

**Security in the Gulf of Guinea**  
International Conference - 11th July 2014  
Palácio das Necessidades, Protocolo do Estado

**9H00-10H00: Opening Session**

**Opening Remarks** by Rui Machete, Minister of State and Foreign Affairs  
Pedro Pires, Former President of Cape Verde  
General Artur Pina Monteiro, General Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces

**10H00-11H30: Panel I**

**The Gulf of Guinea Security Issue**

Chair: Nuno Severiano Teixeira, Diretor IPRI-UNL  
J. Peter Pham, Director, Africa Center of the Atlantic Council  
Brigadier Manuel Correia de Barros, CEEA  
Vasco Becker Weinberg, Legal Adviser to the Secretary of State of the Sea

**11H30-13H00: Panel II**

**The Gulf of Guinea Security: the energy dimension**

Chair: Luís Campos Ferreira, Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation  
Ricardo Soares de Oliveira, St. Peter's College, Oxford University  
José Manuel Felix Ribeiro, IPRI-UNL  
Vice-Admiral Alexandre Reis Rodrigues, Portuguese Atlantic Commission

**14H30-16H00: Panel III**

**Multilateralism and Security in the Gulf of Guinea**

Chair: Manuela Franco, President of Instituto Diplomático  
Maciej Popowski, Deputy Secretary General, EU External Action Service (EAS)  
Ambassador Florentine Adenike Ukonga, Gulf of Guinea Commission  
Samuel Nguembock, Institut des Relations Internationales et Stratégiques, Paris

**16H00-18H00: Panel IV**

**The International Dimension of Security in Africa**

Chair: Carlos Gaspar, IPRI-UNL  
Admiral Carlos Augusto de Sousa, Chief of the Naval Staff, Brazil  
Ambassador Phillip Carter, Deputy to the Commander for Civil-Military Engagement, Africom  
Victor Angelo, PeaceNexus Foundation, Former UN Special Representative in Africa (Peacekeeping)  
Constantino Xavier, Johns Hopkins University

**18H00-18H30: Closing Session**

Rui Machete, Minister of State and Foreign Affairs of Portugal  
Nuno Severiano Teixeira, Director, IPRI-UNL

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The security in the Gulf of Guinea region has become a strategic priority for all states committed to African and Atlantic security. Recent years have revealed a growing intensification of conflicts and regional tensions in West Africa, the Sahel and the Gulf of Guinea, which have mobilised not only African, but also European and transatlantic security institutions. The multiplication of prolonged internal conflicts, the extent of terrorist networks and the increase in piracy require concerted responses to ensure the strategic stability of states in the region and to contain new divisions in Africa. Additionally, threats of terrorism, piracy and organized crime require new partnerships to ensure the security of states, the sea lines of communication and the Gulf of Guinea energy reserves.

The problems of the Gulf of Guinea have obvious relevance to Portugal as a European and an Atlantic State, as well as to the Community of Portuguese Language Countries. First, the safety of Cape Verde in Sao Tome and Principe and Guinea-Bissau is inseparable from the regional security framework of West Africa and the Gulf of Guinea. On the other hand, Angola, due both to its position as an African power, and to its interests as an energy producer, is a committed partner in ensuring the strategic stability of the Gulf of Guinea. The African priority in the foreign policy of Brazil, as well as their responsibilities in the South Atlantic, justifies a greater intervention in regional maritime security.

Portugal has its own security interests in the Gulf of Guinea, and is committed, together with its allies and partners, to ensure a stronger and more robust contribution to tackling regional problems.

In this sense, the Portuguese Institute of International Relations of the New University of Lisbon, in partnership with the Diplomatic Institute, has organised, under the patronage of His Excellency the Minister of State and Foreign Affairs, Dr. Rui Machete, on the 11th of July 2014, in Lisbon, an international conference on the "Security in the Gulf of Guinea."

The aim of this conference is to promote intellectual, political and public debate on the security issues in West Africa, particularly the Gulf of Guinea region. The conference will be organised in four panels that will address, besides security questions, the energy issues and the multilateral dynamics that bring together different countries and organizations with interests in the region. In order to do so, we will convene the participation of experts from Europe, Africa and the Americas, as well as other relevant personalities to the subjects under discussion. This conference will be an important occasion for a better understanding of the developments in the Gulf of Guinea.

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