



A BEACON FROM CABO VERDE

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

I'm writing these first words on my way back from Osaka with a full heart and a reinforced certainty that Cape Verde has a place in the world larger than we sometimes dare to imagine. The presence of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation at Expo Osaka 2025 was much more than a protocol participation, it was a true demonstration of blue diplomacy, of confidence and ambition. In every meeting we held, in every room where we brought Cape Verde's voice, I felt that our archipelago is not just a dot on the map, it is a living idea, made of sea, culture, resilience and future. The meetings we held, the bridges we built and the commitments we assumed opened concrete paths to

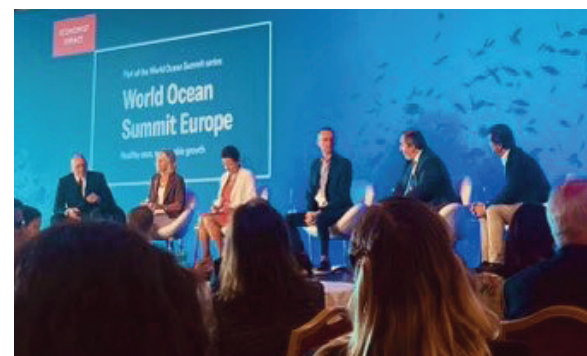
new opportunities that can transform the lives of our communities. And much more than the signatures or protocols, what I take from this trip is the energy, the inspiration and the enthusiasm I saw in the eyes of everyone who heard about Cape Verde. It is as if every word about our islands had the power to awaken not only curiosity, but also respect and a willingness to cooperate.

I deeply believe that this trip marks a turning point for the Foundation and for our country. Ocean literacy, the defense of our sea and the promotion of our blue identity are major causes, directly touching the future of the new generations. And it is for them, for the youth, for families, for every Cape Verdean who lives within and outside our islands, that we work.

We return from Osaka with the conviction that we are not alone on this path. We have partners, we have allies and, above all, we have a clear mission: to transform the wealth of our seas into hope, opportunities and development for Cape Verde. This is the message of certainty and hope I would like to send you this month, and I look forward to seeing you all in Mindelo in November!

Paulo Veiga

President of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation



COMMITMENT TO THE BLUE FUTURE

Last September 9th, the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation took part in the World Ocean Summit Europe, in Cascais, a space of debate and action that brings together leaders, experts, and organizations dedicated to the preservation and regeneration of the oceans.

Being present is not just a symbolic gesture. It is about strengthening, with both voice and action, our commitment to protect this vital natural heritage, to promote innovative solutions, and to inspire collective responsibility for the sea that connects us all.

During the event, it was also possible to hold strategic meetings with international partners and leaders, reinforcing the promotion of Cabo Verde and advancing the preparation of the upcoming Ocean Summit, which will take place in November in Mindelo, as well as other structural projects of the Foundation.

Because taking care of the oceans is taking care of life. And this is a commitment we renew every single day. ■

THE IMPORTANCE OF BLUE DIPLOMACY

CARLOS ALBERTINO VEIGA FOUNDATION TAKES CAPE VERDE TO THE WORLD AT EXPO OSAKA 2025



The presence of the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation at Expo Osaka 2025 will go down in our history as much more than a protocol representation. At the invitation of the Portuguese Government, the Foundation took part in Ocean Week at the Portugal Pavilion. However, what could have been just a moment of visibility turned into a true mission of blue diplomacy, opening paths to continue our work in promoting the future of Cape Verde and reinforcing the Foundation's role in the international debate on the seas.



Over several days, an intense agenda placed Cape Verde at the center of attention. There were strategic meetings with representatives from Saudi Arabia and Japan, countries that today play key roles in the energy transition, the blue economy and scientific cooperation. These meetings opened doors to future partnerships that could translate into new projects, knowledge and new opportunities for Cape Verdean communities. Another highlight was the official visit to the Cape Verde Pavilion, where the Foundation's delegation was accompanied by the Secretary of State for the Sea of Portugal. The meeting reinforced the historic and emotional ties between the two countries, but also the need for increasingly future-oriented cooperation, with the sea as a strategic resource, a heritage to be protected and a platform for economic and social development.

Our President, Dr. Paulo Veiga, was also a speaker at an international conference on Ocean Literacy. His intervention underlined the importance of empowering young people, communities and decision-makers to understand the value of the oceans and act to ensure their sustainability. The message resonated strongly: without literacy there is no sustainable future, and without education there is no true blue citizenship.

The visit culminated with the signing of a Cooperation Protocol with Portugal's Directorate-General for Maritime Policy (DGPM). This agreement, focused on the implementation of Ocean Literacy

projects starting in 2026, symbolizes a bridge between Cape Verde and Portugal, but also between our Foundation and the world. It is a commitment to share knowledge, experiences and practices that will bring tangible benefits to schools, coastal communities and future Cape Verdean generations.

More than meetings, speeches or signatures, what remains from this trip is the certainty that Cape Verde has a voice, has vision and has partners willing to walk alongside the Foundation. Blue diplomacy is not just a beautiful expression; it is the translation of a strategy that can change the lives of our islands and our people. By placing Cape Verde at the heart of international discussions, the Foundation fulfills its mission to defend, project and promote the wealth that our seas represent, not only for us, but for the whole world. ■





OCEAN SUMMIT 2025 TAKES SHAPE!

AN AGENDA FILLED WITH THE “STARS” OF THE OCEAN

The Ocean Summit 2025 continues to reveal its essence. With each passing day, the vision of transforming Cabo Verde into the global epicenter of reflection and action on the oceans becomes more real. After the success of the 2024 edition, the next gathering promises to raise the bar even higher, establishing itself as one of the great international forums dedicated to the blue future. The Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation is already working on an agenda of excellence, with the presence of international personalities of recognized authority in ocean thought, science, and governance. These are names that have shaped policies, inspired generations of researchers, and continue to be

references in the dialogue between sustainability, the blue economy, and coastal communities. Although we cannot yet reveal all the details, we can assure you that the first confirmed guests are true “ambassadors of the sea,” capable of drawing global attention. Their participation will be a milestone not only for the Ocean Summit but also for Cabo Verde, which is increasingly positioning itself as the natural stage for an innovative and inclusive blue diplomacy. The journey toward 2025 will be marked by dedication and the promise to surprise. Expectations are rising, and the certainty is clear: the Ocean Summit will be a historic moment, where the brightest voices of the ocean come together to shape a shared future. ■

NATIONAL PRIDE



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MÁRIO SILVA

This month, the Carlos Albertino Veiga Foundation pays tribute to Dr. Mário Ramos Pereira Silva, jurist, constitutionalist and pioneer of higher education in Cape Verde. His life is inseparable from the building of democracy and the strengthening of the institutions that today sustain our Nation.

With a career marked by academic rigor and dedication to the public cause, Dr. Mário Silva distinguished himself both in the political arena and in legal thought. In Government and in the National Assembly, he left a mark of seriousness and strategic vision, contributing decisively to the constitutional debate and to the affirmation of the Democratic Rule of Law in Cape Verde.

However, his legacy goes beyond politics or legislation. Cape Verdean higher education owes him much as a professor, researcher and promoter of key institutions such as the University of Cape Verde and the Higher Institute of Legal and Social Sciences (ISCJS), opening paths of knowledge that continue to inspire new generations. His writings on Constitutional, Administrative and Electoral Law are essential references for students and academics, but more than that, they reflect a life dedicated to knowledge and service to the country.

Honoring Dr. Mário Ramos Pereira Silva is to celebrate an example of integrity, critical spirit and faith in the transformative power of education. It is to recognize that, thanks to his contribution, Cape Verde has become more democratic, more aware and better prepared for the challenges of the future. In the month in which we celebrate the anniversary of the Constitution he helped create, let us recall his inspiring phrase: “The University is the home where freedom of thought and the maturity of democracy are built.” Thank you, Dr. Mário Silva. ■

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