

## Angola Business Environment News

### Important:

#### Angolan nationals are sought!

Several Chamber members are now in the process of recruiting English-speaking Angolan nationals, particularly from the Angolan diaspora, as office workers and factory workers for their new investments in Angola.

#### If you have the aptitude you may be trained, especially in the necessary factory work skills!

These investments are contributing to the diversification of the Angolan economy.

Interested Angolan nationals are invited to submit their CVs in confidence to the Hon Chief Executive of the South Africa – Angola Chamber of Commerce by email using this address

[rogerbt@sa-acc.co.za](mailto:rogerbt@sa-acc.co.za)

The investors will contact interested persons direct.

On 1 April 2009 the South Africa-Angola Chamber of Commerce celebrates 7 years of promoting trade and investment with Angola – see [www.sa-acc.co.za](http://www.sa-acc.co.za) to access the Chamber database.

### News over the last two weeks:

- See the attachment for a copy of the new Angolan Road Code in the original Portuguese (the English language version was circulated earlier this week)
- SAA is considering increasing the frequency of its Johannesburg – Luanda flights from 5 to 6 flights a week. This service, which commenced in 1992, is a most profitable route for SAA. SAA continues to assist TAAG to provide a Luanda – Lisbon service. TAAG's widebody longhaul aircraft are serviced at SAAT's FAA certified maintenance facilities at Johannesburg's ORT airport. SAA is a South African parastatal. SAA moves more traders and investors into and out of Angola than any other airline.
- Chamber members are expressing concern at increasing numbers of Angolan legal firms that decline to take on work that may involve, directly or indirectly, certain members of the Angolan elite. Mention is being made of de facto intimidation that undermines the "rule of law" public utterances made by some of the same members of the Angolan elite!
- Some expat financial service providers in Luanda are watching for evidence that could indicate that the Angolan government may be overextending itself in the Chinese credit context and perhaps end up saddled with piles of unmanageable debt.
- More and more chamber members are reporting that visa application processing by the Angolan consular offices in South Africa has moved from almost predictable to certainly unpredictable making the scheduling of trade and investment visits more uncertain than ever before – apply at least four weeks in advance of any intended visit and do not repeat not proceed with arrangements for flights / accommodation / appointments until the visa is in your hands.

### Solutions-related events 2009 update:

\*Mitigating your human capital risk in a weak institutional, weak organisational and weak integrity environment – date to be advised

\*Panel discussion on "Tackling the Worsening Port Congestion Crisis by Road" – date to be advised

Wednesday 28 January 2009

Full day briefing of prospective Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry participants in 2009 Angola trade mission

Tuesday 24 February 2009

Briefing on Angola to clients of South African International Business Linkages

Thursday 26 February 2009

**Briefing on Angola to members of the South African Electro-technical Export Council**

**Tuesday 3 March 2009**

Repeat of full day briefing on Angola to JCCI members.

**Tuesday 24 / 25 / 26 March 2009**

iPAD Infrastructure Conference in Luanda – see the outcome of this event at <http://www.spintelligent-events.com/ipad-angola2009/en/index.php>

**Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 April 2009**

Participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Swiss – Sub-Saharan African Trade & Investment Exchange event – details at <http://www.rainbow-unlimited.com/en/index.cfm?treeID=44>

**Tuesday 14 to Sunday 19 July 2009**

Participate in or visit Angola's Annual International Fair FILDA 2009 <http://www.filda-angola.com/> (Portuguese web version was poorly edited for 2009; English version was accessible via website but, as of early 2009, not updated for the 2009 event) – theme for 2009 is, loosely translated, "Towards Sustainable Crop and Animal Production". For Filda documentation call the Angolan Trade Office in South Africa on +27 11 884 3212 / +27 11 884 3219 / +27 82 604 6354

**Sunday 19 to Tuesday 21 July 2009**

Participate in or visit SAITEX 2009 - Southern Africa's International Trade Exhibition – see details at [http://www.exhibitionsafrica.com/2009/exhib\\_2009\\_saitex\\_main.asp](http://www.exhibitionsafrica.com/2009/exhib_2009_saitex_main.asp)

Enhance the productivity of your exhibition participation – train your stand staff – contact Joy Donovan on +27 11 794 7600 / +27 72 357 9966

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Access the ABEN content since August 2007 on the SA-ACC website, at your convenience.

The content of the ABEN responds to your needs – make your needs known by replying to this message with your input.

ABEN enables you to engage in Angolan time travel – yesterday / today / tomorrow – look through the URLs and savour the experience.

Never rely solely on the English language versions of ANGOP and other translated reports – always refer to the original Portuguese language version for decision-making purposes.

Interpreting and translating – mitigate your legal risk – for compliance purposes only use interpreters and translators that are “sworn” and “accredited”:

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**Specialist in work permit applications:**  
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**Angola – some “do-it-yourself” news, profiles, blogs and image searches:**

<http://business.iafrica.com/news/1555100.htm>  
<http://www.freedomhouse.org/uploads/WoW09/WOW%202009.pdf>  
[www.sanzalando.blogspot.com](http://www.sanzalando.blogspot.com)  
[www.blogdangola.blogspot.com](http://www.blogdangola.blogspot.com)  
[www.carranca.blog.pt](http://www.carranca.blog.pt)  
<http://www.mintrans.gov.ao/Default.aspx>  
[www.sanzalando2.blogspot.com](http://www.sanzalando2.blogspot.com)  
<http://af.reuters.com/news/country?type=angolaNews>  
<http://www.newstin.com/us/luanda>  
<http://www.npr.org>  
<http://www.macauhub.com.mo/en/countries.php?ID=222>  
<http://www.skyscrapercity.com>  
<http://www.portalangop.co.ao>  
<http://www.angolafieldgroup.com>  
<http://archive.wn.com/2008/11/25/1400/angolaenergy/>  
<http://www.noruega.ao>  
<http://www.ipsnews.net>  
<https://www.osac.gov/Regions/country.cfm?country=145>  
<http://www.panoramio.com/>  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/country\\_profiles/1063073.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/country_profiles/1063073.stm)  
[http://www.afrora.com/site/news/index.php?loc=en\\_US&ctr=ao](http://www.afrora.com/site/news/index.php?loc=en_US&ctr=ao)  
[http://www.cfr.org/about/newsletters/editorial\\_detail.html?id=1271](http://www.cfr.org/about/newsletters/editorial_detail.html?id=1271)  
<http://www.jornaldeangola.com/>

**Angola-related blogs:**

<http://blogsquefalamdeangola.blogspot.com/>

**Governance:**

Historically, directors, and particularly non-executive directors, had little formal liability when it came to the decisions they made at their companies. Now, with a new Companies Act expected in South Africa in 2010 however, there is a much more serious fiduciary burden on directors, and they face possible fines or jail time if they fail in their duties... The negligent and / or fraudulent carrying on of business by directors and / or the company officers (including deployed country managers) thereby causing liability to the company may result in the directors and / or the company officers being personally liable at least in terms of delict in common law – in a weak governance environment the risk of negligence escalates considerably – mitigate this cross-border risk using software and gap coaching – contact ABEN

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