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Market Information

According to INE, in the second quarter of 2019 the unemployment rate was 29.0% in Angola. The first Employment Survey that starts the quarterly series estimated the working population at 13.6 million, which represents an activity rate of 87% but only 45.1% of the population, as almost half of the inhabitants are under 15 years old. The urban unemployment rate is higher than in rural areas (39.3% and 14.3% respectively), and unemployment is higher among women than men (30.3% against 27.5%). Among young people (15-24 years), the unemployment rate is 53.8%.

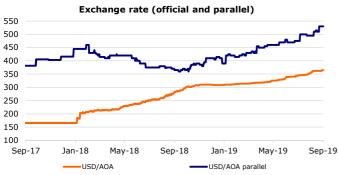
The National Oil, Gas and Biofuel Agency (ANPG) began last week the roadshow for ten oil blocks auction in the Namibe and Benguela basins (to be held in October) with a presentation in Luanda. There will be presentations in Houston, London and Dubai (10, 17 and 23 September respectively). According to the agency's CEOs statements, blocks 30, 44 and 45, located in the Namibe Sea Basin, were awarded to oil company Exxon, in a deal unrelated to the multi-annual bidding rounds program. Sonadrill (a joint venture between Sonangol and Seadrill) secured a nine-well contract in Angola for the Libongos drillship. The estimated value of the contract is USD 101 million, expected to begin in late third quarter 2019 and end in early 2021; it was not disclosed to which Blocks the contract corresponds. In the international market, Brent is trading around USD 62.

A third diamond cutting factory (able to process 5,000 carats per month) was inaugurated last week in central Luanda.

To date, the 2018 financial statements of 48 state-owned companies (out of 85 to be published by the end of this month) have been published on the website of the Institute for Asset Management and State Holdings (IGAPE). Ignoring companies from the Minerals & Oil Sectors and those linked to the Financial sector, PRODEL was the company with the highest profit (AOA 13.5 billion in 2018). By contrast, EPAL was the company with the largest loss during the same period (AOA 15.5 billion).

With the implementation of VAT scheduled for 1 October, the Angolan Accountant's Professional Association (OCPCA) has created a Technical Support Group for Accountants available 24/24 hours. This group aims to ensure the proper functioning and peaceful implementation of this tax.





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Indicator	2018*	2019**	2020**
GDP change (%)	-1.2	0.3	2.0
Average Inflation (%)	19.6	17.0	15
Current Account (% GDP)	7.0	0.8	-0.3

*GDP - IMF forecast; Inflation - INE; Current Account - BNA with BFA calc ** Average of forecasts from Bloomberg

Sovereign Rating

Rating Agency	Rating	Outlook	Last change
Fitch	В	Negative	12/07/19
Moody's	В3	Stable	27/04/18
Standard & Poor's	B-	Negative	08/02/19

Monetary and ForEx data*

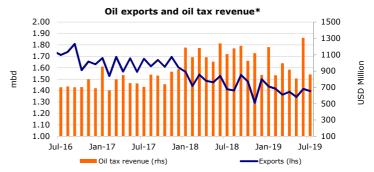
		Change		
	06/09/19	7 days (p.p./%)	YTD (p.p./%)	12 months (p.p./%)
LUIBOR O/N	13.50%	0.00	-3.25	-3.02
USD/AOA	365.7	1.02%	18.49%	29.10%
AOA/USD	0.00273	-1.01%	-15.61%	-22.54%
EUR/AOA	403.3	0.89%	14.24%	22.53%
EUR/USD	1.105	0.62%	-3.64%	-4.93%
USD/ZAR	14.75	-2.91%	2.84%	-3.78%

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

Auctions of Treasury bonds and bills last week

Maturity	Rate	Supply	Demand	Allocated
BT (1 year)	14.68%	30,000	1,826	1,826

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



*Including Sonangol revenue

Oil price (Brent Angola) and Eurobond 2025 price



Sources: Bloomberg, BNA, INE, Finance Ministry