capital cities of the provinces of Luanda, Kuando Kubango, Lunda Sul, Moxico and Kwanza Norte, the contract of supplying metal bridges and the programme of preserving road infrastructures...

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200711280967.html>

What happens when the oil runs dry - Angola's uncertain future

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Regular Servicing of Bridges Recommended

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