



República de Angola

**Statement of H.E Mrs. Maria Candida Teixeira Pereira, Minister of
Science and Technology on occasion of round table on “Science,
technology and innovation for the post-2015 Development
Agenda”**

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Mr. President,

Thank you for giving me the floor.

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen

1. It is a great honour to take the floor on behalf of the Government of Angola on this important round table on “Science, Technology and Innovation for the post-2015 development agenda”.
2. The Angolan delegation would like to congratulate Mr. Andrew Reynolds on his election as Chair of the 17th session of the UNCTAD Commission on Science and Technology for Development.
3. As reported on the ECOSOC High Level Segment, held here year last, Angola is among African countries who have performed great progress on a number of goals and targets of MDG implementation.
4. For instance, Angola achieved the MDG1 "Poverty Reduction" to half, which went down from 68 % in 2001 to 37% in 2009. With respect to the MDG 3 “Gender parity in education”, has achieved 65%.
5. These achievements on the implementation of the MDG in recent years, where possible thanks to the remarkable economic growth that my country has experienced in last decade.
6. The "Sustainable Development" is based on three pillars, namely the social, economic and environmental. However, the science technology and innovation play pivotal role and sustain these three dimensions of development as highlighted in the Angola National Plan of Development 2013 – 2017.
7. On this regard, we are of the view that there is a need to clarify the role of STI in the generation of knowledge and creation of

technologies for leveraging any economy and promoting social economic and environmental sustainability in the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Mr. President,

8. In this context the Angolan government has adopted recently several instruments on STI, including its National Policy and Strategy aim at addressing the answers that society and economic development need, therefore it is necessary to continue supporting capacity-building, encourage and support research and development and use of ICT and promote the interaction between universities, research institutions, companies and civil society organizations to foster innovation and foster knowledge in context of post-2015 Development Agenda.

Among several activities I would like to highlight the following:

- a) Workshop and conferences STI indicators and promotion of scientific culture;
- b) Regulation on establishment of R&D institutions;
- c) Enhanced of capacity-building of researchers;
- d) Establishment of bilateral scientific cooperation with South Africa and Portugal;
- e) Involvement on IST-Africa Consortium on ICT, Knowledge Society and Space Science under Horizon 2020;
- f) Updating of the Scientific Research Career;
- g) Establishment of National Scientific and Innovation Award;
- h) Certification of the Angolan STI Indicators by NEPAD and UNESCO;
- i) Construction of R&D Unities;
- j) Support the Angolan innovators/inventors at national and international spheres

- k) Support the establishment of Angola Association of Inventor/innovators
- l) Financing research projects on health ICT and food security and environment.

9. The Government of Angola has designed a National Plan on Human Resources 2013-2020 which established a number of goals and targets including the graduation 6,300 students on Masters (MSc) and PhD Programs in line with the focus areas defined in National Policy on STI.

Mr. President,

10. The Angolan delegation would like to reiterate that the integration of STI on the United Nations Post-2015 Development Agenda will consolidate the progress achieved so far on MDG implementation and foster sustainable development.

I thank you.