Angola Forum 2015

Angola after 40 Years of Independence: The Way Ahead

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Programme

09:00 – 09:30
Welcome and Introduction
Dr Alex Vines OBE, Director, Area Studies and International Law, Chatham House

Ministerial Presentations
HE Georges Rebelo Chicoti, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Angola (Video Presentation)
James Duddridge MP, Minister for Africa, UK (Video Presentation)

09:30 – 10:30
Session One
Launch: A Short History of Modern Angola

Professor David Birmingham, Emeritus Professor, University of Kent
Discussant: Søren Kirk Jensen, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

Chair: Dr Alex Vines OBE, Director, Area Studies and International Law; Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House

10:30 – 10:50
Coffee

10:50 – 12:00
Session Two
Angola’s International Relations: Change, Priorities, and Influence

The UK Angola Partnership for Prosperity
HE Miguel Gaspar Fernandes Neto, Angolan Ambassador to the UK
Supporting Elections in 1992 (Video Presentation)
Dame Margaret Anstee, UN Special Representative to Angola (1992 – 1993)
Initiating Relations with an Independent Angola
John Flynn CMG, Political Adviser, Chevron; UK Chargé d’Affaires, Angola (1978); UK Ambassador to Angola (1990 – 1993)
Post Independence Relations with Portugal
António Monteiro, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Portugal (2004 – 2005)

Chair: Tony Dykes, Director, Action for Southern Africa

12:00 – 12:30
Lunch
Session Three
Angola’s Economic Trajectory

12:30 – 14:00

Securing Financial Stability
Theodore Giletti, Director, Banco Angolano de Investimentos

Developing Resources to Support Diversification
Darryl Willis, Regional President, BP Angola

Investment Infrastructure for Economic Growth
John Kolodziejski, Editor, Universo Magazine, Sonangol

Chair: Ricardina Pederneira, Author, Do Business in Angola

14:00 – 14:15 Coffee

Session Four
The Role of Civil Society

14:15 – 15:15

Balancing Economic Growth with Democratic Development
Dr Aslak Orre, Senior Researcher, Chr. Michelsen Institute

The Role of Faith Groups in Bridging Government and Society: The experience of Mosaiko
Fr. José Manuel, Roman Catholic Chaplain, LSE; Co-founder, Mosaiko-Institute for Citizenship

Life with Landmines: Peace Dividend or Poverty Trap?
Nick Roseveare MBE, Chief Executive, MAG (the Mines Advisory Group)

Chair: Chi Onwurah MP, Chair, APPG on Angola

15:15 – 15:30 Closing Remarks

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