



IMF Appointment

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The African Department of the International Monetary Fund is pleased to announce that Ms. Laurinda de Jesus Fernandes Hoygaard has accepted the invitation to join the IMF's Advisory Group for sub-Saharan Africa. The appointment is for the duration of two years.

The purpose of the advisory group is to strengthen the partnership between the IMF and its African member countries and to help make the IMF a more effective and better-understood partner in the region. The group brings together about a dozen prominent individuals with in-depth knowledge of the economic, political and social dimensions of sub-Saharan Africa. The IMF's African Department draws on the group for advice and feedback on the IMF's work in the region. Mr. Hoygaard was invited to join the advisory group because of her expertise in academia and policy making in Angola and because of her deep understanding of the challenges to economic and social stability and development facing Angola and the broader region.

Ms. Hoygaard has had a long and distinguished career in public service. She received her first degree from the University of Luanda and her Ph.D. from Dresden University in Germany. As an academic, Ms. Hoygaard was the first elected Rector of the Agostinho Neto University, served as Rector of the Lusiada University, and is currently the Rector of the Private University of Angola. She has worked as an advisor to the National Assembly and also to the Government on key policy issues and the national development plans. She has also held consulting positions with international agencies including the United Nations, the World Bank and the European Union.

Ms. Hoygaard's appointment to the IMF's advisory group brings a valued wealth of experience and a welcome Angolan perspective to the group's work.

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