

Phase I - Online
16 March - 4 May 2026



Phase II - In-person, Luanda
5 - 6 May 2026

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One Forum, Two Phases

This draft agenda will be detailed as sessions and speakers fully confirm.

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16/03/2026, 25/03/2026 (14:00-15:00) and 08/04/2026

Introduction to Phase I of the Forum	
1500-1600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction to Angola – EU Lobito Corridor Business Forum (EU Delegation in Angola) – 15 min ▪ Use of Business Forum platform (EU-Africa Business Forum Facility) – 20 min ▪ Information on visa and travel arrangements (EU-Angola Dialogue Facility) – 15 min ▪ Q&A – 10 min

25/03/2026

Angola Business readiness	
Key topics: How to invest in Angola now? Business environment, challenges and opportunities for investments, tax regulations	
1500-1600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Angola introduction (Angola Private Investment and Export Promotion Agency – AIPEX) – 15 min ▪ Regulatory environment – 15 min ▪ Investment environment – 15 min ▪ Q&A – 15 min

31/03/2026

Trade and Investment	
Key topics: How to trade with and from Angola? Access to EU Markets for Angolan products, investment support mechanisms, Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and Global Gateway Investment hub.	
1500-1600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Angola-EU current status of trade and Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement (SIFA) ▪ Access to EU market / Access2market ▪ SADC EPA

09/04/2026

Agriculture and agribusiness	
Key topics: Improving agricultural production and productivity, increasing food availability, opening trade prospects.	
1500-1600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opportunities and constraints in agricultural production and processing, value chains, market access and supply chains in Angola.

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13/04/2026 – 30/04/2026

Pitching	
Key topics: Pitching projects to attract partners and investments, online matchmaking and B2B	
Tailor-made individual and group sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support to project holders for pitching ▪ Organisation of pitching

15/04/2026

Transports and Logistics	
Key topics: Transport and logistics in the Lobito Corridor, the backbone for development in Angola and the region	
1500-1600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Lobito Corridor as a backbone for development ▪ Opportunities and constraints in transport and logistics

16/04/2026

Access to finance	
Key topics: Financing mechanisms	
1500-1600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Highlight funding mechanisms for project and business development in Angola, from guarantees to commercial banks

22/04/2026

Human Capital	
Key topics: Human resources, availability, training and education - social rights	
1500-1600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical and Vocational Education and Training programs ▪ Job market and skills available ▪ Higher education

23/04/2026

EU perspectives and projects in Angola	
Key topics: EU and Angola	
1500-1600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EU perspectives and actions in Angola and Investment Hub (EU Delegation in Angola)

29/04/2026

Combined partners approach to the Lobito Corridor	
Key topics: How international partners, World Bank Group, African Development Bank, United Nations and the European Union support the Lobito Corridor development.	
1500-1600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ World Bank Group ▪ African Development Bank ▪ United Nations ▪ European Union

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5th- 6th May, Luanda – Phase II - In-person

Monday 4 May				
1400-1900	Registration – Installation of booths			
Tuesday 5 May				
0730-0830	Registration (final) – Welcome participants			
0830-0930	Opening plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High level EU Representative(s) High level Angolan Authorities 			
0930-1030	Plenary 1 – Lobito Corridor Master plan The Lobito Corridor, a Master Plan for Angola and a Global Gateway Flagship, shared interests. A strategic dialogue on the infrastructure backbone of the Lobito Corridor and its potential for development.			
1030-1115	Coffee break			
1115-1230	Plenary 2 – Trade and investment Trade as a lever of internal, regional and international development and investment. Comprehensive examination of the current EU-Angola trade framework, including the Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement (SIFA), market access mechanisms and tools, and regional trade integration.			
1230-1300	Projects Fair Visit to booths and interaction. Booths will remain open throughout the event.			
1300-1430	Lunch			
1430-1600	Panel 1 – Agriculture and agribusiness production and processing Sustainable farming, Production efficiency and loss reduction, processing.	Panel 2 – Transport and logistics From Infrastructure to Business Opportunities and ground realities. Key business sectors, prospects and constraints for SMEs, local business and partnerships.	Panel 3 – Blue Economy and Coastal Opportunities Blue economy as a diversification sector. Sustainable fishing and fisheries	
1600-1800	B2B Individual meetings based on pre-matching and requests from participating companies	Projects fair (on Booths)	Project pitching and presentation Structured presentations by project holders	Global Gateway and Investment Hub Presentation of the Global Gateway and investment hub facilities and processes
1800-1930	Networking Dinner in Cocktail Format Free networking and discussions for participants to deepen on the spot contacts			

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Wednesday 6 May				
0900-1045	Plenary 3 – Competitiveness and production factors - Angola Business Readiness Ensuring condition for competitiveness along the Lobito Corridor, a new model of EU-Africa cooperation based on mutual value creation. Energy availability, workforce development, prospects and potential for value addition in manufacturing and services. (Registration, taxation, profit management, and foreign exchange availability etc., banking regulation.)			
1045-1130	Coffee break			
1130-1230	Deal Rooms – Major investment projects		Breakout sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banks and Development Finance Institutions Global Gateway and Investment Hub 	
1230-1400	Lunch			
1400-1600	B2B + Projects Fair	Project pitching and presentation Structured presentations by project holders	B2Gs – Presentations of Lobito Corridor projects by Angolan Ministries B2Gs – Trade missions to Ministries	Breakout sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associations (sectoral and business)
1600-1700	Panel 4 – Agriculture and agribusiness Markets and supply chains Market dynamics, supply chain optimization, export opportunities.		Side event – Event: Energy for the Corridor	
1700-1730	Closing speeches			

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Subsequent demand-based field visits to Benguela and Huambo may be organised by partners of the Business Forum on 7-8 May 2026.

Tentative agenda – To be confirmed based on number of participants and arrangements between AIPEX /European Union countries and local partners in Benguela and Huambo.

Thursday 7 May – Field trips	
0800-0930	Flight to Huambo/Benguela (chartered)
1000-1100	Welcome and introduction by local authorities + coffee
1100-1300	Various activities including field visits, self-initiated B2Bs and networking (tbd)
1300-1400	Lunch
1430-1700	Various activities including field visits, self-initiated B2Bs and networking (tbd)
1900-2100	Dinner including local stakeholders and businesses

Returns on the same day based on availability of flights (available from Benguela – commercial flight). Introduction of a charter flight based on demand is possible.

Friday 8 May – Field trips continued	
0830-1200	Various activities including field visits, self-initiated B2Bs and networking (tbd)
1200-1400	Lunch and end of mission

Return to Luanda – details will be developed. A TAAG charter flight foreseen for return from Huambo (tbc)