

RegionEastern and Southern Africa

UPOV membership status

Member of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC); discussions to develop laws based on the UPOV Convention

Participation in OECD Seed Schemes

ISTA accredited member laboratories

GM crop approval for cultivation (domestic or non-domestic use) No

Law on Plant Variety Protection

The seed sector in Angola

Since the end of civil unrest in 2002, there has been limited commercial seed industry activity in Angola. Farmers rely almost entirely on farm-saved seed or imported seed from the government and private companies. It is estimated that 94% of maize seed planted by farmers in Angola comes from farmsaved seed on the farm or from grain or seed that is multiplied by farmers. This percentage is believed to be even higher for other crops such as beans, millet, sorghum, groundnuts and wheat. Crop production is low, resulting from the use of old varieties and of low quality seed, together with traditional low input crop management practices.

The government plays a large role in providing improved crop varieties and agronomic extension services to farmers. It has instituted a legal and regulatory structure for the seed industry, such as a recently passed seed regulatory law. It also stimulates the development of a commercial seed sector and encourages foreign seed companies to increase activities.

Observations

There are 14 index companies operating in Angola, almost entirely in sales. Capstone Seeds and Seed Co are the only companies going beyond this, with both producing and testing seed in the country.

Capstone Seeds is the only company with at least one processing location in Angola. It reports having a close partnership with the local company Jardins da Yoba, through which it supplies parent material for maize seed and assists with developing local seed

None of the 14 index companies have breeding activities or extension services

Company activities identified in Angola

Company	Crops in	n Portfolio	Company activities in country						
Companies selected for the Access to Seeds Index	Field crops	Vegetables	Breeding location	Testing location	Seed production	Processing location	Sales	Extension services	
Bayer	0								
Bejo									
Capstone Seeds	•								
Corteva Agriscience	0								
East-West Seed									
Enza Zaden									
Klein Karoo Africa	•								
Limagrain	•								
Pop Vriend Seeds									
Sakata									
Seed Co	•								
Syngenta	0								
Zamseed	0								

Other companies identified in the regional landscaping study and their activities

Company	Crops in	Portfolio	Company activities in country				
Companies selected for the Access to Seeds Index	Field crops	Vegetables	Breeding location	Testing location	Sales		
Novagrolider	0						
Jardins da Yoba	0						
Kambondo	0						
Valagro	0						
Vrelo	0						

