Angola Forum 2018

The 30th Anniversary of the Battle of Cuito Cuanavale: Reflections on Southern Africa’s Turning Point

23 March 2018

09.30 – 10.00  Registration and Coffee

10.00 – 10.05  Welcome Remarks

HE Miguel Gaspar Fernandes Neto, Ambassador of the Republic of Angola to the UK
Dr Alex Vines, Research Director, Area Studies and International Law; Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House

10.05 – 11.30  The 30th Anniversary of the Battle of Cuito Cuanavale

HE Salviano de Jesus Sequeira, Minister of National Defence, Republic of Angola [Video]
Following the Minister’s address a video with footage of the battle will be played
Lieutenant General Miguel Junior, Angolan Armed Forces (FAA) [Skype]
General Peregrino Isidro Wambu Chindondo, Angolan Armed Forces (FAA)

Chair: John Flynn CMG, Political Adviser, Chevron; UK Chargé d’Affaires, Angola [1978]; UK Ambassador to Angola [1990-1993]

11.30 – 12.00  Coffee

12.00 – 13.30  International and Regional Relations and Implications of the Battle

HE Teresita de Jesús Vicente Sotolongo, Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba to the UK
Professor Chester A. Crocker, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, USA [1981-1989] [Video]
Professor Piero Gleijeses, School of Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins University [Video]
Professor Vladimir G. Shubin GCOT, Principle Research Fellow, Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences
Fred Bridgland, Author, Cuito Cuanavale: Twelve Months that Transformed a Continent
Dr Leopold Scholtz, Independent Political Analyst; Author, The SADF in the Border War: 1966-1989

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

13.30 – 14.30  Legacy of the Battlefield

The Future of Cuito Cuanavale [With video background]
Colonel Rui Nelson Gonçalves, Defence Attaché, Embassy of the Republic of Angola
Cleared the Remnants of Conflict
Dr Jane Cocking OBE, Chief Executive, Mines Advisory Group (MAG)
Gerhard Zank, Angola Programme Manager, HALO Trust
Curating Conflict and the Memory of War
Dr Polly Savage, Senior Teaching Fellow, History of Art and Archaeology, SOAS

Chair: Baroness Northover, Prime Minister’s Trade Envoy to Angola

14:30 – 14:35  Concluding Remarks

Colonel Rui Nelson Gonçalves, Defence Attaché, Embassy of the Republic of Angola

14:35 – 16.00  Lunch