

CONGRATULATIONS OUR COMRADE !!!

HAVING WORKED IN THE INDUSTRY, OIL SECTOR, THE ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY and NOW IN DIPLOMACY!!!

HOORAY!

**SIANGA ABÍLIO: Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Angola to Kenya and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Offices in Nairobi.**

It is always good to: *“ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country”*.

Based on the above, whoever was in Luanda in the years 1975 and 1976, is certainly reminded of the Congeral (General Company of Angola) for the manufacture of Food Oil and Soap, and located in the vicinity of Cuca district. With the abandonment of Angola by Portuguese technicians who returned to their country, the Chemical Laboratory of the Company was provided by Two Angolan Young Men (**Sianga Abílio** and **Job do Sambila** and the Industrial School, who were only 19 and 18 years old at the time).

Under the leadership and guidance of the then General Manager Mr. **Couto André**, he bet on the two youngsters and Congeral was able to ensure, guarantee and maintain the quality of the Food Oil and Soap consumed by Luanda residents until the appearance of the state competitor **Induve**.

Considering the importance of Petroleum in economy of the newly independent Angola, the National Petroleum Commission led by Mr. **Percy Freudental**, which included **Desideiro Costa**, **Morais Guerra**, **Jaime Freitas** and others, promoted the recruitment of the Angolan youth to empower and enable the future Angola National Oil Company **SONANGOL**, which was to be created in the same year, i.e. 1976. Three hundred applications were received and after a psycho-technical test conducted by Sonatrach technicians from Algeria who came to Luanda for this purpose, 60 young people were selected to join the first group of "Free Angola" and the young Sianga Abílio, already 20 years old, embraced the challenges of the oil sector.

Of the scholarship students who attended university from this group, only 6 graduated in 1981 and Sianga Abílio, already 25, was one of them. After his return to Angola he joined the Petroleum Sector and remained there for 27 years, having worked for French Oil Company - **Total Angola**, **Sonangol** and the **Ministry of Energy and Petroleum**. At Sonangol, he held several positions with emphasis on:

1. **The Director for Oil Exploration and Research** at SONANGOL HOLDING in 1986.
2. **Sonangol Pesquisa e Produção, SARL (Sonangol P&P)** CEO, from 1992-1999.
3. In that same year he was named Executive Director, by Angola President Decree and joined the **Board of Management of Sonangol EP** (i.e. Sonangol Holding).
4. During his tenure at Sonangol Holding, he also served as **Chairman of the Board of Management** of the Kwanda Base in Soyo.
5. **Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sonamet** in Lobito,
6. **Chairman of the Board of Directors of Angola LNG Company**
7. And also **THE First Chairman of the Board of Management of Mercury-MST**, SONANGOL subsidiary for Telecommunications.

In 2008, he joined the Government as VICE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT.

In 2012, appointed SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

He led the Technical Group that prepared in 2015 the Provincial Plan of Urban Cleaning of Luanda that culminated in the publication of the presidential decrees 106/16 and 107/16 (LUANDA'S WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SYSTEM FOR COLLECTION OF TAX ON GARBAGE SERVICES RESPECTIVELY).

As Secretary of State for the Environment and in the framework of Angola's international environmental commitments, **Mr. Sianga Abílio was elected President of the 23rd Conference of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on the Protection of the Ozone Layer held in Bali, Indonesia in November 2011** with the presence of 197 UN member countries that have ratified the Montreal Protocol on the protection of the Ozone Layer.

In 2012, he chaired a High Level Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol held in Geneva, Switzerland.

In November 2014 he was elected Vice President at the 10th COP and 26th Conference of the Parties to the Protocol on the Protection of the Ozone Layer held in Paris, France.

Comrade Sianga Abílio has been a MPLA Militant since 1975 and joined his Central Committee in 2016 after 41 years of Militancy. He was a member of JMPLA (the party's youth wing) and a student at the **Salazar National High School in Carmona** (Uíge). He was militant at the MPLA cell in Boumerdes (Algeria) created by Comrade **Lourenço Sobrinho**, from 1976 - 1981.

Comrade Sianga Abílio was **MPLA First Secretary of Sonangol Action Committee** and later First Secretary of the Sonangol Sector Committee that comprised SONANGOL DISTRIBUIDORA, SONAIR and SONANGOL HOLDING in the period 1997-2007.

With the transfer of Party Structures to the place of residence, Comrade Sianga became a member of the Miramar Neighbourhood Action Committees and **was subsequently elected First Secretary of the Action Committee** (CAP 272 - Bairro Miramar).

**HE IS MEMBER OF THE MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC)**, Member of the Provincial Committee of the MPLA in Luanda (CPPL), Member of the Sambizanga District Committee (CDUS).

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**He is Petroleum Engineer Geologist** trained in Algeria (INH, currently University of Boumerdes in Algeria). Conducted several specialization courses abroad as follows:

- Petroleum Management Course (IFP, French Petroleum Institute, Orsay - France).
- Finance Course (SMU, South Methodist University, Dallas - United States).
- Petroleum and Gas Management Course (IHRDC, Boston, Massachusetts - United States).
- Reservoir Assessment Course (OGCI, Oil & Gas Inc, Houston, Texas - United States).
- Geophysics, Operations and Oil Production Techniques Course (OGCI, Oil & Gas Inc, Maidenhead, England).
- Petroleum Engineering Course (Jerry & Begerson, Golden Colorado - United States).
- Project Evaluation Techniques Course (Imperial College, London - England).

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