

Meeting of Portuguese-Speaking Countries Discuss Politics and Spelling

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The 10th Regular Meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP) begins today in Luanda (Angola). Brazilian Minister of Foreign Relations, Celso Amorim, is one of the participants.

The gathering continues through tomorrow, July 20.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the political situation in Guinea-Bissau and the proposals that the CPLP will present at the World Summit on the Society of Information, scheduled to take place in Tunis (Tunisia) in November.

Discussions will also include the ratification of the Portuguese Language Spelling Agreement and the project for the reform of the International Portuguese Language Institute.

There will also be negotiations between the Mercosur and the CPLP's developing country members and an examination of the proposal to create an investment fund to further the activities of the CPLP's business Council and Forum.

The CPLP was founded on July 17, 1996. The following countries are members: Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe, and East Timor. The presidency of the organization is currently occupied by São Tomé and Príncipe.

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