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IGAPE, the new public entity responsible for managing public enterprises, has announced the launch of a tender for the privatization of 7 business units in the Luanda Bengo ZEE (Special Economic Zone), belonging to Sonangol. The deadline for applications is on April 11th. Among the firms to be privatized, only one is operating, Univitro, which works in the glass industry. In total, an additional 45 business units from ZEE are to be privatized.

The Kwanza was relatively stable this week, having depreciated 0.15% against the USD, as the central bank announced an allocation of USD 700 million in foreign exchange to retail banks in March. Minimum wage for the private sector was increased by 30%, which should occur in March or April, pending publication on the official gazette. One should noticed that the Kwanza depreciated over 46% against the Dollar in 2018.

In the energy sector, the Laúca and Capanda dams have reached simultaneous full capacity for the first time, in February, a fact which should be reflected in a greater reliability of electricity provision in the Centre system, where these two dams operate. On the other hand, generating capcity of Laúca should increase again in this year, with the installation of the final two turbines, following the start of operation of the 4th turbine in December 2018. Also, in the North system, construction is underway for the last two turbines (out of a total of six) in the Soyo power plant, while the 4th turbine should start operating in the next few days. It will be important to keep up with the developments in the connection projects between the North, Centre and South electrical system, which should allow for better conditions for economi activity all over the country.

Fitch has kept the rating of Angola at B, with a stable outlook, forecasting a drop of 1.1% in GDP in 2018, while anticipating 2.5% growth this year, supported by an increas of oil & gas production.

In the oil market, Brent has traded around USD 66 during this past week.

Inflation				
4.5%	45.0%			
4.0%	- 40.0%			
3.5%	- 35.0%			
3.0%	- 30.0%			
2.5%	- 25.0%			
2.0%	20.0%			
1.5%	- 15.0%			
1.0%	10.0%			
0.5%	- 5.0%			
0.0%	0.0%			
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Monthly (lhs) —Year-on-year (rhs)				

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Macroeconomic Forecasts					
Indicator	2018*	2019**	2020**		
GDP change (%)	-1.7	2.4	2.7		
Average Inflation (%)	19.6	16.4	14.7		
Current Account (% GDP)	2.0	0.3	0.61		

*IMF forecasts

^{**} Average of forecasts from Bloomberg

Sovereign Rating				
Rating Agency	Rating	Outlook	Last change	
Fitch	В	Stable	25/04/18	
Moody's	В3	Stable	27/04/18	
Standard & Poor's	B-	Negative	08/02/19	

Monetary and ForEx data					
	01/03/19	7 days (p.p./%)	Change YTD (p.p./%)	12 months (p.p./%)	
LUIBOR O/N	15.75%	0.00	-1.00	-4.24	
USD/AOA	314.17	0.15%	1.80%	46.22%	
AOA/USD	0.0032	-0.15%	-1.77%	-31.61%	
EUR/AOA	356.98	0.40%	1.12%	36.26%	
EUR/USD	1.14	0.44%	-0.72%	-7.19%	
USD/ZAR	14.10	0.73%	-1.71%	18.59%	

*Change of USD/AOA (or EUR/AOA) shows the appreciation/depreciation of the USD (or EUR) against the Kwanza the change of AOA/USD shows the appreciation/depreciation of the Kwanza against the USD.

Weekly auctions of Treasury bonds and bills					
Maturity	Rate	Supply	Demand	Allocated	
BT (168 days)	17.03%	39,921	39,921	36,117	
BT (350 days)	18.95%	27,675	11,410	1,875	
OT (2 years)	22.00%	22,253	22,253	22,253	

BT are treasury bills, OT are treasury bonds; Note: amounts (except for the rate) are in million Kwanza. USD OT in million Dollars * Bond linked to the exchange rate ** Bond linked to treasury bills





