

A new Registry for Angola

Ambitions for Angola & Africa in the digital world

History of Internet in Angola



- Angola joins the Regional Information Society Network for Africa (RINAF) that was initiated in 1992 as a framework for UNESCO's support for African co-operation to promote academic and public sector computer networking.
- Considering that Angola had to involve itself in the PII (International Informatics Program) which included RINAF, a delegation from Agostinho Neto University attended the V session of the IIP committee where It presented a paper entitled "L'Informatique Dans Le Secteur Publique en Republique d'Angola".
- Pursuing this objective on 28th August 1996 Angola was formally and technically connected to the Internet with the support of Instituto Superior Técnico (IST) and of Fundação para a Computação Científica Nacional (FCCN) both from Portugal

State of Internet in Angola



- Domain registration started in 1997
 - Sub-domains classification ".co.ao" ".it.ao" ".gov.ao" ".ed.ao" ".pb.ao" ".og.ao"
 - Strong technical support from FCCN Portugal
 - Hosting of the ".ao" root by FCCN
 - 700 domains are registered today

A new step for Angola



- Strong investments on the Internet
- Prices reduced by 50% for domain names registration
- Specific DNS support for Angolan engineers
- A will to enter international domain name market
- Launch of a new generation of Internet Services in Angola for ".it.ao" & ".co.ao"
- Promotion of peering links between operators

The development stages



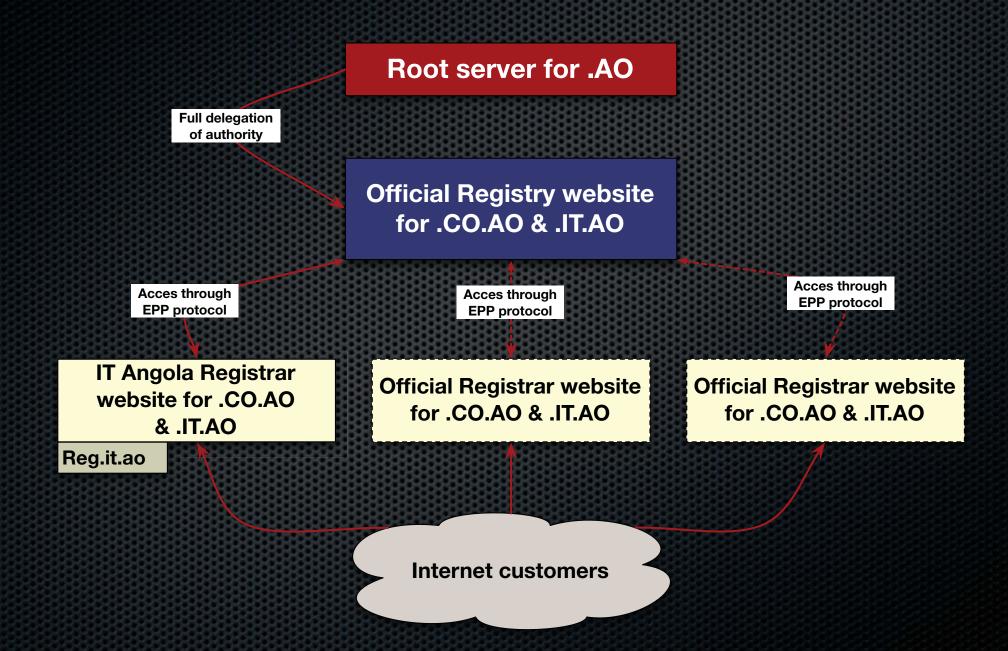
- Beginning of study: february 2006
- International team involving 5 countries
 - Angola: funding and general direction
 - Portugal: technical support
 - France: team leading and consulting skills
 - Czech Republic: provider of the main Registry handling solution: FRED
 - Poland: top developing skills

A quest for the best solution



- Selection of a high end Registry solution: FRED
- Development of a Java Connector to interconnect FRED with the Registrar
 - Integration of the EPP protocol (FRED style)
 - Java connector available as an Open-Source at <u>www.afrinet.eu</u>
- Development of the first Angolan Registrar
- A plan to add more Registrar in the near future

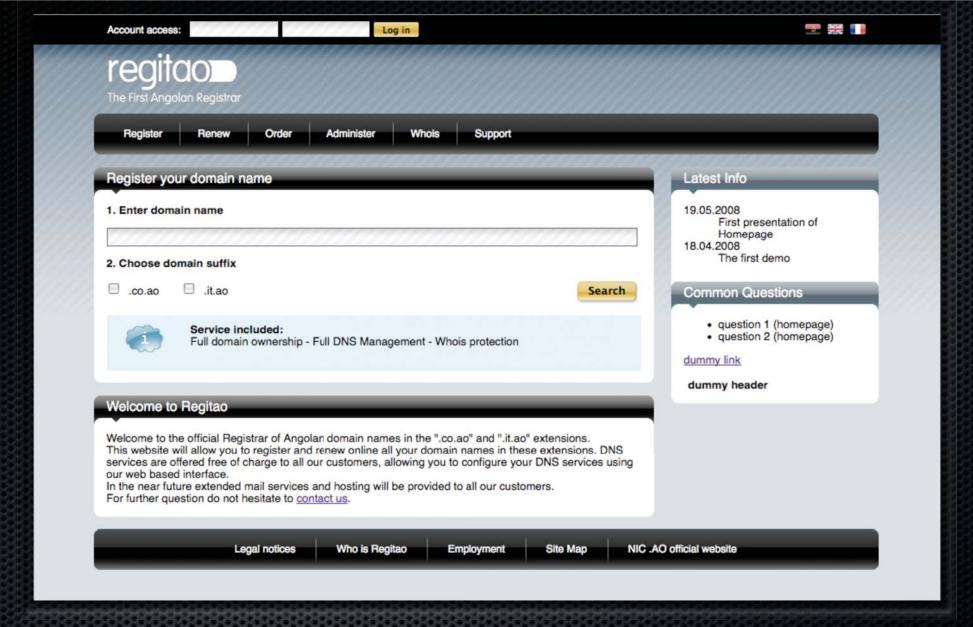
Organization of the components



Launching schedule



- A testing version is already available online
- Live restricted deployment for testing in 3 weeks
- Launch in september at URL http://reg.it.ao



A testing version of the Solution... Is already available online

A digital future for Angola



- Partnership with local ISP's
- New international connexion to the Internet
- Development of a large scale hosting facility in Luanda
- New products derived from domain name registration
 - Mail services
 - Hosting services

A digital future for Africa



- All African countries are most welcome to join this cooperation program
- Angola and the International partners can provide support for the implementation of a similar project

Thank you very much for your attention