

# **ADALBERTO COSTA JÚNIOR**

## **Official Biography**

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**Adalberto Costa Júnior** (born May 8, 1962, Chinjenje, Huambo Province, Angola) is the President of UNITA — Angola's largest opposition party — a Member of the National Assembly of Angola, and Fourth Vice President of the Pan-African Parliament.

An electrotechnical engineer by training (Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto, Portugal) with postgraduate studies in Public Ethics at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Costa Júnior has been a UNITA member since 1975, when he joined at the age of thirteen. He represented UNITA in Portugal (1991–1996) and Italy and the Vatican (1996–2002), returning to Angola permanently in 2003 following the end of the civil war. He served as UNITA's national spokesperson, National Secretary for Patrimonial Affairs, Vice President and then President of UNITA's Parliamentary Group before being elected UNITA President in November 2019.

Under his leadership, UNITA achieved its strongest-ever electoral result in the August 2022 general elections, receiving 44% of the official vote — and by independent parallel count, a majority of votes cast — winning 90 National Assembly seats and 63% of the vote in the capital Luanda. He contested the results through constitutional channels, maintaining UNITA's commitment to democratic process over force.

Re-elected UNITA President with 91% of the vote in November 2025, defeating Jonas Savimbi's son in the process, he leads UNITA into the 2027 general elections — Angola's most consequential in its post-independence history — as the candidate seeking to end 52 years of uninterrupted MPLA rule. He was elected Fourth Vice President of the Pan-African Parliament in April 2026, recognizing his stature as a continental democratic leader.

He is married and the father of five children.