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Presidential Elections in Angola 2022

A STEP TOWARDS DEMOCRACY?

Annual Meeting of the German Round Table on Angola

Berlin, June 8th and 9th, 2022

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Five years after taking office, Angola's President João Lourenço must once again assert himself in an election. However, last elections were characterized by intimidation, fraud and violence. What chances does Angola have of holding a fair and democratic election after 47 years of MPLA rule?

The annual meeting of the German Roundtable on Angola will discuss with representatives of Angolan civil society about election observation and the possible impact of the election on the country. Once more, the impacts of man-made climate change in Angola will be discussed during the meeting focusing on possible adaptation strategies in southern Angola.

Venue: Berlin Global Village
Address: Am Sudhaus 2, 12053 Berlin Neukölln.
(For directions see below)

You can also participate in individual presentations of the event via video link.

For registration, please send an email to: d.duester@issa-bonn.org
(Deadline: May, 22nd)

Participation is free of charge.

PROGRAM – Juni 8th, 2022

09:00-09:15	**Welcome**
09:15-10:45 Lecture (Zoom)	**Who is up for election and what are possible impacts?** **Introductory presentation on parties and leaders in Angola** Possible scenarios for the election - change of power, violence, repression? *Speaker: Borralho Ndomba, journalist and DW freelancer in Angola*
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30 Lecture	**Methods of electoral manipulation and opportunities for election observation** How can election observation counteract vote-rigging? - Presentation of the project 'Movimento Cívico – MUDEI' *Speaker: Dr. Paulo Faria, political scientist*
12:30-13:30	Lunch and Coffee Break
13:30-15:00 Lecture	**Retrospectives and perspectives for election monitoring in Angola** How to link national initiatives? *Speaker: Lisa Rimli, independent consultant and election observer in 2008 and 2012*
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break
15:15-16:45 Panel discussion	**Electoral year 2022 – A step towards democracy?** Which impacts can be expected and how can civil society work towards fair elections? *Panel discussion including Dr. Paulo Faria and Lisa Rimli*
16:45-17:00	Résumé of Presentations

PROGRAM – June 9th, 2022

09:00-09:45	**Summary of the last conference on environmental challenges in Angola**
09:45-11:15 Lecture (Zoom)	**Climate Change Adaptation in Angola – Strategies and techniques for agriculture and development cooperation** Which steps can be taken in order to tackle climate change in southern Angola? *Lecturer: Dr. Natalia Limones, University of Sevilla*
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:30 Plenary discussion	**Plenary discussion** Plenary discussion on climate change adaptation strategies: What changes should we and our partner organizations implement?
12:30-13:30	Lunch

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Notice:
Registration is free and meals during the conference program (drinks, snacks, and lunch) are included. Rooms have been reserved at the nearby Centro Park Hotel Berlin Neukölln. If you are interested, please just inform us in the email if you are going to use one of them. However, accommodation costs will be covered by the guests themselves. We are looking forward to your participation!

Directions to the conference:

Metro:
- Line M7, station Rathaus Neukölln, 5 min walk direction Nordbahnhof
- Line M8, station Boddinstraße

Bus: Lines M43 and 166, station Morusstraße

S-Bahn: Lines 41 and 42 (Ringbahn), station Hermannstraße

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