**3rd International Day of Yoga, 2017 celebration in Angola, Luanda**

The 3rd International Day of Yoga 2017 was celebrated with joy and enthusiasm in Luanda, Angola on 18 June 2017. A group session was held at the premises of Bairro Maculusso, Largo da Lac, Maculusso, Luanda, which was attended by about 250 persons, including Angolans, members of the diplomatic community and of the Indian community in Angola. The group session was conducted by Ms. Falguni Niren Gala, Yoga Instructor, who was deputed for the event by the ICCR.

Shri Sushil Kumar Singhal, Ambassador of India to Angola began the event with brief remarks on the International Day of Yoga, its inception, and the successful organization of the 1st and 2nd International Day of Yoga. He detailed the organization of this day and also explained that Yoga, a holistic system of wellness, sought to integrate the mind, body and the breath. A short film was played thereafter which began with Prime Minister Shri Narnendra Modi’s televised message to the world on the 3rd International Day of Yoga, followed by EAM’s message on the occasion. The group session concluded with recitation of ***shanti mantra*** and meditation to the sound of chanted Sanskrit Shlokas, prayers for universal peace.

Placed below are some pictures taken during the celebrations of 3rd International Day of Yoga 2017 held in Luanda on 18 June 2017.