

Angolan Consul General to visit Canada's innovation Capital

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Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge, Ontario Sep 25, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The Consulate General of Angola, led by Consul General Mateus Barros José, will embark on an official diplomatic and trade visit to Kitchener, Ontario—proudly recognized as Canada's innovation capital—on Monday, September 28, 2026. The high-profile tour was arranged through the invitation and leadership of Kelly DeRidder, the Conservative Member of Parliament for Kitchener Centre.

The visit marks a significant milestone in advancing economic, industrial, and diplomatic collaborations between Angola and Canada. It serves as a direct expansion of discussions initiated at the AfriCanada Economic Summit held this past March 2026 in Toronto. During that landmark conference, MP DeRidder actively championed the integration of Canadian technologies across African nations, laying the groundwork for concrete cross-continental partnerships.

"Kitchener Centre is a world-class hub where breakthrough technologies are actively driving future global markets," said MP Kelly DeRidder. "Having previously advocated for deeper technology and investment exchange at the AfriCanada Economic Summit, we are thrilled to welcome Consul General Mateus Barros José to show how our local businesses, exceptional researchers, and tech pioneers are ready to transition those high-level dialogues into multi-sector realities."

"Angola is committed to advancing industrial diversification, strengthening healthcare systems, and expanding technological capacity," said Consul General Mateus Barros José. "Our visit to Kitchener on Monday will allow us to engage directly with Canadian institutions whose expertise aligns with Angola's national development priorities. We look forward to building partnerships that support shared economic growth and long-term cooperation."

Leading the charge for Canadian technology integration in Angola is Alexander von Rugen, a prominent Global Policy Analyst for Africa. Under his strategic guidance, the trade visit is expected to yield four new Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) for Canadian-designed industrial processing facilities to be established in Angola.

Industrial & Technology Cooperation: Exploratory discussions on four potential MOUs concerning Canadian-designed industrial processing facilities in Angola, subject to subsequent review and approval by the relevant parties and competent Angolan authorities.

Additionally, world-renowned Canadian surgeon **Dr. Stephen Foster**, who has spent over 45 years pioneering medical and surgical services in Angola, will be in attendance. Dr. Foster—the recipient of the 2010 Humanitarian of the Year Award (Teasdale-Corti Humanitarian Award) from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and the 2025 Medal of Peace and Humanitarian Development from the President of Angola—is participating to support the foundational blueprint of a future telemedicine build-out across Angolan provinces, leveraging Waterloo Region's digital health technologies to bridge critical gaps in rural healthcare delivery.

Key Highlights of the Upcoming Monday Visit:

- **Industrial & Technology Agreements:** The exploration of four major MOUs for Canadian-designed industrial processing facilities in Angola.
- **Telemedicine & Healthcare Infrastructure:** Strategic roundtables with Dr. Stephen Foster to incorporate Canadian telehealth tech into Angola's regional healthcare systems.
- **Bilateral Economic Ties:** Collaborative sessions exploring private investments, talent exchange programs, and security frameworks to protect shared intellectual property.

Consul General Mateus Barros José's exploration of southwestern Ontario's technological heartland reflects a mutual commitment to shared economic prosperity, infrastructure modernization, and technological development on a global scale.

Further logistical schedules and media availability arrangements regarding the tour will be distributed closer to the event's commencement date.

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