

## **Angola : Minister calls for joint actions for cities' urbanisation**

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Luanda, - The minister of Urbanisation and Housing, Sita José, this Tuesday here called for a global and harmonised action among public institutions for the urbanisation of Angolan cities.

The minister launched this appeal whilst presiding over the opening ceremony of the 12th Technical-Scientific Events of the Eduardo dos Santos Foundation (FESA), taking place at the National Administration Institute under the motto "Cities, Planning, Management and Urban Networks".

To him, the arable lands in the outskirts of big urban centres are being changed and also record an endless flow of rural exodus, strongly hindered by the non-operation of the productive structure and the impoverishment of the rural family economy.

The minister recalled that the Angolan State inherited, from the colonial era, a reduced administrative practice of urban management, based only on the availability of some drafts of urban arrangement plans without a developed regulating framework on the use and the transformation of the territory.

He stressed that this regulating and instrumental gap, as well as the corresponding debility, is being filled, since 2004, with the approval, by the parliament, of the Law nº3/04, Law on Territory and Urban Arrangement and of complementing bills by the Cabinet Council.

Participants to the festivities, set to close next November 21, will discuss topics on "Training, Planning and management of cities", "Territory Management Tools", "Problems of Planning Cities", "The Role of Universities in Territory Management", among others.

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