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## **Ambassador Rui Xavier delivers Figurative Letters to the South African authorities**



The Angolan ambassador to South Africa, Rui Orlando Ferreira de Ceita da Silva Xavier, delivered, on August 4th, the Figurative Letters to the South African authorities.

The event took place at the Department of Cooperation and International Relations, with Ambassador Rui Xavier, accompanied by the Chargé d'Affaires, Sandra dos Santos, being received by the Head of State Protocol of South Africa, Ambassador Nonceba Losi.

The two sides highlighted the need to strengthen bilateral relations in the economic and social domain.

Before being appointed to the position of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Angola to South Africa, Rui Xavier performed the same functions in Japan.

Due to inherent functions, the diplomat will perform the same tasks as non-resident ambassador of the Republic of Angola in the Kingdom of Lesotho and Madagascar.

In South Africa, Angola has Consulates General in Johannesburg and Cape Town.

### **RUI XAVIER IS ANGOLA'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH AFRICA**

#### **Who is Rui Xavier**

Rui Orlando Xavier, born in Luanda, graduated in International Relations from the Luís de Camões University in Portugal.

A diplomat since 1976, he is Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Angola to the Republic of South Africa.

He was Ambassador of Angola to Japan between 5 November 2018 and 15 June 2023. He also served as Minister Counselor at the Embassy of Angola in Portugal between 15 December 2003 and 15 July 2011, Counselor at the Embassy of Angola in Italy between December 15, 1993 and June 15, 1998.

He was Director of the Directorate of Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Head of the Department in the Africa and Middle East Directorates and Europe Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He is married to Mrs. Maria de Fátima Xavier and in his free time he dedicates himself to reading, follows sports, loves films and music.

Moments of the arrival of the new Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Angola in the Republic of South Africa, Rui Xavier, accompanied by his wife Maria de Fátima Xavier. The Ambassador was received at Oliver Tambo International Airport, by the Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Angola, Sandra Teresa dos Santos, by the Consul General of Angola in Cape Town, Elsa Vicente and by the Vice Consul General of Angola in Johannesburg, Nuno Benguela. In Pretoria, Ambassador Rui Xavier and his wife received welcome greetings during a brief meeting presentation to his new work team.



### **Angola represented at the 15th BRICS Summit in the city of Johannesburg**

The Minister of State for Economic Coordination, José de Lima Massano, participates from today to Thursday, in the 15th BRICS Summit, which took place between 22-24 August in Sandton/Johannesburg, representing the President of the Republic, João Lourenço.

Upon arrival, at Oliver Tambo International Airport, the Minister of State received welcome greetings from the extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassador of Angola to South Africa, Rui Orlando Ferreira Xavier, and senior officials from the Diplomatic Mission.



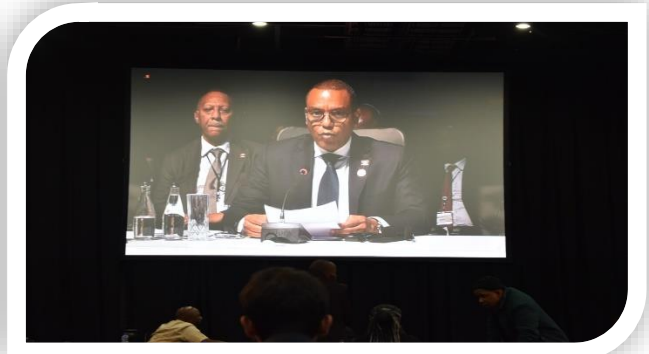
José de Lima Massano was accompanied by the Secretary of State for International Cooperation, Domingos Vieira Lopes, at the BRICS Summit (a group of countries formed by Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa).

The President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa was the host and was attended by his counterparts from Brazil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, China's Xi Jinping and India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.



Russian President Vladimir Putin participated remotely, via videoconference and represented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sergey Lavrov, due to an arrest warrant from the International Criminal Court (ICC) for alleged war crimes linked to the Special Military Operation in Russia. Ukraine.

More than 30 Heads of State and Government from Africa participate in the Summit, in addition to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres.



### **Minister of State for Economic Coordination spoke at the event**

During his intervention, the Minister of State for Economic Coordination, José de Lima Massano, highlighted Angola's economic potential and invited foreign investors to invest in the national market, taking advantage of the numerous advantages that the country offers for this purpose. The BRICS approved the entry of six more new countries, namely Argentina, Ethiopia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Iran, from January 2024.

The event took place under the motto: "BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Mutually Accelerated Growth, Sustainable Development and Inclusive Multilateralism", with South Africa assuming the rotating presidency of the bloc.



At least 69 countries were invited to the summit, including all African states. More than 20 countries have signed up to join the BRICS and several others have expressed interest in becoming part of the bloc. The BRICS represent more than 42 percent of the world's population and 30 percent of the planet's territory, in addition to 23 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and 18 percent of global trade.

## **BRICS Trade Fair, at Gallagher Convention Center, Midrand**

The Minister of State for Economic Coordination, José de Lima Massano, accompanied by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs for the Angolan Communities, Domingos Viera Lopes and the Ambassador of Angola to South Africa, Rui Xavier, visited a fair where the BRICS production capacity.

From the extractive and manufacturing industries, through agriculture, provision of services to the production of electronic equipment, exhibitors shared with the Angolan delegation projects taken to the Fair and which can be implemented in various areas.

After visiting the fair, José de Lima Massano said that Angola wants to rely on investment, knowledge and technology from large companies to develop the Agriculture, Automotive Industry and Tourism sectors.



## **Belarus wants to support Angola to ensure food Safety.**

On the sidelines of the BRICS Summit, the Minister of State for Economic Coordination of Angola, José de Lima Massano, met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belarus, Sergei Aleinir.

Angola and Belarus yesterday expressed interest in strengthening economic relations in the field of Agriculture, with a focus on food security, one of the Executive's challenges.

“We will maintain our focus on the Agriculture sector to ensure food security. Belarus has a lot to offer, from agricultural equipment, fertilizers and other equipment”, said José de Lima Massano.

For Sergei Aleinir, his country is available to develop a program for Agriculture in Angola that can be expanded to other sectors.



The head of Belarusian diplomacy said that the possibility of a working visit by the Angolan Minister of Agriculture to Belarus had also been discussed.

Belarus's economy is diversified, with agriculture and manufacturing as its main activities. However, commerce is another area of high importance in large centers.

The Minister of State for Economic Coordination, José de Lima Massano, took advantage of his presence in South Africa on the occasion of the BRICS Summit to visit the Consulate General of Angola in Johannesburg.

Accompanied by the Ambassador of Angola to South Africa, Rui Orlando Xavier, the Minister was received by the Consul-General of Angola in Johannesburg, Irene Brígida Santos.

Before the visit guided by Vice-Consul Nuno Miguel Benguela, José de Lima Massano, met with four South African businessmen who expressed interest in investing in Angola.



## Consul/General of Angola in Cape Town, Elsa Caposso Vicente worked in Port Elizabeth

The Consulate General of Angola in Cape Town held between 29 and 30 August, a Documentary Fair and Itinerant Event under the motto: "For a Consolidated Approach". The activity took place in Port Elizabeth, under the jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Angola in Cape Town, aimed to allow the reduction of

constraints in the processing of consular administrative services, for the reconstitution of Birth Certificates, issuance of Identity Cards, requests for the issuance and re-issuance of Passports, as well as approaching and understanding the main

problems of the community.

consular delegation was led by the Consul General, Elsa Caposso Vicente, who was accompanied by the Vice-Consul for the Migration and Investment Sector Elbert Tumba and Vice-Consul for Communities, Aleluia dos Santos. Around 180 members of the community joined activity and expressed enormous satisfaction at having consular services in Port Elizabeth. In her message to the community, the



Consul-General of Angola in Cape Town, Elsa Caposso Vicente, highlighted the importance of document



regularization as an act that expresses a set of rights that guarantee citizens the possibility of actively



participating in the life of the country. Elsa Caposso Vicente also took the opportunity to learn about the main needs of the community, made up mainly of citizens from the province of Cunene and whose main subsistence activity is fishing. During the process, 60 Consular Cards were allocated, 25 requests for the issuance and re-issuance of Passports, the issuance of 11 Identity Cards and 1 Birth Certificate. In the end, the Consul-General of Angola in Cape Town, Elsa Caposso Vicente delivered 200 basic food baskets to community members.

### **Embassy provides support to the Angolan community on the outskirts of Pretoria**



“Angola Thaba Tshwane”, this is the name of a small enclosure on the outskirts of Pretoria, where a residence houses 20 Angolans in its various compartments. These are citizens who for various reasons left the country to which they now intend to return. Luzia Oliveira, Head of Consular Sector of the Angolan Embassy in the Republic of South Africa, visited this small community on Tuesday (29 August)

on the outskirts of Pretoria where they took food and blankets.

Ermelinda Martina Kamweny, widow and veteran of the former Battalion 32, is responsible for the community. At the end of the visit, she thanked them for their support and requested intervention from the Embassy for a new registration to return the documentation that gives them Angolan nationality.

### **Ambassador Rui Xavier holds a courtesy meeting with his DRC counterpart in Pretoria**

The Ambassador of Angola to the Republic of South Africa, Rui Orlando Xavier, was received today, 31.08.2023, by his counterpart from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mulaja Binene Fidele. The courtesy meeting took place at the DRC Embassy in Pretoria and served to present greetings from Ambassador Rui Xavier, who is at the beginning of his mission in South Africa. The two sides reviewed the bilateral cooperation between the two countries and exchanged views on SADC, as Angola recently replaced the DRC in rotating presidency of the regional organization that brings together the countries of Southern Africa.



## Angola at the celebration of the 60th birthday of the King of Lesotho

The Embassy of Angola in South Africa, represented by the Chargé d'Affaires, Sandra dos Santos, on behalf of Ambassador Rui Xavier, was one of the guests at the ceremony to celebrate the 60th birthday of His Majesty King Letsie III. The event took place this Monday, July 17th, at the Setsoto Stadium, in the capital Maseru, with capacity for around 14,000 spectators, completely packed. The celebration was carried out through countless activities from every other year by the parade of 511 officers from the



Military Force. Defense of Lesotho (LDF) symbolizing His Majesty's 60th birthday. Speaking on behalf of the Heads of State, His Majesty King Mswati III of Swaziland congratulated His Majesty King Letsie on reaching the age of 60, arguing that he becomes increasingly more experienced and wiser. His Majesty Mswati also praised the foreign policy of his Lesotho counterpart when he said

that the Basotho people, the predominant ethnic group in the kingdom, are fortunate to have a leader who always seeks to renew relations with other leaders to the betterment of their nations and welcomed efforts to maintain peace and stability. In addition to His Majesty, King Mswati III of Eswatini, the ceremony was also witnessed by the President of Botswana, Mokgweetsi Masisi, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Zimbabwe, Frederick Shava, members of the government of Lesotho,

representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited in Lesotho and representatives of international organizations. In the year in which His Majesty Letsie celebrates his 60th birthday, he also celebrates 25 years since his coronation as King, in same stadium on October 31, 1997.

## **Defense Attaché of the Republic of Angola, accredited in the Kingdom of Lesotho.**

The General Officer, Brigadier José Viera Dias Paulino do Carmo was accredited last Sunday in the Kingdom of Lesotho.



The ceremony, which took place at the Lesotho Defense Force Headquarters ‘Ratjomose Barracks’, was presided over by the Chief of Staff and Defense of the Kingdom of Lesotho, Lieutenant-General Exavery Mojalefa Letsolela.

On the same occasion, the Kingdom of Lesotho also accredited the Military Attachés and respective Advisors of the Republic of South Africa, Germany, Botswana, Cameroon, Malawi, Namibia, Turkey, Tanzania, Swaziland and Zambia.

The Embassy of Angola in the Republic of South Africa is also responsible for the Kingdoms of Madagascar and Lesotho.