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OCEAN WEEK AND OCEAN SUMMIT

FROM CHALLENGE TO INSPIRATION

São Vicente will once again be the stage for two of the most important gatherings dedicated to the ocean and the blue future of our planet: the Ocean Week and the Ocean Summit. These events bring together experts, decision-makers, researchers, and communities, and

take on an even deeper meaning at a decisive moment for our island.

Recently, São Vicente was shaken by severe damage that affected essential pillars of research and education: the IMAR – Instituto do Mar, the Ocean Science Center

of Mindelo, and the Technical University of the Atlantic. These centres, which place Cabo Verde as a global reference in ocean-related science and innovation, saw part of their infrastructure compromised. Nevertheless, their spirit, dedication, and ability to inspire remain unshaken.

The hosting of the Ocean Week and Ocean Summit in São Vicente will be much more than an international gathering: it will be an unequivocal sign of resilience, a demonstration of confidence in the potential of our island, and a concrete act of solidarity with the scientific and academic community. These events reinforce São Vicente's role as a global reference in ocean science, stimulate international collaboration, promote innovation, and serve as a source of inspiration for all, showing that even in the face of adversity, we remain a safe harbour for knowledge, dialogue, and sustainable development. The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation believes that these gatherings will represent a turning point: a decisive boost for reconstruction, for the strengthening of research, and for the consolidation of São Vicente on the world map of science and the blue economy. ■



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

This month, I bring you words written with a heavy heart. The recent tragedy that struck São Vicente has left a deep mark on all of us. Visiting the island in the days that followed, I felt up close the pain, the loss, and the uncertainty that lingered in the air. In the faces I encountered, I saw tears, but I also witnessed a quiet strength that defines the spirit of our people.

The grief I felt was immense. Streets that once overflowed with life were scarred by destruction, and every conversation carried stories of courage, solidarity, and hope, even in the midst of adversity. It was impossible not to be moved by the way the community came together, how neighbours became family, and how, even in the face of pain, an embrace remained the greatest response.

To those who have lost loved ones, we offer our deepest condolences.

To those who have lost everything they had, the certainty that they are not alone.

Today, more than ever, we need one another. The reconstruction of São Vicente will not only be physical, but also emotional and social. The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation will be present at every step of this journey, doing everything within its power to support recovery and to stand, actively and in solidarity, alongside the people of this island we love so dearly.

With hope for the future and faith in the unity that strengthens us, I believe that São Vicente will smile again. And we will be there to witness its rebirth.

Warm regards,

Paulo Veiga
Presidente da Fundação Carlos Albertino Veiga

PARTNERSHIPS THAT TURN INTO ACTION



Following the announcement made in July, the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation formalised, during this

month of August, cooperation agreements with three important institutions in Cabo Verde: the Instituto do Mar (IMar), the National Directorate for Maritime Policy (DNPM), and the National Directorate for Fisheries and Aquaculture (DNPA). These agreements strengthen the joint commitment to research, the sustainable management of marine resources, and the development of projects that benefit coastal communities. More than a formal act, the signing marks the beginning of collaborative work that will transform

ideas into concrete actions, with real impact on the present and future of the oceans that unite us. With this strategic alliance, new opportunities arise for the sharing of knowledge, technological innovation, and the promotion of human capital linked to the sea. The Foundation and its partner institutions believe that cooperation is the path to ensuring the responsible use of resources and to creating solutions that address the climate and socio-economic challenges faced by Cabo Verde. ■

SOLIDARITY THAT UNITES OCEANS



In the most difficult moments, when pain takes hold and loss leaves deep marks, it is in unity that true strength is found. What happened in São Vicente touched everyone, both within and beyond Cabo Verde. And, in an inspiring way, it also revealed the very best of our community: prompt assistance, mutual support, and a spirit of sharing that crosses borders. The Cape Verdean diaspora,

present in every corner of the world, responded with the same dedication and spirit of solidarity felt in the streets of Mindelo. Efforts were combined, gestures and words of support multiplied, and actions were carried out that made it clear: we stand together. Across the other islands as well, entire communities demonstrated that the pain of one is felt by all, and that our shared identity speaks

louder than any distance. Reconstruction, however, will not be achieved solely through new homes, equipment, or infrastructure. It will require continuous support, to stand alongside people in their daily lives and to address the less visible consequences, those that call for care, listening, and psychological support so that life can truly return to its course. The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation is proud to be part of this network of solidarity and reaffirms that, when we walk side by side, nothing is impossible. Today, more than ever, we affirm that we are one people, united by bonds that no ocean can divide. ■

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



CESÁRIA ÉVORA THE VOICE OF A PEOPLE

In this month of her birthday, we remember Cesária Évora as much more than the great artist the world came to know. She is the symbol of a people who, even in times of sorrow, find the strength to rise. Her morna, born in Mindelo, speaks for all the islands, reaches the diaspora, and returns even stronger, uniting those who are near and those who are far away.

Cesária's music expresses what we cannot always put into words: loss, longing, resilience. It is a companion for those who suffer, a comfort for those who mourn, and an inspiration to carry on. Each note carries stories of work, courage, and hope.

To honour Cesária is to honour São Vicente and Cabo Verde, in their dignity, resilience, and in the unity of a people who, even in the face of sadness, find a way to move forward. As long as her voice lives in our memory, there will always be strength to rebuild the island and smile again. ■

WHEN SPORT ALSO UNITES A PEOPLE



August was a month marked by great trials for Cabo Verde, with the country closely following the difficult situation in São Vicente. Even so, it was also a month in which examples emerged of our ability to come together. The national

basketball team was one such example, offering the country a genuine reason for pride. After a very positive group stage, with two victories and only one defeat, Cabo Verde achieved one of the biggest surprises of AfroBasket 2025: in the Round of 16, it defeated Tunisia, the reigning African champion, by 87–54. A decisive victory, built on talent, teamwork, and a unity that seemed to carry onto the court the strength of an entire nation. In the quarter-finals, against Angola, our players once again displayed determination and quality.

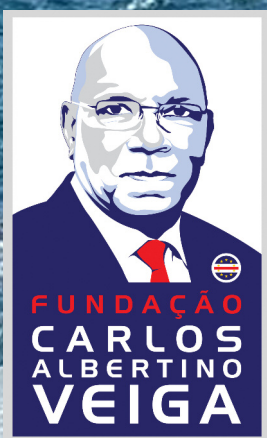
Even in the face of massive support for the home team, they played a worthy and competitive match, always driven by the warmth of Cape Verdean voices in the stands. More than results, the team showed that sport can be a meeting point and a source of inspiration. In a month in which we shed so many tears, they reminded us that we also know how to celebrate together. The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation congratulates the team for this remarkable journey and thanks them for the pride they brought to all Cape Verdeans. ■

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