

2nd Angola-European Union Business Forum: connecting goods, people and services for a sustainable future

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Press Release

- The 2nd Angola-European Union Business Forum will take place in **Luanda on November 17, 2023**, at the Epic Sana Hotel.
- This **European Union initiative, organized in collaboration with the Government of Angola**, aims to **highlight sustainable investment opportunities in Angola** and promote trade and economic relations between Angola and the European Union.
- The Forum will address **key sectors** such as agriculture, fisheries and related sectors, transports and logistics, green energy, digitalization, and critical raw materials.
- The event will hold the signing of the **Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement (SIFA)**, the first agreement of its kind to be signed between the EU and a partner country.
- The event will include **plenary and thematic sessions, sessions between entrepreneurs and public institutions, and meetings between representatives of the Angolan and European private sectors** to promote strategic partnerships and investment opportunities for both parties.
- The 350 in-person participants include **representatives from the European Union, the Government of Angola, EU Member States** accredited in Angola, **European and Angolan companies, business associations, export support agencies, and national and international financial institutions**.
- The Forum has already received over 750 online registrations, and **registrations to attend the event remotely remain open** at aoeubusinessforum.eu

After the success of the 1st Angola-European Union Business Forum held in Brussels in 2022, the European Union and the Government of Angola are joining forces once again to host the 2nd Angola-EU Business Forum, which will take place on November 17th, 2023, at the Epic Sana Hotel in Luanda, under the theme "Global Gateway - Business Opportunities for Angola and the European Union."

Organized by the project EU-Angola Dialogue Facility, the 2nd Angola-EU Business Forum will highlight the opportunities and advantages of Angola as a strategic destination for foreign investment. The Forum also aims to showcase the investments of the Global Gateway strategy in the country, promote interaction between the Angolan and European private sectors, enhance collaboration between the public and private sectors, and stimulate dialogue on reforms that drive Angola's economic development.

In line with the objectives of the European Union's Global Gateway strategy and Angola's economic diversification agenda, the 2nd Angola-European Union Business Forum will focus on

the strategic value chains of agribusiness and fisheries, as well as the sectors of digitalization, transports and logistics, green energy, and critical raw materials.

A noteworthy moment of the Forum will be the signing of the Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement (SIFA), the first agreement of its kind to be signed between the European Union and a partner country. The Agreement promotes improved business environments and sustainable investment facilitation between the parties and represents a mutual commitment to strengthen economic relations between the two regions.

This high-level meeting will bring together representatives from the European Union, the Government of Angola, and EU Member States accredited in the country, leaders from the Angolan and European private sectors, business associations, export support agencies, such as AIPEX, and national and international financial institutions – all united to support investment and drive sustainable economic development between Angola and the European Union.

The event's program includes plenary sessions on investment potential in Angola, the European Union's Global Gateway Strategy, and the Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement EU-Angola, as well as sector-specific parallel sessions featuring the presence of ministries, government agencies, and EU companies that already have or intend to establish operations in Angola. Alongside the Forum, there will be on-site B2B (business-to-business) meetings and B2G (business-to-government) sessions to facilitate strategic interactions.

The Forum currently has over 750 registered participants, with approximately 500 from Angola and more than 200 from the EU, and it can be followed remotely through the online event broadcast. Registrations remain open and can be made on the event's official website at <http://aoeubusinessforum.eu>.

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More information, materials and videos at the event **website section for to the press**

<https://aoeubusinessforum.eu/imprensa>

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