

# Curriculum Vitae

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## **Education:**

- PHD in Economics and Financial Law, Law School, "Universidade Lusíada", Lisbon, Portugal, 2010

- Master Degree in Economics Law, Law School, "Universidade de Lisboa ", Lisbon, Portugal, 1997

## **- Certificate Programs:**

- International Development and Economics Law, Law School, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil, 1998/1999.
- Leading Business, Harvard Business School, Harvard University, Boston, USA, 1997.
- International Business, Georgetown Business School, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 1996/97.
- International Finance, Georgetown Business, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., USA, 1995/96.
- Oil Contracts Negotiation, International Law Institute and Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., USA, 1990.

### **Bacharel degrees:**

- Juris Doctor, Universidade Agostinho Neto, Luanda, Angola, 1984 (Bachelor's Degree)
- Psychology, ISPA, Lisboa Portugal, 1970/1973 (Associate Degree)

### **Current positions:**

- Professor, Universidade Agostinho Neto's School of Law and Universidade Nova de Lisboa joint PhD program, Luanda, Angola
- Member of the Board of Directors of the US/Africa Business Center of the US Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D.C., USA, since 2016
- **Founder and President of the Board of the NGO *Friends of the Children of Angola*, which advocates and organizes initiatives focusing on the advancement of children, youth and family rights, Falls Church, USA, since 1997**
- **Member of the Advisory Board of Tea Club, an Angolan Association, which advocates for women's professional and social empowerment , Luanda, Angola, since 2015**
- Member of the WIIT- Women in International Trade and twice its Board member, Washington, D.C. , USA, since 1999
- Member of The Board of Directors of NOCAL, from the beverage Groupe CASTEL, Luanda, Angola, since 2010

### **Former positions**

- **Secretary of State for Investment and Trade, Government of Angola, from 2012 to 2015**
- President of the Board of Directors of ANIP- Angolan National Private Investment Agency, from 2011 to 2012
- Angola Trade Representative to US, from 1998 to 2011

- Guest International Arbitrator, ICC-International Commerce Court, Paris, France, since 1996
- Director of Foreign Investment, Luanda, Angola, pioneering the economic reforms toward a more competitive and inviting trade market for foreign investors, Luanda, Angola, form 1990 to 1993
- Deputy Director of Foreign Investment, form 1989 to 1990
- Head of the Department of Foreign Investment, Ministry of Planning, Luanda, Angola, form 1987 to 1989
- Member of the Board of Directors of the CDE- ACP/EU (Corporate Development Center), Brussels, Belgium, from 1986 to 1990
- **Secretary-General of the Angolan National Committee of UNIDO, giving her contribute to the innovation of the aid projects package for UN development projects, from 1984 to 1987**
- Board of Directors of the ACP/UE (Africa, Caribbean and Pacific/ European Union), of the Technical and Administrative Unity Management Board, Luanda, Angola, form 1987 to 1989.
- Interface to SADC for the Ministry of Industry, Mining and Energy of Angola, from 1984 to 1987
- Assistant Professor at Law and Economic Schools, Universidade Agostinho Neto, from 1985 to 1993
- Director of the International Relations, Ministry of Industry, from 1984 to 1987
- Interim Director of Heavy Industry, from 1983 to 1984
- Head of Department of Enterprises Monitoring, Ministry of Industry, 1980 to 1983
- Assistant Director of the Ministry of the State Administration, 1976 to 1980
- Assistant Director of the Deputy Prime Minister, from 1975 to 1976

## **Awards**

- WIIT Lifetime Achievement Award, Washington, D.C., USA., 2015
- Angola 35 ° Lifetime Achievement Award, Luanda, Angola, 2015
- Africa RoundTable Award, for the Contribution for Africa Development
- **"Oneness Heart" distinction from the Peace Meditation at the UN, Sri Chinmoy, for the work with Angolan children, New York, USA, 2004**
- **Reverend Sullivan Award, awarded by OIC International and the World Bank Club, in recognition for the work developed with African Women and Children, Washington, D.C., 2002**
- Woman of the Year, 7a. Global Business Women Conference, New Delhi, India, 1999, for the work with the empowerment of women, (awarded in 2000)
- Woman Entrepreneur of the Year 2000, American National Foundation for Women Legislators/ Order of Women' s Legislators, in conjunction with BWN- Business Women Network, Washington, D.C. , USA, 2000
- **Organization and participation in International and National Conferences, Seminars, Media Debates and Mixed Committees**
- Numerous

## **Membership**

- **The Southern Law Center for Poverty (member and founder), Alabama, USA**
- **International Amnesty, USA**
- American Society of International Law, Washington, D.C., USA
- America Bar Association (Associate Member), Washington, D.C., USA

- Angola Bar Association
- Portugal Bar Association
  
- WIIT- Women in International Business

### **Publication and Academic Works**

- Comparative Private Law, Law School, Universidade Agostinho Neto, Luanda, Angola, 2017.
- Hindright (Retrospectiva), Luanda, Angola, 2016.
- Reflections on Foreign Direct Investment, Luanda-Angola, 2015.
- Privatization of the Angola State Enterprises, Angola Law School at Agostinho Neto University, 2011.
- The Relationship between the European Union and the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries, Law School, Library, Lisbon University, Portugal, 1994, and Agostinho Neto University, Law School, Luanda, Angola 2004.
- Game Theory and the Oligopolies, Lisbon, Law School, Library, Lisbon University, Portugal, 1994, and Agostinho Neto University, Law School, Luanda, Angola, 2004
- Brochures on How to Invest in Angola, ANIP, Luanda, Angola, (1999 to 2015).
- Brochures on the Angola Economic Legislation in English and Portuguese, ANIP, Luanda, Angola, (1996 to 2016).
- Brochure on Mineral Resources in Angola, ANIP, Luanda, 2013.
- Brochure on Mining Legislation, GIE, Luanda, 1992.
- Updating of Economic Legislation of Law and Economics – Luanda, Angola- 1990-93.

- Angola, Risks and Environment for Foreign Investment, Georgetown University, Business School, Library, Washington D.C., 1996.
- Angola- Possibilities of Cooperation with the U.S., Georgetown University, Business School, Library, Washington D.C., U.S., 1995.

### **Honorary Titles**

- **Honorary Member of the Saint John's Indian School, Indiana, USA.**
- Member of the Board of Honor of the Progresso do Sambizanga Football (Soccer) Club from 1991-93 in Luanda, Angola.

### **Languages:**

- Portuguese – Excellent (speaking and writing)
- English – Proficient (speaking and writing)
- French – Proficient (speaking and writing)
- Spanish – Proficient (speaking and writing)
- Deutsch – Regular (writing).

### **Sport:**

Two times PALOP (Portuguese-Speaking countries) female basketball champion in 1967/68.

### **Entities that could give recommendations:**

#### **Africa**

- His Excellency President Obassanjo
- Honorable Professor Ibrahim Gambari
- Honorable AU Commissioner Josefa Sacko

- Mr. Aliko Dangote
- His Excellency Jean Ping, former President of Africa Union

## **USA**

- Honorable Ambassador Bill Richardson
- Honorable Senator James InHoff
- Honorable Ambassador Helen de La Lime
- His Excellency Charles Frank, former Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Department of State
- Mrs. Eleanor Sebastian, former UN Senior Officer

## **Europe**

- Professor Paz Ferreira
- Her Excellency Francisca Van-Dunem
- Professor Doutor Durão Barroso
- Professor Doutor Manuel Sebastião
- Professor Doutor Bacelar Gouveia
- Honorable Ambassador António Monteiro
- Dr. Nuno Thomaz
- His Excellency José María Aznar
- Dr. Pablo Casado Blanco

## **Latin America**

- His Excellency Miguel Rodriguez, former President of Republic of Costa Rica
- His Excellency José Quiroga, former President of Republic of Bolivia
- Professor Doutor Mauricius Vinicius, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Brasil