

Rede de Mediatecas de Angola



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Media Libraries

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ReMA - Rede de Mediatecas de Angola (The Angola Network of Media Libraries)



The Angola Network of Media Libraries (ReMA) has as its aim to become a tractor organization for territorial development (economic, education and social), which favors an improvement in the access and generation of knowledge and increasing Angolan human capital potential, counting on the support of the territorial agents, civil society, education socio-economic sector, business, government at all levels and other agents, etc.).

Angola sees ReMA as a Media Libraries Network that combines not only the characteristics of knowledge spaces while facilitating access to information and knowledge creation, but also envisages the promotion of social innovation and offers activities and spaces oriented towards the generation of new proposals or solutions, with and /or for the Angolan society.

All the provinces of the country will have Media Libraries, ensuring a uniform distribution and access to the entire population.

The Network of Media Libraries

25 Media Libraries:

- 6 already operating;
- 4 to be completed by December 2015);
- 15 planned (till 2017).

1 Media Library for each province, with the province of Zaire having 2 Media Libraries and the province of Luanda having 6 Media Libraries.

The Mobile Media Libraries Vehicles enables access to culture, internet and technology to rural populations, in the most isolated and remote places of the country.

Mobil Media Libraries



The first objective of ReMA is to get access and full participation of the angolan society in the global information and knowledge society.

Objective 1 - Full participation of the Angolan society in the information and knowledge society

To democratize access to information and knowledge, increasing access, use and ownership of the Information Society among the Angolan population, from:

- The expansion of digital citizenship, business and civil society skills;
- The capillarization, from local government policies relating to the Information Society;
- Gathering, preserving and disseminating culture and knowledge, with special emphasis on indigenous knowledge;
- Promote the meeting, exchange and co-creation of knowledge.



Mediateca do Lubango (Lubango Media Library)

Providing access to knowledge and information technology is a way to strengthen the education system of Angola.

Objective 2 – Strengthen the education system of Angola.



Mediateca de Benguela (Benguela Media Library)

- Increasing the opportunities of access to educational content and processes and training;
- Strengthening the processes of teaching and learning;
- Supporting the educational system in its teaching through resources based on Information Technologies and Communication.

Fostering social innovation initiatives, employing women and young people and supporting local communities guarantees that ReMA contributes to the development of Angola.

Objective 3 – contribute to the economical and social development of Angola

- Supporting the development and improvement of business competitiveness, especially for micro, small and medium enterprises;
- Improving the employability and competitiveness of human capital in Angola;
- Fostering social innovation initiatives and granting power to the Angolan society, as a tool for improving the quality of life.
- Providing greater visibility and international recognition of Angola, enabling it so attract international talent and resources that can contribute to the socioeconomic development of Angola, as well as retain the talent itself.



Mediateca de Benguela (Benguela Media Library)

The focus on Education, Economic Promotion, Science & Technology and Art & Culture contributes to the social innovation, information and knowledge society of Angola.

Focus of ReMA

Education

Supporting the education system as a tool for quality improvement. Strengthening the education system from the perspective of learning throughout life. Social Innovation in Education.

Economic Promotion

Entrepreneurial culture. Social enterprise and entrepreneurship. Business competitiveness based on innovation and ICT.

Science & Technology

Culture and the scientific spirit. Strengthening science, technology and innovation systems. Protection of endogenous scientific and technological knowledge. Fostering research documentary.

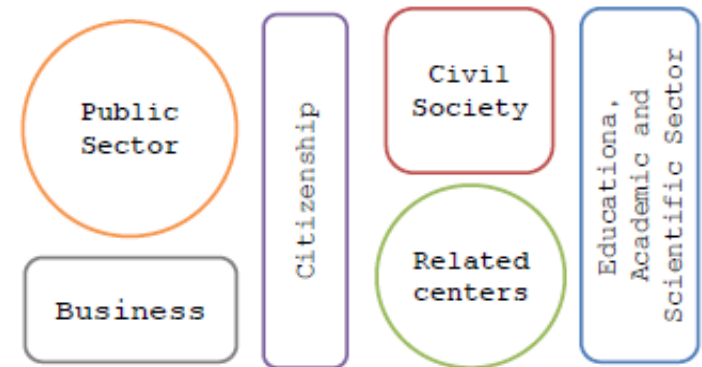
Art & Culture

Cultural enterprise economy and culture. Conservation of Cultural Heritage. Awareness and cultural diffusion. Incentives for cultural creation.

The Community

REMA does not have an unidirectional approach in its action where the users participate assuming a passive role as mere beneficiaries. ReMA has opted for a bidirectional approach in which all the activities and services are designed to interact with society. In this way, ReMA gives information and knowledge to users but at the same time ReMA receives information and knowledge from them.

We therefore propose the term "*community*" alluding to its being a "*common, public, general, shared by all or many.*" This term delves into the goal of jointly building the society that aims to contribute to regional development. In short, it does not perform the traditional question "*for who?*", but addresses a different question through the question "*with whom?*".



The services that ReMA provides are aligned with the focus but essentially with the needs of the Community.

Services provided on Media Libraries

Information and Reception

Media Library

Production and Publication

Training



Technological
Guidance

Guidance For Social Entrepreneurship And Management

Promotion and Dissemination

ReMA also launched ReMA Services, that are services complementary to the core business of the Media library, developed in order to generate revenue for ReMA, reducing reliance on funding from the State Budget.

ReMA Services Activities

ReMA Café

Service that allows visitors to take coffee, drinks, tea, cakes and meals without having to leave the media libraries.



ReMA Net

Aims to provide unlimited and unrestricted internet access to media libraries visitors, through payment.

Value Added Activities

ReMA Events

Focus on conducting training for users and in the preparation and implementation of Events in the media libraries.

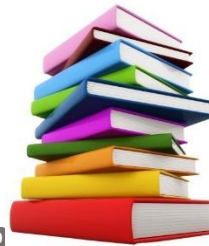


Mediatecas Móveis (Mobil Media Libraries)

Vehicles that enables access to culture, internet and technology to rural populations.

ReMA Bookshop

Stores selling books and multimedia contents, supporting access to culture and new technologies.



The activities conducted in the Media Libraries are focused on meeting the needs of local communities, in particular, citizens, educational, academic and scientific community, business sector and civil society.

Some types of activities conducted in the Media Libraries of ReMA

training actions

support to governmental plans

contents

documentation

training fellowships and internship programs

meeting and sharing

contests and awards

provision of resources

guidance and advice

events

promotion and strengthening of the activity

dissemination and information

... and many more ...



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The Media Libraries of Benguela, Luanda and Lubango were inaugurated on August 2012. The Media Library of Soyo was inaugurated on December 2012. The other Media Libraries will be opened to the public up to 2014.

The Network of Media Libraries



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The Media Libraries are broad spaces with many rooms for study, with conference facilities and with full IT equipment (computers, ipads, consoles, etc.) with internet access and knowledge databases.

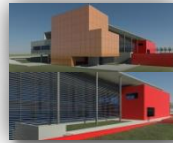
Operating

Benguela



Area (m²): 2100
Number of Rooms: 3
Internet Connection: Satellite
IT Equipment: 181

Huambo



Area (m²): 2300
1 Auditorium, 35 study rooms, 1 children's room, 300 PC's, 5000 books and publications

Luanda



Area (m²): 2917
Number of Rooms: 31
Internet Connection: Satellite and Cable
IT Equipment: 201

Saurimo



Area (m²): 2325
1 Auditorium, 35 study rooms, 1 children's room, 300 PC's, 5000 books and publications

Lubango



Area (m²): 2309
Number of Rooms: 30
Internet Connection: Satellite
IT Equipment: 160

Soyo



Area (m²): 2387
Number of Rooms: 28
Internet Connection: Satellite
IT Equipment: 160

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The ReMA Media Libraries are multi-agent spaces, open to society to strengthen knowledge, cultivate creativity and innovation in all areas (social, educational, scientific, cultural and business).

In Synthesis

The ReMA Mediatecas are oriented to:

- Improving the qualification of human capital in Angola;
- Networking and building joint spaces;
- Modernization of businesses;
- Strengthening and assimilation of the Information Society through the people;
- Taking advantage of the key agents and their knowledge of the territory;
- Discovering the endogenous territorial potential.



Mediateca de Benguela (Benguela Media Library)

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