

## **Angola national entrepreneurship strategy workshop**

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**Statement by Mr. Eddy Delaunay-Belleville, Project Manager TRADE and Private Sector, Delegation of the European Union in Angola**

On behalf of the Ambassador of the EU Delegation, who cannot be with us today, I would like to greet the participants and thank you for the invitation and the welcome to this Institute.

For the EU, supporting economic diversification is also a priority and for that micro, small and medium enterprises are key players.

We welcome the initiative of the Government through INAPEM to launch this consultation process for the definition of the National Entrepreneurship Strategy. The EU already supports this through its projects dedicated to entrepreneurship. Through INAPEM's well-known "Envolver" project, we have developed simplified financial analysis tools and created a common language between entrepreneurs and banks to facilitate access to finance. Through the Train for Trade II project and its EMPRETEC methodology, we trained 200 entrepreneurs to structure, strengthen and expand their businesses. And through the REDFOP project to support vocational and technical training, we have piloted an initiative to accompany recent graduates in setting up their businesses and accessing finance.

Through all these projects, the Delegation has accumulated a wealth of knowledge and experience that we are making available to the Government for the formulation of the National Entrepreneurship Strategy.

We believe that today is only the first stage of a long consultation process and we will be willing to support you along the way.

Thank you for your attention.