

Corridors Connect

Lobito Lusaka Corridor

The time is now!
Overview of main enterprises

Lobito
Angola

Lubumbashi
DRC

Lusaka
Zambia

The Corridor of Lobito is an important array of integrated infrastructure, formed by various enterprises and economic units, mainly in the sectors of transportation and communications. Its strategic location offers a big advantage, allowing it to play a key role as a platform in the regional and international network system of transports, particularly in southern Africa.

Three pillars of intermodal transport

Located in the central part of Angola, its development started in the year 1903, with the construction of a deep seawater port and the cross-country railway. The corridor is based on three main pillars of intermodal transport (land, air and sea), and the major industries are:

- the Port of Lobito
- the Benguela Railway
- the International Airport of Catumbela
- the Lobito Oil Refinery.

A vast program of infrastructure rehabilitation and development is underway, opening doors to the establishment of new projects, as part of the long-term development program of Angola. Both private and public projects and new developments are being implemented, as a result of the economic development that is taking place in the country and in the region.

New dynamics

With the new pace in terms of economic development, many other businesses are booming along the corridor. The results can be seen with the increased circulation of people and goods, intensification of trade between rural areas and the main cities and all new dynamics in the supply chain.

Among other ventures, the highlight goes to the expansion of cargo terminals at the airport, construction of a dry terminal for containers at the seaport, new units in the industrial park (cement factory, paper mills, breweries and food-factories), commercial farms, as well as many correlated businesses in trade and services.

Business opportunities

Despite various constraints faced by companies in the local market, the current rhythm of development opens a wide range of business opportunities, especially in heavy-duty transport, logistics, manufacturing and social services. Therefore companies and businesses looking for new avenues should consider the Angolan market and look for ways to participate in this new development and explore the enormous potential that the country offers. The time is now; ... tomorrow can be a bit too late!

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Overview over the main enterprises of the Lobito Corridor

Port of Lobito

The Port of Lobito, is one of the biggest deep-water seaport in the western coast of Africa. In the past few years, the port benefited from major improvements and upgrades and was extended and reequipped, to cater for heavy-duty cargo ships and streamline its operational according to international standards. New and modern equipment was installed, namely floating and loading cranes, container-handlers, cockerel locomotives and wagons, silos for bulk grain and a terminal for frigorific containers.

Benguela Railway

The Benguela Railway (Caminho de Ferro de Benguela), is another important component of the Lobito Corridor, running for approximately 1345 km, from the

coastal province of Benguela, through the central highlands of Huambo and Bié, all the way to the border with D.R.Congo, in the eastern province of Moxico. This railway links Angola to DRC and to the African interlocked countries of Zambia and Zimbabwe, facilitating the flow and exports of mineral products from these countries, to the European and American markets.

Upgrade of the Benguela Railway

During the past years, extensive works of rehabilitation and upgrade of the Benguela Railway have been done in its full extension, from Lobito to Luena. This program was carried out by the Angolan government and in August 2012, the first train reached the railway station of the far eastern city of Luena, after an interruption of more than 30 years, caused by the civil war.

International Airport of Catumbela

The International Airport of Catumbela, was built to serve the central part of Angola and link it up with important foreign destinations. The runways and airport buildings were extended and upgraded to international standards and are now prepared to receive large airplanes and operate regional and long-haul commercial and cargo flights.

Lobito Oil Refinery

The Lobito Oil Refinery is the latest major project to be developed in this region, by the government oil company Sonangol, in an investment of approximately 7 billions US Dollars. The foundation stone for its construction was launched in December 2012. The project is expected to create 10.000 new jobs.

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