

**Union of African Parties for Democracy and Development (UAPDD)
Union des Partis Africains pour la Démocratie et le Développement (UPADD)**

**ADOPTED DECLARATION
ON THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS IN ANGOLA**

**10TH WINDHOEK DIALOGUE HELD IN WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA
FROM THE 1 TO 3 MAY 2008**

**SAFARI CONFERENCE CENTRE,
WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA**

UAPDD delegates participated in the 10th Windhoek Dialogue from the 1st to the 3rd of May 2008.

The discussions centred on the impact of recent elections which have been held in the various regions of the continent of Africa, namely Southern (Zimbabwe), Eastern (Kenya), Central (Democratic Republic of Congo) and Western (Nigeria and Togo).

Focus was also on the forthcoming elections in Angola to be held in September 2008.

UAPDD delegates therefore decided to issue the following statement on the forthcoming elections to be held in Angola in September 2008:

1. UAPDD notes the positive development that at long last the Republic of Angola is preparing to hold parliamentary elections in September 2008. It further notes that the last elections were held in 1992.
2. However, UAPDD is concerned about developments which might render elections not free and fair such as the continued absence of the certified electoral roll, the strikingly unequal access to media, the abuse of state and para-statal resources for partisan purposes, the reported intention by the Angolan government to extend the period of the holding of the elections from one to two days and a delay in the announcement of results from ten to fifteen days, amidst other changes to the electoral provisions.
3. UAPDD therefore calls on the SADC PF and its regional and international counterparts to take effective steps for the monitoring of elections in Angola and especially to ensure that those elections are free and fair.
4. UAPDD calls for access to State media to be extended equitably to all parties, in accordance with the SADC guidelines.
5. UAPDD therefore calls on the Angolan government to organise those elections in a politically consensual manner to enable free, transparent and fair conduct so as to prevent any kind of violence and insidious intimidation and thereby to contribute to the reputation of the country and the stability of the region.