



A BEACON FROM CABO VERDE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear friends,

We have closed another month marked by events which, although distinct in nature, remind us of an essential truth: the future of a country is always built through its people, its institutions and its ability to transform vision into action.

Cabo Verde experienced a defining moment in its democratic life with the holding of the legislative elections, once again reaffirming the

institutional calm and civic maturity that distinguish our country and its people. In a world so often marked by division and mistrust, we continue to stand as an example of stability, respect and democratic coexistence.

It was also a month of renewed connections and new horizons. We had the honour of meeting with the Director-General of the Executive Secretariat of the CPLP, Dr Miguel Monteiro, in a meeting that marked the reopening of relations between the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation and the organised Lusophone community, paving the way for a future of closer ties and institutional cooperation.

At the same time, we continue to look to the future through education and youth. The visit by our delegation to TUMO Lisbon allowed us to explore new ways of learning, creating and preparing young people for the challenges of the twenty-first century, reinforcing a conviction that has long guided our work: that investing in education is investing in freedom, opportunity and the retention of our talent in Cabo Verde.

Sport and entrepreneurship also left us with inspiring signs. We

celebrated the journey of Stopira, an example of persistence and resilience, and followed the rise of young figures such as Marcelo César, whose Prendi project reminds us that Cabo Verdean talent continues to find ways to innovate, create and project itself beyond our borders.

And perhaps the greatest lesson of this month lies precisely in the tribute we paid to our National Pride: the People of Cabo Verde. We celebrate 51 years of independence, yet we are a Nation with more than five centuries of history, built by generations that learned to live, endure and believe together. It is this collective inheritance, shaped by democracy, resilience and hope, that remains our greatest heritage.

At the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation, we will continue to work in this spirit — close to people, attentive to the challenges of the present and committed to a Cabo Verde that is increasingly prepared, ambitious and confident in its future.

Paulo Veiga

President of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation



CARLOS ALBERTINO VEIGA FOUNDATION AND THE CPLP

A REUNION WITH THE FUTURE

The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation had the honour of meeting with the Director-General of the Executive Secretariat of the CPLP, Dr Miguel Monteiro, in an encounter that represented far more than a gesture of institutional courtesy. It represented the reunion of two institutions united by shared values, a common space and a shared vision for the future of the Lusophone community.

The visit marked the reopening of relations between the Foundation and the Community of Portuguese Language Countries, opening a new cycle of dialogue, proximity and cooperation.

Among the issues discussed was the intention to reactivate the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation's status as an observer member of the CPLP, a step that could restore to the Foundation a closer institutional role within the organisation and strengthen its ability to contribute to the major

debates and challenges facing the Lusophone world.

For the Foundation, this rapprochement represents a natural opportunity to deepen its mission in the fields of knowledge, international cooperation, youth, culture, the ocean and sustainable development — areas that speak directly to the contemporary priorities of the CPLP. In a world where international platforms for dialogue are gaining renewed importance, we believe that Lusophony continues to be a platform of proximity, trust and collective construction.

This meeting does not conclude a process; on the contrary, it marks a beginning. A first step towards an increasingly active presence of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation within the CPLP universe and towards the building of new bridges between Cabo Verde and the Lusophone community, in a future we hope will be close and shared. ■

EDUCATION AND INNOVATION GIVING TALENT A FUTURE



In May, a delegation from the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation visited TUMO Lisbon, an international centre for creative technologies and innovative learning, with the aim of gaining an in-depth understanding of its educational model and initiating an evaluation process regarding the possible adaptation of the concept to the Cabo Verdean reality. TUMO is a free programme aimed at young people aged between 12 and 18, centred on creativity, technology and practical learning, allowing each student to build their own pathway in areas such as programming, robotics, cinema, music, design, game development and artificial intelligence.

More than an institutional visit, this meeting represented a reflection on the future of education and on the need to create, in Cabo Verde, learning environments capable of preparing young people for the professions, challenges and opportunities of the twenty-first century. The TUMO model combines autonomy, innovation and technological skills, valuing the talent and creative potential of every student.

For the Foundation, education continues to be one of the greatest vehicles of social mobility and one of the most powerful tools for national transformation. Thinking about new training models is also thinking about entrepreneurship, the digital economy, the creation of opportunities and the retention of young people in Cabo Verde.

Because the future does not wait, we believe we must all come together to build it, and that future always begins with education. ■

THE FUTURE HAS A NAME

WHEN TALENT CREATES ITS OWN OPPORTUNITY



In a country that so often sees its young people seek opportunities beyond its borders, stories such as Marcelo César's remind us of the immense potential that exists in Cabo Verde when talent, creativity and perseverance are given room to grow. Creator of the Prendi project, a platform dedicated to digital language learning, Marcelo César has been establishing himself as one of the young voices of Cabo Verdean technology and entrepreneurship, demonstrating that digital transformation can also emerge from the islands and speak to the world. Prendi was born from the desire to make language learning more accessible, flexible and adapted to new ways of learning. Through digital resources and a user-centred approach, the project seeks to bring together knowledge and technology, creating educational solutions capable of reaching different audiences and geographies. During the month of May, the project's visibility through interviews and coverage in public media once again brought attention to this inspiring journey, which brings together education, innovation and the creation of opportunities. For the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation, stories such as this carry special meaning. Because we believe in a generation capable of creating solutions, building opportunities and transforming knowledge into impact. More than celebrating a project or an individual journey, we celebrate a greater idea: that the future of Cabo Verde is also written through the courage to undertake, confidence in our young people and the ability to transform talent into value. The future has a name, and it always begins when someone dares to believe that it is possible to do things differently. ■



SPORT AND INSPIRATION

STOPIRA, PROOF THAT IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO DREAM

Football writes stories that ultimately speak far more about life than about the game itself. After announcing his retirement, many believed that Stopira's journey had come to an end. Yet dreams, at times, refuse premature farewells.

At the age of 38, the Cabo Verde international returned, once again wore the shirt with the same commitment as always and wrote one of the most beautiful chapters in recent football history by scoring the goal that secured Torreense's historic Portuguese Cup triumph, the first in the club's 109-year history and the first by a second-division club.

Known for his determination, quiet leadership and the way he never turns away from struggle,

Stopira now prepares once again to represent Cabo Verde on football's greatest stage, carrying with him not only the experience of a long career, but also living proof that persistence remains one of humanity's greatest victories.

At the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation, we deeply believe in sport as a school of values, discipline, resilience and hope.

For this reason, this month we celebrate our international player Stopira not merely for the goal or the trophy, but for the message he leaves to everyone, especially to young people, who should hear that it is never too late to start again, never too late to believe and never too late to achieve our dreams. ■

CULTURE THAT UNITES, INSPIRES AND PROJECTS CABO VERDE



History books and the archives of our collective memory are filled with expressions that paint a people in vivid and timeless portraits. These are memories that live on through stages, music, humour, art and the creativity of those who transform talent into shared identity. This is why culture holds such an important place in the development of any society, because it strengthens bonds, brings generations closer together and helps us understand who we are and what we aspire to build.

The 3rd Edition of the Nho Puxim Festival was yet another demonstration of the cultural vitality that characterises Cabo Verde. Bringing together artists, audiences and different creative sensitivities, the event established itself as a space for celebrating national artistic expression and the richness of our human heritage.

The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation associated itself with this initiative through its institutional support and through the presence of its President, Dr. Paulo Veiga, in a participation that reflects the importance the Foundation attributes to cultural appreciation as an essential dimension of collective life and social progress. For the Foundation, supporting culture means supporting people, opportunities and pathways of self-affirmation. It means recognising artists not merely as creators of entertainment, but also as guardians of memory, interpreters of reality and agents of social transformation. In a young, diverse and creative country such as Cabo Verde, culture continues to be one of the most powerful instruments of cohesion, self-esteem and national projection.

The cultural pillar therefore forms an integral part of the strategic vision of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation. Remaining close to artists and to initiatives that promote cultural creation and circulation represents a conscious choice and a lasting commitment to Cabo Verdean talent and to the appreciation of our collective heritage.

To all those who contributed to the success of this edition of the Nho Puxim Festival, organisers, artists, partners and audiences, the Foundation extends its gratitude and appreciation.

We will continue to be present, because we believe that a society that values its culture also strengthens confidence in its future. ■



SPORT AND COMMUNITY

THE FOUNDATION WEARS THE NATION'S COLOURS

Cabo Verde is counting down to the World Cup, and the first match of this final stage of preparation benefited from the presence and support of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation. In a match that could not be measured by the result alone, the stands became a celebration driven by emotion, identity and the sense of belonging of an entire people.

The warm-up match between Cabo Verde and Serbia, held in Lisbon, was one of those moments that remains in the memory of all who lived and witnessed it. More than 18,000 Cabo Verdeans painted the afternoon blue in an unforgettable communion between the National Team and its people. From the stands rose far more than support; what emerged was a collective embrace, a celebration of our identity and of the profound connection that unites Cabo Verde with its diaspora. The 3-0 victory was merely the icing on the cake of a truly national celebration. The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation had the honour of being present at this moment, represented by its Head of Projects, Bruno Filipe Costa. Participation in the official luncheon provided an important opportunity to join the Foundation's

voice with those of other partners of the National Team and official entities, strengthening bonds and sharing a common vision in support of sport and the international affirmation of Cabo Verde.

The following day, the Foundation once again stood alongside our national team, this time at the team hotel, where we shared lunch with players and coaching staff in a gathering marked by closeness, respect and the genuine feeling of belonging to the same dream.

Between words of encouragement, heartfelt embraces and sincere wishes for success, a bond was reinforced that the Foundation deeply values: closeness to those who carry the name of Cabo Verde onto the world's greatest stages.

We also accompanied the delegation on its journey to the airport and witnessed its departure for the United States, where the greatest challenge and the dream that mobilises an entire nation awaits: the World Cup. At the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation, we believe that sport is far more than competition. It is diplomacy, inspiration, identity and hope. Good luck, Cabo Verde, and may the United States be painted in the most beautiful blue of all, ours! ■

DEMOCRACY AND CITIZENSHIP

THE STRENGTH OF INSTITUTIONS



The legislative elections once again marked a defining moment in national life, mobilising citizens, institutions and different political sensibilities around what remains one of the Republic's essential pillars, embodied in democratic participation.

Regardless of the results and of each citizen's legitimate political choices, this was a moment worthy of recognition and appreciation for the example of institutional normality, civic spirit and respect for the country's democratic functioning.

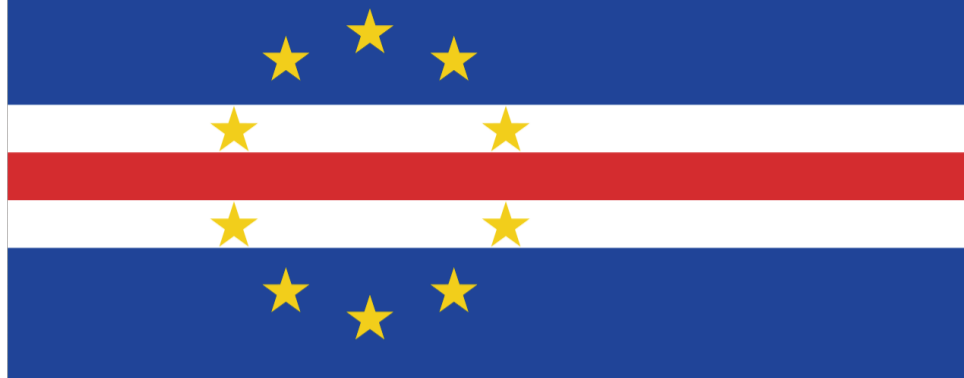
Throughout the electoral process, Cabo Verde once again demonstrated the strength of its institutions and the maturity of its political culture, preserving an environment of stability and respect for democratic rules that continues to deserve national and international recognition.

For the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation, which affirms itself as a non-partisan institution committed to the country's human, social and intellectual development, democracy represents more than a mechanism of political choice. It represents a space for dialogue, participation and the collective construction of the future.

Because strong societies are built on credible institutions, active citizenship and the ability to transform differences into common paths. And this remains one of Cabo Verde's greatest assets.

The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation wishes the newly elected Members of Parliament and the future Government of the Republic every success, with the expectation that this new political cycle will continue to serve Cabo Verde with responsibility, democratic spirit and commitment to the common good. ■

NATIONAL PRIDE



THE PEOPLE OF CABO VERDE

There are peoples remembered for the strength of their armies, the size of their territories or the wealth of their resources. And there are peoples defined by the quiet greatness of their character. Cabo Verde belongs to this second category.

In the recent elections, once again, the country spoke through the calm voice of its people. Without turmoil, without fear and without rupture. With passion, as befits a living democracy, but also with respect for institutions, for the results and for the legitimacy of every institution and every differing position.

At a time when too many democracies are wounded by intolerance, radicalisation and mistrust, Cabo Verdeans once again reminded us that democracy is not merely a political system. It is a culture. It is a way of living together. It is the ability to disagree without destroying, to compete without hatred and to choose without ceasing to belong to the same national community.

Cabo Verde celebrates 51 years of independence; nevertheless, the People of Cabo Verde have more than five centuries of history, encounters, resistance, departures and reunions. Long before the Republic, this collective soul already existed, shaped by the sea, by diversity, by resilience and by the rare ability to transform hardship into hope. It is this historical depth that makes us more than a State. It is what makes us a true Nation.

Perhaps because we are islands, we learned early that no future is built alone. That the sea separates, but also teaches the value of the journey and of encounter. And that our collective destiny is always worth more than fleeting victories. Throughout our recent history, democratic alternation has ceased to be an exception and has become part of our identity. Not as a sign of fragility, but as proof of maturity and confidence.

This month, the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation pays tribute not to an individual personality, but to the Republic's greatest heritage: the People of Cabo Verde.

A people small in territory, yet immense in example. A people that continues to show Africa and the world that democracy can be firm without being aggressive, plural without being fragmented and passionate without losing dignity. A people that, for more than 500 years, has learned to live together and that, for this very reason, continues to deserve the greater name of Nation. ■

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