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### FIRST INDIA ANGOLA AGRICULTURE COOPERATION DIALOGUE

The Embassy of India, Luanda organized the first-ever agriculture seminar cum buyer seller meet themed the **'India Angola Agriculture Cooperation Dialogue' in Luanda on 6 April 2017** under Market Expansion Activity program of the Ministry of External Affairs.

2. The event was organised against the backdrop of the Government of Angola's recent focus to develop the agricultural sector, providing opportunities for Indian companies related to agricultural and allied sectors to export their products and services. The objective of the seminar was to leverage the strengths and technical capabilities of Indian industry dealing with water management, irrigation, agricultural machinery, seeds, fertiliser, technology etc, for the development of the agriculture sector in Angola.

3. H.E. Mr. Carlos Alberto Jaime Pinto, Secretary of State for Agricultural Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of the Republic of Angola was the Chief Guest.

4. Ambassador of India Mr. Sushil Kumar Singhal in his address elaborated on India's strengths in the agriculture sector and its efforts to promote cooperation with Angola in the sector through country-to-country and institutional agreements, investments through Lines of Credit under IAFS III, skill development and capacity building through the ITEC programme and the need to harness the entrepreneurial spirit of business men of the two countries through forums such as the Angola India Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

5. The first India Angola Agriculture Cooperation Dialogue proved to be a success as evident from the attendance and response received from the government of Angola, Angolan/Indian businesses and Angolan farmers. It achieved the objective of creating awareness about Indian capabilities in the Agriculture sector, as a leading producer of almost all agricultural commodities, dairy and animal husbandry products and the potential for stronger cooperation between the two countries in this sector.

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