

**Program for the Book Launch of the Portuguese Version of *Sweden and the Liberation Struggle in Angola, Mozambique and Guinéa Bissau* by Tor Sellström ;
to be held in Luanda, in collaboration with the Swedish Embassy and the
National Historical Institute, on the**

**5th June, 2008, at the National Historical Institute,
Luanda, Angola**

A Suécia e as lutas de libertação nacional

Sweden and the liberation Struggle in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea Bissau

During the cold war the Western world generally considered national movements in Guinea Bissau and in Southern Africa as terrorists and /or communists. Sweden, being a non-aligned country, was an exception and was later followed in this respect by other Nordic countries. In 1969 as a result of a majority vote in the parliament, Sweden became the first Western country to give official assistance to these nationalist movements. After a long period of armed struggle against the Portuguese colonial powers, governments by white minority and apartheid, the nationalist movements were the winners and became the parties in power. This volume on Sweden and the liberation struggle in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea Bissau is based on the study by the author of “Sweden and National Liberation in Southern Africa”, which was published in two volumes in 1999 and 2002 by the Nordic Africa Institute. The original edition in English contains long expositions on Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa, which have not been included in this version. A follow-up to this was the volume of interviews with prominent African and Swedish politicians, think tanks and public servants, entitled “Liberation in Southern Africa: Regional and Swedish Voices”. It should be emphasized that this publication in the first place concentrates on Swedish *official* aid to MPLA, FRELIMO and PAIGC during the period of 1969 – 1975. The publication also consists of extracts from the original edition which covered a larger part, since it was published in two editions. Certain contextual descriptions, argumentation and comparisons have thus been excluded.

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| 17:30 - 17:40 | Opening of the book launch by Mrs. Cruz e Silva, Director of the National Historical Institute or somebody from the Ministry of Culture. |
| 17:40 - 18:00 | Remarks by Mrs. Cruz e Silva, Director of the National Historical Institute |
| 18:00 – 18:20 | Presentation of the Nordic Africa Institute’s Project on The Nordic Documentation on the Liberation Struggles in Southern Africa and the Library by Antonio Lourenço. (A short video of about 4 minutes on the project will be shown). |

18:20 - 18.40	Tor Sellström presents his Portuguese book
18:40 - 19:00	Comments on Tor's book by Paulo Jorge, MPLA.
19:00 - 1930	Questions
19:30	Reception at The National Historical Institute