

Angola hosts fashion, beauty expo

Fashion Business Angola, a fashion and beauty expo will take place over four days in Luanda, Angola from 9-12 December 2010. The event will be held during the International Fair of Luanda (FIL) exhibiting designers from around the African continent as well abroad.



Participating designers

The event is held in partnership with FIL and the Ministry of Mining and Geology and Industry. The Fashion Business Angola 2010 exhibition plans to host over 130 exhibitors in fashion, apparel, costume, jewelry, accessories and beauty. Designers including David Tlale, Marianne Fassler, Kluk CGDT, Stoned Cherrie, Craig Port, Craig Native, Undacova and Dax Martin swimwear will be showing and exhibiting their work. Others include Mickley Banda from Zambia, Taibo Bacar from Mozambique, Anna Ngann Yonn from Cameroon, and Soucha from Egypt. Isilda Pelicano, Fatima Lopes and Nuno Baltazar will be showing from Portugal.

Celebrating African fashion

"This is the first time an event of this kind will be happening in Africa," said Matos Cardoso, the president of the Board of FIL Angola, and the man behind Fashion Business Africa. "Angola is one of the fastest growing economies in Africa, as such it is the perfect locale to celebrate fashion on the continent."

"Fashion Business Angola is not just about shows. It's about the business of networking designers, manufacturers and retailers across Africa and promoting African resources on African soil to a local and international audience," said Cardoso.

"Fashion Business Angola is the biggest event of this kind on the continent," says Jan Malan of Umzingeli, the show's fashion director. "It is wonderful to be involved with this vision, to work on something of this scale with this infrastructure."

A United Nations selection of models will partake in the show with over 36 women and men from across the globe.