

## General Strategy for the Award of Petroleum Concessions (2019-2025)

Presidential Decree No. 52/19, of 18 February, approves the General Strategy for the Award of Petroleum Concessions for the period 2019-2025. It also defines the guiding principles of oil concessions and sets out the purposes, scope and categories for the award of oil concessions.

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In **Public Tenders**, the National Concessionaire (SONANGOL) associates itself with third party operators to jointly perform petroleum operations in a given area. The concession is granted by a Concession Decree, which becomes effective upon signature of the required contractual documents (namely a Production Sharing Agreement and a Joint Operating Agreement). In addition to the procedures established in Presidential Decree No. 86/18, of 2 April, the award of concessions by Public Tender must also comply with the following provisions: (i) SONANGOL may assume a share of at least 20% in new concessions; (ii) SONANGOL will have the right to be financed by up to 20% by international associates in its exploration operations, if it is not the operator.

**Limited Public Tenders** are designed for cases when for reasons of national strategic interest the award of the status of “Associate of the National Concessionaire” is made to a limited number of previously selected entities. This type of award is designed particularly for areas that have already been abandoned and returned to the State. The award of concessions by Limited Public Tender also requires that applicants comply with the requirements of this Presidential Decree and Presidential Decree No. 86/18, of 2 April.

In **Direct Negotiations**, concessions can be awarded directly to SONANGOL by a Concession Decree and SONANGOL will enter into Risk Service Contracts (RSC) with a company or group of companies that comply with the requirements of the Presidential Decree. The initiative for any direct negotiations with the aim of executing RSC is subject to the favourable prior

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Category	Blocks	Years
Public Tender	<b>Namibe Basin:</b> Blocks 11, 12, 13, 27, 28, 29, 41, 42, 43 <b>Benguela Basin:</b> Block 10	2019
	<b>Congo Onshore Basin:</b> Blocks CON1, CON5, CON6 <b>Cuanza Basin:</b> Blocks KON5, KON6, KON8, KON9, KON17, KON20	2020
	<b>Congo Onshore Basin:</b> Blocks CON2, CON3, CON7, CON8 <b>Cuanza Basin:</b> Blocks KON1, KON3, KON7, KON10, KON13, KON14, KON15, KON19	2023
Limited Public Tender	<b>Marine blocks:</b> 7, 8, 9, 16, 33, 34 and free areas of blocks 31 and 32	2021
	<b>Blocks:</b> 22, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	2025
Direct Negotiation	<b>Blocks:</b> 6, 30, 44, 45, 46, 47	2019 (negotiations must be completed by the end of the first semester)

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