



A BEACON FROM CABO VERDE

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

The month of January was particularly significant for the Fundação Carlos Albertino Veiga. A month that brought together memory, action and vision for the future, and that clearly reaffirmed the pillars that guide our intervention in Cape Verde and in the Atlantic space.

We celebrated Freedom and the Heroes, recalling that History is not merely a heritage of the past, but a permanent responsibility. We honoured Carlos Veiga, patron of the Foundation, whose life and work continue to be a major

reference of public service, democratic commitment and confidence in the future of Cape Verde. These moments of remembrance are not exercises in nostalgia, but affirmations of principles that continue to guide our action.

January was also marked by concrete steps by the Foundation at the institutional and international levels. The signing of the Cooperation Protocol with the Cape Verdean Football Federation represents a historic moment for the Foundation and an unequivocal demonstration of the commitment to sport as a pillar of human development, social cohesion and international projection of the country. Likewise, our participation in meetings of economic and institutional diplomacy reinforces the Foundation's vocation to build bridges, mobilise partnerships and contribute to long-term strategies.

And it is in the Ocean that this month gains a truly historic dimension. The entry into force of the High Seas Treaty, in January, constitutes a global milestone in the protection of the oceans and marine biodiversity. For the first time, the international community has a robust legal instrument to protect marine areas beyond national jurisdictions, promoting fairer, more scientific and sustainable ocean governance.

For Cape Verde, as an archipelagic State

and Atlantic nation, this Treaty has particular significance. And for the Fundação Carlos Albertino Veiga, the Ocean is not just a theme, it is a strategic pillar. With this permanent lighthouse, we have developed consistent work in the areas of ocean science, ocean governance, environmental protection and the empowerment of coastal communities, always with a vision of sustainability, sovereignty and future.

We believe that the Ocean is a historic opportunity for Cape Verde, economically, scientifically, environmentally and geopolitically. The High Seas Treaty reinforces this vision and creates a new framework of responsibility and international cooperation, in which the Foundation will continue to be committed to contributing knowledge, projects and partnerships.

We close this beginning of the year with the conviction that serving Cape Verde means knowing how to honour the past, act in the present and prepare the future. The Fundação Carlos Albertino Veiga will remain faithful to this mission, working with seriousness, vision and commitment, alongside institutions, communities and the country.

Paulo Veiga

President of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation

BUILDING BRIDGES

FUNDAÇÃO CARLOS ALBERTINO VEIGA PRESENT AT AN INSTITUTIONAL MEETING WITH PORTUGAL AND SAUDI ARABIA

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The Fundação Carlos Albertino Veiga was present at the official luncheon held as part of the institutional visit of Saudi entities to Vila Nova de Gaia, a moment of high political, economic and symbolic significance.

The representative of the Foundation had the opportunity to take part in a meeting that was much more than a protocol gesture. It was a concrete exercise in economic and institutional diplomacy, bringing together Portuguese and Saudi public office holders, but above all entrepreneurs, investors and strategic decision-makers from both countries.

This type of meeting demonstrates how contemporary diplomacy is increasingly built at the intersection between the public sector and the private sector, creating bridges of trust, sharing strategic visions and identifying real opportunities for cooperation. The simultaneous presence of political leaders and economic agents allowed for direct, pragmatic and results-oriented dialogue.

For the Fundação Carlos Albertino Veiga, moments like this are particularly relevant. Our mission is to promote platforms for understanding, international cooperation and sustainable development, valuing dialogue between cultures, economies and models of governance.

The rapprochement between Portugal and Saudi Arabia, based on investment, innovation and a long-term vision, is a clear example of how these dynamics can generate real impact in territories and communities.

The Foundation will remain attentive and available to contribute to initiatives that strengthen international cooperation, economic diplomacy and the construction of strategic partnerships with positive and lasting impact. In this context, the Foundation also had the opportunity to present two project proposals, which it hopes to develop in partnership with Saudi entities, with new rounds of exploratory meetings now to follow. ■



CARLOS ALBERTINO VEIGA FOUNDATION STRENGTHENS INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE WITH JAPAN

Following his presence in Osaka in September 2025, the President of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation, Paulo Veiga, met in January with Masanori Kobayashi, representative of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, one of Japan's most prestigious international foundations.

The meeting, which took place in Praia, allowed for the first steps towards creating cooperative ties between the two institutions, exploring synergies for the development of joint projects in the near future, with a particular focus on ocean governance, international cooperation and sustainability.

This rapprochement takes on strategic significance by linking Japan to Cape Verde, establishing a bridge between the Atlantic and the Pacific, at a particularly relevant time for the global challenges associated with the ocean, maritime security and sustainable development.

The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation thus reaffirms its vocation as an Atlantic platform for dialogue, action and international cooperation, open to global partnerships with concrete impact. ■



FUNDAÇÃO CARLOS ALBERTINO VEIGA AND THE CAPE VERDEAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION SIGN AN INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION PROTOCOL

The Fundação Carlos Albertino Veiga signed an Institutional Cooperation Protocol with the Cape Verdean Football Federation (FCF), at a moment of particular relevance for national sport and for the very history of the Foundation.

This Protocol establishes a structured framework for cooperation aimed at strengthening the preparation, organisation and international projection of Cape Verde's National

Teams, in a context of increased demands resulting from historic qualification for major international competitions. The partnership is based on a logic of institutional complementarity, absolute respect for the autonomy of the FCF and a commitment to high standards of rigour, transparency and sustainability.

For the Fundação Carlos Albertino Veiga, this agreement represents a

historic milestone and a clear demonstration of the consolidation of sport as one of the strategic pillars of its intervention. More than an operational instrument, the Protocol reflects a principled choice to stand unequivocally alongside Cape Verde in its decisive moments, contributing institutional capacity, an international network and strategic vision.

The Protocol provides support in areas such as resource mobilisation and partnerships, logistics and international operations, communication and external projection, as well as technical-organisational support and reflection on management models, always respecting the Federation's own competencies.

Through this partnership, the Fundação Carlos Albertino Veiga reaffirms its mission to serve Cape Verde, placing its knowledge, credibility and mobilisation capacity at the service of the national interest, with a legacy-oriented vision that goes beyond the immediate competitive cycle and invests in the structural strengthening of Cape Verdean sport. ■





FREEDOM AND HEROES, MEMORY, RESPONSIBILITY AND FUTURE

The month of January was marked, in Cape Verde, by the commemoration of two founding values of our collective identity, Freedom and the National Heroes. More than dates on the calendar, these commemorations are moments of deep reflection on the path travelled as a people and on

the responsibilities we have inherited.

Freedom is not a static event nor a good acquired forever. It is a continuous process, built over time by men and women who, in difficult contexts, knew how to place the collective interest above individual

comfort. In Cape Verde, Freedom was won with sacrifice, perseverance and vision, but it remains alive only if it is daily cared for, defended and exercised with responsibility.

The Heroes we commemorate today are not only figures from a distant past. They are symbols of civic courage, commitment to the community and the ability to dream of a better country even when circumstances seemed adverse. Honouring them does not mean repeating speeches, but acting in a way consistent with the values they represented, values of dignity, justice, work, solidarity and public service.

At a time when the world faces new forms of instability, inequality and disinformation, these dates gain renewed meaning. True homage to Freedom is made through strong institutions, informed citizens and active participation in public life. True homage to the Heroes is made when each generation assumes its share of responsibility in building the future.

The Fundação Carlos Albertino Veiga associates itself with these commemorations with the conviction that memory without action is incomplete. Our commitment to education, civic culture, sport, science and human development is born precisely from this reading of History, honouring the past through the preparation of the future.

Celebrating Freedom and the Heroes is, ultimately, reaffirming a collective choice. The choice to continue believing in Cape Verde, to invest in people and to work, with seriousness and vision, for a fairer country, better prepared and more confident in its destiny. ■



CARLOS ALBERTINO VEIGA

CIVIC COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO CAPE VERDE

In the month in which Cape Verde marks Freedom and honours its Heroes, the Fundação Carlos Albertino Veiga pays tribute to its patron, Carlos Albertino Veiga, who in January celebrated another birthday. His public and civic life constitutes an example of dedication to the country, marked by a commitment to democracy, a strong link to civil society and a vision of development based on responsibility and work. Carlos Albertino Veiga played a relevant role in the democratic construction of Cape Verde as a Member of Parliament and President of the Municipal Assembly of Santa Catarina, positions through which he contributed to the strengthening of institutions, the affirmation of local power and the consolidation of a democratic culture close to the people. His political action was always distinguished by respect for institutions, dialogue and the defence of the public interest. Beyond the political dimension, Carlos Albertino Veiga's trajectory was also marked by a deep connection to the business and social sectors, where he played an active role in promoting economic development, private initiative and the involvement of civil society. He understood, like few others, that Cape Verde's progress depends on the articulation between the State, the productive sector and communities, creating bridges between politics, the economy and the social fabric. This ability to dialogue between distinct worlds, political, business and social, makes Carlos Albertino Veiga a singular figure. He always believed that democracy is built not only in

public office, but also in the daily life of companies, associations, municipalities and communities, where opportunities are generated, jobs are created and social cohesion is strengthened. His legacy therefore goes beyond the offices he held. It represents a way of being in public life based on seriousness, strategic vision and confidence in Cape Verde's human potential. He defended a responsible freedom, based on solid institutions, a dynamic economy and a participatory civil society. For the Fundação Carlos Albertino Veiga, its patron is more than a historical reference. He is the Great Hero of the Foundation, not through a cult of personality, but through the civic example he left and continues to leave. An example that inspires our action in the areas of education, sport, civic culture, science and human development, always with the objective of contributing to a country that is better prepared, fairer and more confident in its future. Marking the birthday of Carlos Albertino Veiga is thus an act of gratitude and recognition. Gratitude for a life dedicated to serving Cape Verde. Recognition for a legacy that remains current, built on commitment, dialogue and responsibility. Celebrating him is affirming that it is worthwhile to serve the country with integrity, vision and a sense of community. The Foundation is proud to bear his name and to pursue a mission inspired by the values he always defended: freedom with responsibility, democracy lived in daily life and development built with everyone. ■



THE HIGH SEAS TREATY STARTS

This month we celebrate the entry into force of the High Seas Treaty, a historic milestone in the protection of the oceans and marine biodiversity on a global scale. This international legal instrument creates, for the first time, a robust framework for the conservation and sustainable management of marine areas beyond national jurisdictions.

For Cape Verde, as an archipelagic State and Atlantic nation, and for the Fundação Carlos Albertino Veiga, which has the Ocean as one of its strategic pillars, this Treaty represents a decisive opportunity to strengthen ocean science, international cooperation and the protection of marine heritage as an asset for the future. ■

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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation's mission is to promote the social and economic development of Cabo Verde, based on the values of solidarity and entrepreneurship, contributing to a fairer future for all Cape Verdeans.

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