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### **Japan-UNOPS Partnership for Sustainable Agricultural Development in Angola: Fostering Resilience and Economic Diversification in the Lobito Corridor**

*Luanda.*— On 18<sup>th</sup> August, Monday, H.E. Mr. SANO Hiroaki, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Angola and Mr. Frederic FRIPPIAT, the Head of Programme, UNOPS Central Africa Multi-Country Office signed the Exchange of Notes on the “Project for the Improvement of Sustainable Agricultural Infrastructure for Smallholder Farmers in the Region along the Lobito Corridor”. The signing ceremony was held at the Residence of the Japanese Ambassador at 11h00 in Rua Gamal Abdel Nasser, Torres Loanda, 2º andar, Kinaxixi - Ingombota.

The project aims to enhance agricultural resilience and market participation of smallholder farmers in Huambo and Benguela provinces along the Lobito Corridor through the development of infrastructure for irrigation and storage, enabling their transition from subsistence to commercial farming with high-value export crops.

The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) will implement the project with funding from the Government of Japan. The selection of specific sites will be conducted through the consultation with Instituto de Desenvolvimento Agrário.

Over the 4-year duration of the project, 620 small-scale farmers and 174 hectares of agricultural land are expected to benefit. The Government of Japan and UNOPS hope that the project will improve agricultural productivity and contribute to the diversification of the economy in Angola.

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