

BDA's Chairman Highlights Support for the Development of the Angolan Economy

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The President, of the Board of Directors of the Development Bank of Angola, Manuel Neto Costa, highlighted Friday the support of this financial institution in the development of the national economy.

Speaking on the second day of the **VIII Consultative Council of the Ministry of Finance**, in the city of Lobito (Benguela), the President who spoke on the theme "*BDA - 10 Years: Experiences and Future Prospects of Contribution to National Development in the Current Economic Situation*", recalled that the institution, since its inception in 2006, has already supported 960 projects, with 241 billion Kwanzas loaned.

Regarding the sectors, pointed to agriculture and livestock, industry, construction materials, construction and commerce and services. Making reference to BDA's credit portfolio, he revealed that it is currently under heavy pressure. "About 70 percent of the portfolio (169 billion Kwanzas) is in default and 35 percent is off balance sheet. Only 30% of the portfolio is in the regular state, representing 72 billion kwanzas," he said.

In July 2016, the Public Capital Bank launched the Bank's Transformation Program. According to Neto Costa, this program has well defined objectives and goes through six main vectors, namely the definition and implementation, clear vision and funding priorities in order to maximize the impact of the Bank's resources, restructuring the current loan portfolio in order to maximize the feasibility of ongoing projects and the return to the Bank, providing BDA and its employees with tools, processes, training and best practices to optimize the management of new credit.

Other points in the transformation program are the completion of the alignment of the organizational structure with the proposed model, promoting accountability for results, strengthening the Bank's capacity to monitor and support the funded projects, in order to maximize their viability, as well as the strengthening of the institution's capacity for integrated long-term risk management.

The Angolan Development Bank (BDA) is a public financial institution created under Decree 37/06 of 7 July 2006 of the Council of Ministers, with the objective of supporting the country's sustained economic growth.

The BDA is a privileged instrument for financing the development of the national economy in light of the Government's Economic and Social Development Program and the National Long-term Development Strategy.

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