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THE OCEAN WE KNOW, THE FUTURE WE BUILD

OCEAN SUMMIT 2025 WILL BE HELD IN MINDELO!

Following the first edition held in Lisbon last year, the Ocean Summit 2026, organised by the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation, will take place in the city of Mindelo, and this year, it takes on a particularly special meaning: it will now be officially included in the programme of

Cabo Verde's Ocean Week. This is an important milestone that reaffirms the Foundation's commitment to the ocean, to sustainable development, and to the crucial role our country can play in the blue world of the future.

Under the theme “**The Ocean**

We Know, The Future We Build”, this edition will be entirely dedicated to ocean literacy and to following up on the decisions made at UNOC3. In a pivotal moment for climate diplomacy and ocean governance, Cabo Verde is once again asserting itself as a global reference. The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation proudly and responsibly embraces the role of catalyst for ideas, projects, and partnerships that place the ocean at the centre of our shared destiny.

Until November, we will continue to share updates, confirmed speakers, and side events—with the certainty that we are working daily to make this one of the world's most significant ocean events of the year, promoting Cabo Verde and ensuring a successful future for our people and our sea. ■



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

July is always a special month for Cape Verdeans. It is a time when we celebrate the sovereignty achieved, the independence proclaimed, and the dream of a sovereign nation built through effort, courage, and vision. It was in this spirit that we chose Carlos Veiga as our figure of the month, celebrating, with pride and gratitude, the life and legacy of a statesman, an exemplary citizen, and a founding figure of this Foundation. In such a meaningful month, and carrying this legacy, the Foundation strives every day to live up to its teachings and its commitment to Cabo Verde.

In this spirit of continuity, throughout the month we signed new agreements with official entities and strategic partners, reinforcing the Foundation's role in promoting the blue economy, ocean literacy, and sustainability. We envision a country that sees its maritime territory as a space of opportunity, innovation, and inclusion. We are working to turn this vision into concrete actions and real opportunities for our communities.

With this same energy, we also announced what had long been

anticipated: the Ocean Summit 2026 will be held in Cabo Verde. We are proud that this event, which holds such importance for the Foundation, will for the first time be included in the official programme of Cabo Verde's Ocean Week. This is a key step for blue diplomacy, for the country's international positioning, and for affirming Cabo Verde as a platform for dialogue between continents. The Foundation is proud to play an active role in this ambition.

Sadly, this month was not only marked by celebration. Cabo Verde bid farewell to Kiki Lima, pioneer of visual arts, master of colour and soul of the Cape Verdean identity. His passing leaves us poorer, but his work will live on, in walls, in books, in strokes and in the memory of a people who see in their artists the purest interpreters of their collective identity.

We continue with serenity and determination, honouring the past, serving the present, and building, with everyone and for everyone, a future that is bluer, fairer, and more dignified.

Paulo Veiga
President of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation

THE ARTIST HAS DEPARTED, BUT THE COLOURS THAT PAINTED A PEOPLE'S SOUL REMAIN

TRIBUTE TO KIKI LIMA



The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation deeply mourns the passing of visual artist Kiki Lima, an iconic figure in Cape Verdean and African culture. A pioneer of visual art in the archipelago, Kiki Lima was more than a creator, he was a visionary, a guardian of collective memory, and a messenger of the Cape Verdean soul through the colours, forms, and symbolism immortalised in his work. His art transcended borders, moved

continents, and gave visual expression to what often cannot be said in words, the strength, sorrow, joy, and identity of our people. With his passing, we have lost a master, but we have gained an eternal legacy. The Foundation bows with respect and gratitude to his memory and reaffirms its commitment to the promotion of Cape Verdean culture as an essential pillar in building a richer and more human future. ■

COMMITMENT TO CABO VERDE'S BLUE FUTURE

NEW AGREEMENTS AND A RENEWED VISION



As part of an institutional visit to the island of São Vicente, the President of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation met with three key entities in the marine sector: IMAR – the Institute of the Sea, the National Directorate of Fisheries and Environment (DNPA), and the National Directorate for Maritime Policy (DNPM). These meetings marked a moment of strategic dialogue and a shared vision for the blue future of Cabo Verde. As a direct result of these meetings, three cooperation protocols were signed, which will soon lead to new initiatives and projects in the fields of the blue economy,

ocean literacy, and the sustainable enhancement of our marine resources. These partnerships represent a firm step towards strengthening joint action between the State and civil society, fostering more integrated and participatory governance of our maritime heritage. The Foundation embraces this path with profound pride and a strong sense of responsibility, a path that sees the ocean not as a frontier, but as a horizon. And one that works for a more sustainable, more resilient, and more connected Cabo Verde, fully embracing its Atlantic destiny. ■



CARLOS VEIGA

This month, as we celebrate Cabo Verde's independence, we pay tribute to a man who dedicated his life to the cause of freedom, justice, and democracy: Carlos Alberto Wahnon de Carvalho Veiga. Jurist, diplomat, politician, and patriot, Carlos Veiga was the first democratically elected Prime Minister of Cabo Verde, symbolising a generation of leaders who turned hope into a national project. More than the positions he held, Carlos Veiga distinguished himself through his integrity, his vision for a modern Cabo Verde, and the unwavering way in which he defended dialogue, inclusion, and the rule of law. He never confused adversaries with enemies, nor power with privilege. His legacy lives on not only in the institutions he helped to build but, above all, in the democratic consciousness of the Cape Verdean people. The Foundation that proudly honours him today carries the mission of continuing his work, placing civic culture, education, knowledge, and ocean diplomacy at the heart of a more sustainable and freer future. Carlos Veiga is, and will always be, a National Pride, for he taught us that serving Cabo Verde is the noblest way to love freedom. ■

KAVALA FRESK FESTIVAL

WHERE OUR SEA CELEBRATES OUR SOUL



The presence of the President of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation at the Kavalá Fresk Festival, in Mindelo, symbolised the recognition of culture as one of the fundamental pillars of Cabo Verde's development. This annual event, which has secured a prominent place in the national calendar, is a vibrant celebration of Cape

Verdean identity, where music, gastronomy, tradition, and creativity blend at the edge of the sea, turning Mindelo into a true epicentre for intergenerational encounter, artists, and dreamers. The Kavalá Fresk Festival is more than a party, it is a living stage where memory is honoured, the present celebrated, and the future of our culture projected. The Foundation applauds the organisation of this event, its social and economic impact, and its ability to mobilise communities, inspire youth, and strengthen the cultural fabric of the country. Cabo Verde needs more spaces like this, where art is celebrated, tradition valued, and creative freedom stimulated as an engine of progress and cohesion. ■

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