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Angolan Ambassador to Address Stronger U.S. – Angola Relations on Capitol Hill

Ambassador Pitra Diakite of Angola will be the featured speaker in the next “Conversation and Dinner with African Ambassadors,” a series of The Africa Society of the National Summit sponsored by Senator Richard G. Lugar and Congressman Donald M. Payne.

The event will take place on Tuesday, May 20th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room G-11.

Ambassador Diakite will focus on building stronger relations between Angola and the U.S. Petroleum rich Angola is the seventh largest exporter of oil to the United States. * The Ambassador will also address foreign direct investment in her country and the prospects of upcoming parliamentary elections.

Lynne Duke, Assignment Editor of *The Washington Post*, will moderate the discussion between the Ambassador and an audience of Members of Congress, diplomats, journalists, government officials as well as corporate and civil society.

“Conversation and Dinner with African Ambassadors” is a forum for African Ambassadors to share information on the socioeconomic progress of their respective countries, and to speak to policy makers, Members of Congress and the media on their foreign policy objectives.

This program reinforces the mission of The Africa Society to engage and educate Americans about Africa and to create through partnerships a better understanding of its peoples, diverse cultures, histories and economies.

*Source: Energy Information Administration. The largest exporters to the US are Canada, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Nigeria, Venezuela, Iraq, Angola.