
ANGOLA: Call for research centres of excellence

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Angola's Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technologies, Maria Cândida Teixeira, has called on the heads of institutes of science education to create centres of excellence in their regions.

Teixeira said these centres would "make it possible to achieve high performance in science and technology, advance human skills and techno-scientific infrastructures, in the search for solutions responding to the needs to ensure development of a knowledge society", reported **AngolaPress** of Luanda.

She said it was urgent for public and private higher education institutions to develop scientific and technological research in different sectors of knowledge and at all academic levels.

Leaders of these centres must guarantee to lecturers, non-teaching personnel and students conditions that would allow them progressively to achieve high quality, and combat negative practices, said Teixeira.

The minister launched her appeal during an investiture ceremony for directors of the institutes of science and education in Luanda, Huambo and Uige, other higher education institutions and ministry civil servants.