

## Angola Forum 2018

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### The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Cuito Cuanavale:

#### Reflections on Southern Africa's Turning Point

23 March 2018

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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)

**Major General (Rtd) Roland de Vries**, South African Defence Force/ South African National Defence Force [1963-1999]

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

*Clearing 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