

## **ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2009**

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### **I. General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library**

The National Library of Angola, was founded in 1969, by the decree n. ° 49 448 from 27<sup>th</sup> December (Official Journal n. ° 301, Series I).

Between, February 2000 and February 2002, the library was closed for a refurbishment, financed by the Angolan Government. After the refurbishment and at moment the library has two reading rooms (both polyvalent and used for book launches and other cultural activities) for 68 places, storage area, nine offices, a computer network for 32 stations, a display area, a cafeteria, a bookstore and a Cyber Space with five computers.

Since 2000 and 2009 the library have organized several book presentations, conferences on different topics, bio-bibliographic exhibitions among other activities, like the "1<sup>st</sup> Reflexion Journey on Book and Reading"- 2002; the "2<sup>nd</sup> Reflexion Journey on Book and Reading" - 2003, the "3<sup>rd</sup> Reflexion Journey on Book and Reading" – 2006; the mid-term meeting of IFLA Africa Section- February 2009 and the Round Table "The Role of LIS Associations In The Development And Valorisation Of The Profession In Africa", with the support of the Ministry of the Culture of the Republic of Angola, the Embassy of the United States of America in Angola and the institutional support of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) – February 2009. At this round table was established a committee for the revival of the Angolan Archivists, Librarians and Documentalists Association (DABA).

The National Library of Angola is an IFLA member since 1977 and depository library of the UNESCO since 1985.

### **II. Library's relationship to government, and citation of legislation which sets out the library's mandate, and any other legislation which directly or indirectly affects the library's operations**

The National Library of Angola is under the coordination of the Ministry of Culture.

The act of the Ministry of the Culture, approved by the decree n. ° 7/03 of 6<sup>th</sup> June, attributes to the National Library of Angola, the responsibility to assure and to promote the growth of national the national and documentary bibliographic heritage to assure the legal deposit of publications, to coordinate the national public libraries and to play a lead role in the reading promotion.

The library have a permanent relation with provincial governments regarding to the coordination of the public libraries net and have relations with different institution of the Ministry of Culture, particularly the National Institute of Book, National Direction of Copyright, National Film Library. The library have relations with the Agostinho Neto University, the Social Communication

University and other government institutions organizing joint events, exchanging information and providing training to the personal or advices about how to run the services.

*Other legislation, which directly or indirectly affects the library's operations:*

- Law about the Legal Deposit – Law n. ° 27/03 of 10<sup>th</sup> October.
- Law about the protection of the Cultural Heritage – Law n. ° 14/05 of 7<sup>th</sup> of October
- Copyright Law – Law n. ° 4/90 of 10<sup>th</sup> March

### **III. Key facts and figures**

*Size of major collections:* At the moment the number of documents available to the public is estimated around 20.000-30.000, among periodicals, monographs and reference materials.

*Legal Deposit:* At the legal deposit area there were registered a total of 237 new titles of periodicals and monographs.

*Technical processes:* During the year 2008 there were catalogued 313 books, introduced 86 new records in the database (between July and December) and converted a total of 2,303 records. There were classified 518 books and made available to the users 388 new books.

*Public services:* During the last year 2008 the library received 46,098 users, 24290 male and 21808 female.

*Number of staff:* at the moment there are 32 people working at the library. All the personal that works in technical services and at the public services have a basic training in librarianship.

There are only one people with a university degree in Librarianship.

*Total operating budget:* For the present year the library has a budged in Angola Kwanza equivalent in U\$ 413.214,38, 24% higher than in 2008.

#### **IV. New developments in creating and building collections**

Under this agreement the National Library of Portugal sent to the National about 1000 titles of the Portuguese bibliography in 2008.

#### **V. New developments in managing collections**

### **VI. New developments in providing access to collections**

In the year 2004 the library started the construction of a database using the system PORBSASE 5. This process was interrupted between 2005 and 2007 due problems with the power supply and other technical problems. In May 2007 the process of computer cataloguing restarted and at the moment the database (that is still growing) has 4,471 records.

In 2008 it was acquired a microfilms machine reader with a scanner and a printer, with the support of Espírito Santo Comercial – ESCOM, a private Portuguese company operating in Angola.

### **VII. Examples of collaboration between the reporting library and other national collecting institutions (libraries, archives and museums)**

In 2003 12 staff from the National Library of Angola, public and specialized libraries attend a 4 weeks training at the National Library of Portugal and a 3 weeks practical training at different Portuguese public libraries and at the National Press Library. This action was a joint operation of

the National Library of Angola, the National Library of Portugal and the Portuguese Institute for Book and Libraries, which coordinated the practical training at the Portuguese public libraries.

In November 2006 it was signed a collaboration agreement with the National Library of Portugal. In the framework of this agreement there were organized 5 training courses between 2007 and 2008 on the following topics: Organization and Management of Libraries, Introduction to the Documentation Techniques, Preservation and Conservation and Automated Cataloguing with the System PORBASE 5.

Since 2007 there are being developed a digitisation project of the Angolan newspapers published before 1975 that are in the collections of the National Library of Portugal. The project is taking place in Portugal and until the moment there were digitised 37 newspapers, which mean 519 rolls and 283,742 images.

The complete project should have Ca 1200 rolls a total of 624.000 images.

In 2008 the National Library of Portugal sent to the National Library of Angola about 1000 titles of the Portuguese National Bibliography and a complete collection of the Official Journal from 1778-1986. This collection of the official journal is relevant for the National Library of Angola because contains information related to Angola, as the country was a Portuguese Colony until 1975.

In 2004 there was signed a collaboration agreement with the Portuguese Institute for the Book and Libraries (IPLB) regarding to the development of the Angolan public libraries net. In the framework of this agreement there was developed a program for the public libraries net, which includes the definition of the kind of buildings according to the population characteristics.

Between 2002 and 2005 the IPLB sent 10,660 books to the National Library and to the Angolan public libraries.

After the transformation of the IPLB into a General Direction for the Book and Libraries, the cooperation with National Library of Angola is restricted to the technical assistance for the follow up of the projects of refurbishment and construction of the Angolan libraries.

In 2005 with the support of the Foreign Affairs Ministry of France through the France Embassy in Angola one staff of the National Library of Angola attended a seminar on electronic resources organized jointly by the National Library of France and the BPI.

Between August and November 2006 the National Library of Angola received a student from ENSSIB for a practical training that was working on the subject of the legal deposit. The final report of this practical training is available at: <http://enssibal.enssib.fr/bibliotheque/documents/dcb/miachon-dcb15.pdf>.

In 2008 a reading two reading rooms for children and young in the Municipality of Andulo - Bié Province were renewed and equipped with the support of the Foreign Affairs Ministry of France through the France Embassy in Angola.

The National Library of Angola benefits from a regular donation from the National Library of Brazil and eventual donations from different libraries and organizations worldwide.