



Angola's new president: reforming to survive

Lourenço has opened the political space – the real challenge now is reducing poverty and reviving the economy.

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President João Lourenço – who replaced José Eduardo dos Santos in 2017 – has been credited with significant progress in fighting corruption and opening up the political space in Angola. But this has been achieved against a backdrop of economic decline and deepening

poverty. Lourenço's first two years in office are also characterised by the politicisation of the security apparatus, which holds significant risks for the country.

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