



A BEACON FROM CABO VERDE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear friends,

August 2024 marked the beginning of a new phase at the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation. We knew that before acting on a large scale it was necessary to prepare the ground, consolidate foundations, build trust and create bridges. This was a time of silent work, institutional diplomacy, patient negotiation and strategic affirmation.

Along this path, we repositioned the Foundation at national and international level, formalized structuring protocols and agreements, strengthened our public presence through the creation of social media channels, the reformulation of the institutional website and the launch of this newsletter. We created the Ocean Observatory, launched the Blue Atlantic Hub as a platform for knowledge and investment attraction, and held two editions of the Ocean Summit, in Lisbon and in Mindelo, affirming Cabo Verde in the international debate on the ocean.

These were months of construction, of sowing and of tireless work by a team that believed in a vision and sought to create a beacon. Today we begin to reap.

The launch of the Padrinhos da Praia Baixo and Escola Azul da Praia Baixo projects marks a new era for the Foundation. For the first time in this phase, two projects with strong symbolic, emotional and community dimensions enter into direct implementation, close to

people, close to children, close to the future.

We are not abandoning diplomacy, strategic positioning or network building; on the contrary, it is precisely that work which makes this new phase possible, and there will be many developments in the coming months regarding this more visible part of our work. I would, however, like to emphasize that 2026 will be the year of expanded implementation. The year in which the Foundation seeks to deliver as much as it announces. The year in which structuring work will translate into visible, measurable and transformative impact.

We believe that institutions gain legitimacy when they are able to transform vision into action. This is our commitment.

I invite you to follow this new stage with us and to join us in the projects we have launched and will continue to launch.

We are only just beginning.

Paulo Veiga

President of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation

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MORE THAN A PROJECT, A LEGACY



There are projects that are born from strategy. And there are projects that are born from memory, affection and a sense of belonging. The signing of the protocol between the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation and the Ministry of Education of Cabo Verde marked the launch of the Escola Azul pilot project at the Eugénia Afonso Freire Primary School, in Praia Baixo.

This is a structuring moment, but it is also a deeply symbolic one. We cannot forget the strong family, emotional and memory-building connection that the Carlos Albertino



Veiga Foundation family has within the community of Praia Baixo, among its people and in its waters.

For this pilot project, we begin with 107 children, between 6 and 11 years old, who will now be part of an educational path where the sea ceases to be merely a landscape and becomes knowledge, responsibility and identity. They will grow with the tools to understand the ocean,

respect it and transform it into an opportunity for their region and for Cabo Verde.

In a second phase, the project will be extended to the remaining 11 schools of the Nossa Senhora da Luz School Grouping, involving around 750 students from the 1st and 2nd cycles. What begins in one school thus becomes an educational movement on a territorial scale, and which we aspire, one day, to transform into a national mission.

Escola Azul is not merely a pedagogical program; it is a commitment to the future, and proof that public policies gain strength when they intersect with the community and with a clear sense of mission.

As we have seen, beginning in Praia Baixo was not by chance. It was a gesture of respect for history, of recognition of roots and of conscious investment in the future. This is a legacy that begins now and that we will extend into our collective future. ■





UNVEILING CEREMONY FOR THE “PADRINHOS DO MAR” COMMEMORATIVE PANEL

As a Foundation, as a community and as Cabo Verdeans, we experienced a special day in Praia Baixo. The inauguration of the Padrinhos do Mar Plaque represented a symbol of a commitment that is, above all, human. We want to be present, we

want to listen to the community and we want to care, all together, for this sea that is part of our collective history and our daily life.

What happened that morning on the sands of Praia Baixo was much more than a ceremony; it was a moment of

sharing with the community, fishermen, fish vendors, children, families and all those who live with their eyes turned toward the ocean and their hearts on our shores. A simple gathering, yet filled with meaning.

We thank all those who joined us, and we extend special recognition to the Minister of the Sea, Jorge Santos, for his presence and for his reiterated commitment to the appreciation of coastal communities and our ocean.

For us, being a padrinho is not an honorary title. It is a responsibility assumed with respect, proximity and continuity. From now on it will mean being present when needed, building trust and acting with consistency and impact on people.

This is only the beginning of a path where we transform a community into “padrinhos” and have the honor of walking alongside the people of Praia Baixo. ■



COOPERATION PROTOCOL WITH DJEU.CV



The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation signed an Institutional Cooperation Protocol with DJEU.CV, in partnership with ARNSV – Regional Swimming Association of São Vicente, within the framework of the Open Volta a DJEU's – Swim Challenge Cabo Verde.

More than a sporting competition, this initiative affirms aquatic sport as an instrument for promoting ocean literacy, the Blue Economy,

sustainable tourism and the mobilization of youth around the sea that defines Cabo Verde as an Atlantic nation.

By associating itself institutionally with this project, the Foundation reinforces its commitment to valuing the ocean as a space of identity, opportunity and future, believing in the convergence between sport, knowledge and strategy as a driver of sustainable development. ■

NATIONAL PRIDE



MIGUEL MONTEIRO

ASSUMES THE POSITION
OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL
OF THE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARIAT OF THE CPLP

The news of Miguel Monteiro's appointment represents a moment in which an individual journey becomes a source of collective pride. To celebrate a Cabo Verdean taking office as the new Director-General of the Executive Secretariat of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries is to celebrate, loudly and proudly, the name of Cabo Verde within the Lusophone space.

Miguel Monteiro's path to this point was not the result of chance. Over the years, he has built a career marked by public responsibility, technical rigor and commitment to the country's development. As a Member of Parliament in the National Assembly, he actively participated in legislative construction. As Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cabo Verde Stock Exchange, he led a strategic sector for the country's economic and financial modernization, strengthening confidence in institutions and market instruments.

He now takes that experience into a multilateral dimension, serving a community that unites peoples, cultures and continents through the Portuguese language. More than an appointment, this is a sign. A sign that Cabo Verde continues to train prepared, competent and respected professionals. A sign that merit, when combined with consistency, opens doors beyond borders. We celebrate this moment with genuine satisfaction, because when a Cabo Verdean assumes a responsibility of this magnitude, it is not merely a position that is attained, it is the recognition of an entire country that believes in his talent, his preparation and his ability to lead.

Congratulations, Miguel Monteiro.
Cabo Verde is proud of you. ■

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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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