

USA: Family Minister Praises Women's Role in Diversifying the Economy

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Filomena Delgado was speaking at the closing ceremony of the International Women's Week organized by the Angolan Embassy in the USA, which was held under the motto : "*Woman, Mother, Entrepreneur*".

"There are initiatives in our country worthy of highlighting, women who started as entrepreneurs with small businesses and today, thanks to their selfless work and sacrifice, are great entrepreneurs and a great example for the whole society," emphasized Filomena Delgado.

He reaffirmed that the Angolan woman has played a key role in the growth of the national economy.

The Minister of Family and Women Promotion announced that Angola has a very strong network of women entrepreneurs, which began with small associations in all the provinces of the country, today giving rise to the Federation of Women Entrepreneurs, whose initiatives Of entrepreneurship are currently recognized internationally.

Among the speakers at the International Women's Week were the ambassadors of the African Union and Swaziland in the United States.

Amongst participants were: SADC and CPLP Ambassadors, including Swaziland, East Timor, Cape Verde, Malawi, Uganda and Mauritius, Representatives of US government institutions and Congress, as well as members from the diaspora and the diplomatic community in Washington, DC.

Angolan Ambassador to the United States, Agostinho Tavares, spoke on the origin and historical importance of the International Women's Day, officialized in 1975 by the United Nations, as a recognition of the role played in the demand for full participation Equality in society and in the fight against discrimination.

The closing event of the "International Women's Week" was colored with an exhibition of national artisans, who in Washington, DC, had the opportunity to showcase their work: handmade garments, adornments and jewelry.

Artisans from Malawi, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo and Timor-Leste were also invited.

With its opening on March 6th , the International Women's Week, celebrated March 2nd and 8th, respectively, Angolan Women's Day and International Women's Day.

Throughout the seminar, participants shared their experiences and addressed topics such as family life and business balance, equal pay, career opportunities and challenges. The challenges that women face as entrepreneurs, access to finance and social expectations, were also a part of the women's week-long issues.

The cultural moment included a fashion show with stylists and other African countries, as well the participation of musicians from Angola and Cape Verde.

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