**INTRODUCTION**
Beginning in the 16th century, Portugal established coastal colonies and trading posts and introduced Christianity. Angola gained independence from Portugal in 1975. A 27-year civil war ended in 2002.

**GOVERNMENT**
- **Chief of State**
  - President Joao Manuel Goncalves LOURENCO
- **Head of Government**
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- **Government Type**
  - presidential republic
- **Capital**
  - Luanda
- **Legislature**
  - unicameral National Assembly or Assembleia Nacional (220 seats)

**GEOGRAPHY**
- **Area**
  - Total: 1,246,700 sq km
  - Land: 1,246,700 sq km
  - Water: 0 sq km
- **Climate**
  - semiarid in south and along coast to Luanda; north has cool, dry season (May to October) and hot, rainy season (November to April)
- **Natural Resources**
  - petroleum, diamonds, iron ore, phosphates, copper, feldspar, gold, bauxite, uranium

**ECONOMY**
- **Economic Overview**
  - African oil leader and OPEC member; fairly stable currency; widespread poverty; emerging African finance and investment capital; systemic public corruption and lack of oversight; massive foreign direct investment recipient
- **GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** $203.7 billion (2020 est.)
- **GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** $6,200 (2020 est.)
- **Industries**
  - petroleum, diamonds, iron ore, phosphates, feldspar, bauxite, uranium, gold, cement, basic metal products, fish processing, food processing, brewing, tobacco products, sugar
  - **Agricultural products**
    - cassava, bananas, maize, sweet potatoes, pineapples, sugarcane, potatoes, citrus fruits
- **Exports** $21 billion (2020 est.)
  - crude petroleum, diamonds, natural gas, refined petroleum, ships (2019)
  - partners: China 62%, India 10% (2019)
- **Imports** $15.12 billion (2020 est.)
  - refined petroleum, scrap vessels, meat, rice, palm oil (2019)
  - partners: China 22%, Portugal 15%, Nigeria 6%, Belgium 6%, US 5%, South Africa 5%, Brazil 5% (2019)

**PEOPLE & SOCIETY**
- **Population**
  - 33.6 million (July 2021 est.)
- **Population Growth**
  - 3.38% (2021 est.)
- **Ethnicity**
  - Ovimbundu 37%, Kimbundu 25%, Bakongo 13%, mestico (mixed European and native African) 2%, European 1%, other 22%
- **Language**
  - Portuguese 71.2% (official), Umbundu 23%, Kikongo 8.2%, Kimbundu 7.8%, Chokwe 6.5%, Nhaneca 3.4%, Nganguela 3.1%, Fiote 2.4%, Kwanhama 2.3%, Muhumbi 2.1%, Luvale 1%, other 11.4%
- **Religion**
  - Roman Catholic 41.1%, Protestant 38.1%, other 8.6%, none 12.3% (2014 est.)