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From Washington to the Ministry of Finance: AmCham Angola's April

AmCham Angola joined the U.S.–Angola Working Group in Washington, brought the U.S. Embassy to the business community on health and education, and asked the Minister of Finance for an audience on its tax priorities.

April was the Chamber's busiest month of 2026 so far. AmCham Angola took part in the U.S.–Angola Working Group session at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington and joined the U.S.–Africa Business Center's briefing on the B20 and SelectUSA. In Luanda, we brought the U.S. Embassy together with companies on health, education and artificial intelligence. On tax, the President asked the Minister of Finance for an audience, and our Sub-Tax Committee set out three priorities for a consistent, predictable and competitive tax environment. We also welcomed PDPT as a member. The common thread is practical dialogue that makes Angola easier to invest in.

U.S.–Angola relations

7 APRIL

U.S.–Angola Working Group meets in Washington

AmCham Angola took part in a session of the U.S.–Angola Working Group, held at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C., with the Executive Director, Neil Breslin Jr., joining online. The Working Group is organised in eight sector sub-groups, and the Chamber carries its share of that work through its own Policy Committee.

10 APRIL

The U.S. Chamber sets out the year ahead for African AmChams

The Chamber joined the U.S.–Africa Business Center's regional session for AmCham leaders, which set out the United States' B20 year, with the B20 USA Summit in Washington from 9 November; the SelectUSA Investment Summit of 3–6 May; the bilateral health compacts delivering the U.S. Global Health Strategy, 21 of them in Africa; and the U.S. Chamber's Rule of Law Business Dashboard, launching on 11 June.

Health and artificial intelligence

9 APRIL

U.S. Embassy briefs the business community on the U.S.–Angola Health MOU

AmCham Angola organised an online briefing in which Joana Cordão, Regional Public Health Advisor at the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria, and U.S. Embassy colleagues in Luanda presented the new Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Government and Angola's Ministry of Health. Jointly funded, it covers HIV, malaria and global health security, with a five-year transition to Angolan ownership. Laboratories, last-mile supply chains and digital health are the main private-sector opportunities.

28–30 APRIL

Healthcare as a test case for AI

The U.S. Embassy, through American Spaces, held a two-day Freedom 250 seminar at ENAPP on artificial intelligence for decision-making, opened by Chargé d'Affaires Shannon Nagy Cazeau. On 30 April our Policy Committee took the conversation into a member session on AI in health, built around a scanning application already in use in Angola. Members agreed to make healthcare the test case for AI across five sub-groups and to identify Angolan use cases for financing.

Tax and fiscal advocacy

6 APRIL

Chamber requests an audience with the Minister of Finance

The President of AmCham Angola, Eng. Pedro Godinho, wrote to the Minister of Finance, Vera Daves de Sousa, requesting an audience to seek her strategic advice on the business-environment concerns members raise most often. The letter was received by the Minister's office on 10 April and followed up on 14 April. It complements the Chamber's standing technical dialogue with AGT.

14 AND 28 APRIL

Three priorities for a pro-investment tax environment

The Sub-Tax Committee confirmed eight recurring topics for its monthly channel with AGT, from VAT refunds and blocked taxpayer numbers (NIFs) to audits and customs duties. Reviewing international and SADC benchmarks, members concluded that the opportunity lies in applying tax law consistently and ensuring incentives reach investors. Three priorities will go to the Minister: predictable and fair application of tax law; effective investor facilitation and protection; and a regime aligned with international standards.

Education and partnerships

9 APRIL

U.S.–Angola Education Working Group meets at AmCham

AmCham Angola hosted EducationUSA, the U.S. Embassy's Deputy Public Affairs Officer Benjamin Stevenson and PDPT to discuss English teaching, scholarships and lower-cost models such as visiting faculty. Participants agreed that bringing U.S. teachers to Angola, where one teacher can reach 40 to 50 students, goes further than sending students abroad. Partnerships include Carnegie Mellon University's protocol with Universidade Agostinho Neto and the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR BUSINESS IN ANGOLA

- U.S. commercial engagement with Angola is organised and active, from the Working Group to the B20 USA year.
- The Health MOU points to private-sector opportunities in laboratories, supply chains and digital health.
- Tax advocacy is moving from individual cases to policy dialogue on predictability.

WHAT MEMBERS GET

A seat at the table on tax and on sector policy

Members bring their tax issues to the Sub-Tax Committee, which carries them in a standing monthly channel with AGT and now to the Minister of Finance. They shape sector priorities through the Policy Committee's eight sub-groups, from healthcare to the Lobito Corridor, and hear directly from the U.S. Embassy on programmes such as the Health MOU. Board-level members also receive priority invitations to meetings with Angolan and U.S. officials.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

- **PDPT — Associação Promoção Desenvolvimento Prosperidade e Tecnologia** — Angolan not-for-profit connecting young talent with leading academic institutions; admitted 1 April.

COMING UP

- **3–6 May** — SelectUSA Investment Summit, National Harbor, Maryland
- **11 June** — Launch of the U.S. Chamber's Rule of Law Business Dashboard, Washington
- **From 9 November** — B20 USA Summit, Washington, D.C.

About AmCham Angola

The American Chamber of Commerce in Angola (AmCham Angola) is a non-profit membership organisation founded in July 2017. Its mission is to develop commerce between the United States and Angola, to promote the interests of U.S. companies and of its members, and to improve Angola's business environment. It receives no financial assistance from any government, is governed by an elected Board of Directors and works through its committees and forums: we advocate, connect, inform and fight for Angolan and U.S. business growth.

AmCham Angola is an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C., the world's largest business organisation, founded in 1912 under President William Taft and representing more than three million companies. That affiliation links members in Angola to the U.S. Chamber's networks, including the U.S.–Angola Working Group, and places AmCham Angola among the 21 American Chambers of Commerce in Africa.

What the Chamber does: inward and outward trade missions; networking breakfasts, receptions and business luncheons with ministers, officials and industry leaders; advocacy through position papers, policy comments and structured dialogue with the Angolan Government; off-the-record CEO forums; conferences, workshops and webinars; and the weekly radio programme “A Hora da AmCham” on Rádio LAC.

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Join AmCham Angola

AmCham Angola brings U.S. and Angolan companies together to improve the business climate, through standing channels with the Government, the U.S.–Angola Working Group and eight sector groups. Membership is open to companies, entrepreneurs and NGOs, in categories from Board to Participant.

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