



## **The Angolan Report to the African Group Meeting in South Africa (Cape Town) for the IAJ Annual Meeting on October 18 to 23 - 2024**

### **Our greeting to the leadership**

As an association we continue fighting for improvement on Judicial Independence by organising short courses to elucidate deeper our members on these matters and to generate public awareness, beside the courses we also make use of the opportunities to debate on judicial independence every time our association gets invited to speak on a public or private social media, such as Tv's, radios and newspaper.

Allow us to describe some of the activities we had this year:

As part of ongoing training, we had an improvement course in ethics and human rights; a dialectic about the first year of operation of the Judge of guarantees, its virtues, vicissitudes and perspectives; there was also a debate about the African child protection system and another event; a seminar on financial education on partnership with the national bank of Angola.

Online seminar on the role of Judges in arbitration, in partnership with the commercial arbitration center; we interacted with students from the law school at José Eduardo dos Santos University during a lecture on women in the legal world; a Preparation of an opinion on members of the Superior Council of the Judiciary who cumulatively practice law, requested by the Angolan Bar Association; issuance of an opinion on the approval of the legal regime for labour offenses, requested by the Ministry of labour.

In June this year, after applying for some time, we finally got certification from the government for our Academy of Forensic Studies (ACEF), meaning that the courses given by us will now be given with certificate at the end.

The Superior Council of the Judiciary invited our association to contribute on the elaboration of a Code of Ethics and Deontology for Judges, for this purpose, after creating a commission of five members we prepared three public consultations, one in the capital city (Luanda) on 2nd of August, second in Benguela province on the 9<sup>th</sup> of the same month and the third and last one was on line via zoom on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, including judges of all eighteen provinces of our country.

The recent creation of the Legal Support Committee (CAJ) to help members of our association and non-members as we are currently giving legal assistance for five associates facing disciplinary proceedings before the Superior Council of the Judiciary

We participated in the International Seminar about Professional Statues of the Judiciary and Models of Electoral Justice in Strengthening the Democratic Rule of Law, organised by the Judges International Union of Portuguese Speaking Languages (UIJLP), it took place in Mozambique (Maputo) from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of September this year.

There is an agreement between an Angola Association of Judges and the Bar Association to organise a National Conference on the Administration of Justice in December this year.

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