The African Development Bank Executive Director (ED) for Angola, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Namibia; Dr. Pedro Tombwele visited Angola from 26th November to 4th December, 2012 as part of his annual agenda. This was the second official mission of ED to Angola since assuming duties for his term that is expected to end in June, 2013.

During his visit, the ED met with several government officials, project coordinators and development partners in order to assess progress in the implementation of Bank’s programs including the identification of major constraints to Bank’s business processes in Angola.

The ED also took the opportunity to inform the AOFO staff on the latest developments in the Bank, namely, the planned return to Abidjan, the launching of the Bank’s infrastructure bonds, the appointment of the Bank’s new Vice-President for Corporate Services, Mrs. Susan Wardell and the preparations for the 2013 Bank’s Annual Meetings to be held in Marrakech, Morocco.

Finally, the ED highlighted the need for the Bank to maintain its triple “A” rating and called upon staff to strive for higher productivity and continue motivated to deliver better results in the implementation of Bank’s operations in the country.
AOFO Res. Rep strengthens dialogue with new AfDB governor in Angola

The Resident Representative of the African Development Bank (AfDB) in Angola, Mr. Septime Martin and the ED Pedro Tombwele paid a courtesy visit to the new governor of the AfDB and Minister of Planning in Angola, Dr. Job Graça. During the meeting, Mr. Martin took the opportunity to commend the government for the peaceful elections and the macroeconomic stability achieved and congratulated the Minister for his promotion. He then expressed Bank’s willingness to continue supporting government’s development agenda and strengthen cooperation. “With the opening of the Field Office in Angola we expect to improve follow-up of projects and deliver better results, he added”.

Mr. Martin also requested Governor’s support in the conclusion of critical dossiers that are due to be considered by the Board, namely, the Artisanal Fisheries Support Project and the Transport Sector Master Plan Study Update. On his turn, ED Tombwele informed about the end of his term planned for June, 2013 and requested Governor’s support in the appointment of a new candidate for ED assistant as the position of the ED will now be led by Mozambique.

AOFO organizing a CPIP workshop in Luanda

AOFO organized, on the 6th of December 2012, a Country Portfolio Improvement Plan (CPIP) workshop to assess the main problems and constraints affecting the portfolio performance as well as identify strategic measures to improve performance. The meeting was attended by all Project Coordinators and project staff as well as representatives of sector Ministries, Executing Agencies and development partners represented in Angola. After intensive debates it was deliberated to continue with the efforts aimed at improving portfolio performance through the implementation of the Country Portfolio Improvement Plan (CPIP). Furthermore, it was a consensus that the CPIP Matrix would serve as a monitoring tool to follow up project management. This will be completed by the organization of regular training clinics on procurement and project management. Close follow-up on annual projects targets (disbursement, procurement, activities, and outputs) will remain a priority, and an action plan will be adopted to monitor loans and grants eligible for cancellation. Particular emphasis will be exerted on quality-at-entry, with loan conditions being more scrutinized and streamlined to ensure rapid project start-up.

In response, the honourable Governor of the African Development Bank in Angola acknowledged the Bank’s assessment of Angola’s economic progress and expressed interest to continue collaborating with the Bank in various areas of economic development.
British business delegation visits AOFO

The African Development Bank, Angola Field Office held a meeting with the UK Trade and Investment Commission’s Business Delegation interested in getting informed on major business opportunities for UK firms in Angola. During the meeting, the Resident Representative of the Angola Field Office, Mr. Septime Martin presented the main pillars of the CSP, 2011-2015, namely, private sector development and entrepreneurship promotion and infrastructure development as well as a snapshot of the Bank’s portfolio. The Res. Rep. also discussed Bank’s project perspectives for Angola, in particular, the preparation of lines of credit to local development Banks to support SMEs (with discussions ongoing with several private Banks), and the concept note on support to SMEs and entrepreneurship promotion. Finally he reiterated Bank’s openness to inform on future procurements and business opportunities that may be of interest to British companies operating in Angola, in particular, in the areas of water and sanitation as well as consulting firms with experience in design of country’s sectoral master plans (in transport, energy and development corridors).

Dialogue: AOFO strengthens partnership with Development Workshop

The Angola Field Office (AOFO) Resident Representative, Mr. Septime Martin and the Country Economist, Mr. Joel Muzima attended a meeting at the Development Workshop (DW) Consulting Company’s Office in Luanda. The meeting was organized by DW with the objective of presenting the ongoing work on the design of the National Rural Water and Sanitation Strategy for Angola. The assignment is part of the technical assistance component of the Sumbe Water Supply and Sanitation Project funded by the Bank. The task is being performed by a Canadian Consultancy firm (COWATER) in coordination with the National Directorate of Water Supply and Sanitation (DNAAS) in Angola. According to the DW Director, Mr. Allan Cain, “the strategy is expected to be completed by June, 2013 and will provide all development partners with a broader view of how to assess investment costs in the rural water supply and sanitation sector as well as identify areas to be strengthened”. On his turn, Mr. Martin praised the initiative and took the opportunity to raise concerns regarding the slow pace of implementation of the Bank’s Sumbe Water Supply and Sanitation Project. Furthermore, he requested support of the technical team in strengthening capacity of the project implementation unit and DNAAS, in particular.
**Angola Development Indicators**

- **Land area**: 1,247,000 Km² of which 58 million hectares is potentially arable land

**Population**

- **Major Provinces**
  - Luanda: 5,851,200
  - Benguela: 1,985,400
  - Bié: 1,143,700
  - Huambo: 1,624,000
  - Uíge: 1,101,200

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**Upcoming missions and events**

- Private sector Identification mission on lines of credit for financial development institutions in Angola, 5-10 February, 2013
- Bom Jesus Calenga and Environmental Sector Support Project Supervision and Mid-Term Review Mission, 4-17 February, 2013
- Institutional Capacity Building for Public Investment Programs Supervision Mission, 10-15 February, 2013
- SAP Training for AOFO staff - 10-17 February, 2013
- Loan Administration Mission, 17-22 February, 2013
- Resident Representative participation in the International Conference on Oil and Gas in Maputo, 25th February to 1st March, 2013
- Energy Sector Master Plan Study Update and Capacity Building Identification Mission, 4-11 March, 2013