



A LIGHTHOUSE OF CABO VERDE

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CABO VERDE AT THE HEART OF BLUE DIPLOMACY

PARTICIPATION IN UNOC3 NICE, FRANCE



The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation was part of the official Cabo Verdean delegation to the **3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3)**, held in Nice. This participation reaffirmed the Foundation's commitment to **blue diplomacy, ocean sustainability**, and the enhancement of the sea as a strategic pillar for national development.

During the conference, international partnerships were established and the groundwork laid for the Foundation's integration into multilateral projects focused on ocean literacy, the blue economy, and capacity-building for coastal communities. Cabo Verde must be a protagonist on the global ocean agenda, and the Foundation will be present and actively engaged on that path. ■

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to the first edition of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation’s newsletter.

This monthly publication is born from a clear ambition: **to bring the Foundation closer to the people of Cabo Verde and to all those who believe in a fairer, more sustainable, and better-prepared Cabo Verde for the future.** It will be a space for sharing, for inspiration, and for commitment, to the country, to the communities, and to each citizen.

The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation works across **several key pillars:** human development, education and training, health, youth employment, environmental sustainability, the enhancement of the sea and blue economy, culture, and social cohesion. We believe that it is in the intersection of these areas that the true engine of progress resides.

We are an institution being reborn, but with deep roots and a clear mission. We work with national and international partners, public and private entities, and most of all, **with people.** Because it is with people that nations are built. And because there is no future without dignity, inclusion, and knowledge, these are the values on which we ground our actions.

May this newsletter be a mirror of our work, but also an invitation for your participation. We are here to serve Cabo Verde, and we want to do so with integrity, with dedication, and with vision, but above all, with everyone. I hope this new space can inspire you, and that you will join us and bring your inspiration. We are here to welcome you and together build a Cabo Verde with a future.

Paulo Veiga
President of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation

IMMERSIVE TECHNOLOGY IN SERVICE OF OCEAN LITERACY

PROTOCOL WITH THE FUNDAÇÃO DOS MARES DE PORTUGAL

This June, in Lisbon, a **Cooperation Protocol** was signed between the **Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation** and the **Fundação dos Mares de Portugal**. This partnership will bring to Cabo Verde the **first national ocean literacy project using immersive technology:** a **Virtual Reality Diving Bell**, which will be made available to children and young people in Cabo Verde.

This equipment allows a digital simulation of a deep-sea dive, sparking interest in science, marine environments, and ocean-related careers. It is a pioneering project, with strong educational and social impact, and one we hope will inspire the next generation. ■



A BRIDGE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN
CABO VERDE AND PORTUGAL IN OCEAN AFFAIRS

MEETING WITH THE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME POLICY (DGPM)



The Foundation met with Portugal’s Directorate-General for Maritime Policy (DGPM) in Lisbon, in a working session that defined the strategic lines for a future collaboration between the two institutions. Shared areas of action were identified, especially in **maritime education, professional**

training, and spatial maritime planning. The meeting laid the foundation for a structured and long-term relationship, which will bring Cabo Verde access to technical expertise, training programs, and institutional synergies with Portugal’s ocean sector entities. The first joint projects will be announced soon. ■



ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation is committed to promoting the social and economic development of Cabo Verde, grounded in the values of solidarity and entrepreneurship, contributing to a fairer future for all Cape Verdeans.
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NATIONAL PRIDE



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JOAQUIM ARENA

In this first issue of our newsletter, we pay tribute to **Joaquim Arena**, Cabo Verdean writer and journalist, recently awarded the **Guerra Junqueiro Literary Prize – Lusofonia 2024.**

With a body of work marked by memory, justice, and critical reflection on Cabo Verdean history and identity, Joaquim Arena is today one of the great voices of Portuguese-language literature. His writing gives voice to essential themes such as mestiçagem, freedom, colonial memory, and the rediscovery of historical truth.

The prize he has just received is more than deserved, it is a celebration of his talent, his intellectual courage, and the transformative power that literature can have in the life of a people. **The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation congratulates Joaquim Arena and is proud to honour him as this month’s inspiring figure.** ■

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