

ANGOLA

ACP Region: Southern Africa
Population: 11 million
Official Language: Portuguese
Capital: Luanda

National authority responsible for culture: Ministerio da Cultura / Ministry of Culture.
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Culture policy: The war that ended in 2002 reduced cultural infrastructures and archives to almost nothing. A draft culture policy that was developed in 2003 stresses access for all to culture, new technologies, tax incentives to encourage arts, etc. A national Culture Forum is planned for September 2006.

Principal public cultural bodies:

- Escola Nacional de Artes Plásticas
- Escola Nacional de Musica
- Instituto Nacional do Património Cultural
- Lusaka National Museum.
- National Institute of Artistic and Cultural training
- National Theatre
- National Culture Award

Some professional organisations:

- Angolan Association of Theatre
- Angolan Centre of Theatre
- Associacao de Editores e Livreiros de Angola (AELA)
- League of Defence of Cultural Heritage
- Uniao dos Escritores Angolanos (UEA). <http://www.uea-angola.org/>
- União Nacional dos Artistas e Compositores (UNAC)
- União Nacional de Artistas Plasticos (UNAP)
- Young Brigade of Angolan Literature

Some events:

- Triennial of Contemporary Art and Culture. <http://www.trienal-de-luanda.net>

COOPERATION WITH THE EC

Cultural cooperation. The 6th EDF backed the Choreographic Encounters of Luanda (€50,000). The 7th EDF backed the *Memorias Intimas Marcas* project (€180,000) and the production of a film (€80,000). The 8th EDF backed the production of a film (€240,000). Culture was not included in the spheres of cooperation of the 9th EDF.

Other programmes that may interest cultural participants: The 9th EDF includes a programme for capacity building in civil society with a grant of €3 million. Moreover, in 2006 the decentralised cooperation budget launched a call for proposals for projects aimed in particular at reinforcing participation of civil society.

Regional cooperation: The EC/SADC programme and the EC/Southern, East and Indian Ocean Africa programme.

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