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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Citizens:

I feel that you and many others are not impressed by what you have seen in the last 15 years. Not impressed with the economic stagnation, with a decrease in earnings, with long waiting lists in hospitals, with early school dropouts and increasing unemployment, poverty and insecurity.

Cape Verdeans deserved better; particularly young people and women. They deserved more work, more security, better education and better health.

I know that life for each one of you has not been easy. I'm sure you can help change Cape Verde. I know that Cape Verde, our beloved Islands, has a solution.

We want to build, together, a secure Cape Verde with full and decent employment and with complete freedom. This achievement is within our reach. To overcome these challenges we must believe in our ability to create political, institutional, social and economic conditions to promote development. That is why:

We need a good policy environment with a consolidated democracy, rule of law and credible government politically and technically well prepared, with leadership skills and capacity to adapt, quick in making decisions and with a distinctly pro-development and pro-reform attitude.

We need a good institutional environment with strong, credible and permanent institutions, with a modern state and public administration with highly qualified leaders, with integrity and commitment to public service.

We need a good social environment with less poverty and more social inclusion and cohesion.

We need a good economic environment supported by stability, predictability and confidence; with moderate taxes and controlled public debt; with inclusive economic growth and social dialogue and partnership attitude by the Government with regards to employers, trade unions, entrepreneurs and investors.



We need a good education system that imparts young people with knowledge and strong values; that creates opportunities for everyone to have access to education; that develop cadres with capacity to develop their professional activity in a global and competitive world, through innovation, acquisition of skills, employability and internationalization.

We need to mobilize the expertise of the whole Nation in order to build a clear vision of the future we want for the Nation and for you and me, based on the programmatic foundation of our party values.

The governing program presented here is a contract that I want to enter into with you and with each Cape Verdean on his island, in our Diaspora and with our entire Nation.

It is a political commitment that I make before each one of you, my fellow citizens, both inside and outside Cape Verde; it is a pact anchored in rigor and seriousness.

On my word of honor, I take personally all responsibility for its implementation.

It is a non-transferable responsibility of me to fulfill completely and with integrity.

I have confidence in you, in my team and in Cape Verde.

Together we can build the Cape Verde we want.

With your vote, we will build the Cape Verde we deserve.

I am motivated to continue to serve you and to serve Cape Verde.

A NEW CYCLE, NEW SOLUTIONS AND A NEW HOPE FOR CAPE VERDE

The current government did not keep its election promise to the Cape Verdean people. Instead, it created enormous difficulties for our country. Many of the problems, such as unemployment and particularly for youth unemployment, crime, a weak economy, loss of income, disparities between islands, social and gender inequalities, slow pace of justice, lack of confidence in the political system, poverty and the huge indebtedness of the country were but some of the problems created which have now attain national crises proportion.

Cape Verde is on a downward poverty spiral, a road that is weakening our economy and our social fabric.

But the time has come for the people of Cape Verde to wake up and start speaking out loud! Cape Verde and Cape Verdeans deserved a lot more and a lot better. Those who did not fulfill their promise should not have the chance to make new pledges again. They have lost that privilege. They have lost that trust. Especially when what they have to offer is more of the same empty promises.

MpD believes in its history and its values, in the degree of its maturity and preparedness. Equally it believes in the intelligence of the Cape Verdean people so that in 2016, together, we will start a new cycle for Cape Verde. A cycle built on the basis of a New Model of Society; built on firm commitment and a mandate guided by the vision for a Decade to come.

Employment and security are our top priorities, the priorities of priorities: our commitment is to provide decent employment for all and zero tolerance for insecurity.

We will invest in a Cape Verdean who will be a citizen of the world, a citizen that is digitally literate, with ability to communicate with the world, a person that masters languages, sciences, technologies, and is the bearer of strong Cape Verdean values such as merit, hard work, commitment, dedication, resilience and a deep love for Cape Verde.

We will create an economic, social and institutional environment capable of attracting investment, both domestic and foreign, including from our Diaspora, thereby contributing to the growth of our economy and job creation that will lead the country to full employment, placing the unemployment rate at about 5%.

Cape Verde has all the conditions to reach its goals. Our country has favorable conditions for tourism, fisheries, manufacturing industries, an economy based on the sea, culture, agriculture and the provision of international services. We need to value our human resources, our natural resources and our geo-economic, geostrategic and geopolitical position in the Mid-Atlantic.



For this to happen, a new strategic vision is needed. A new development cycle for Cape Verde needs to start based on a firm commitment to maximize our domestic resources, focusing on production, exports and internationalization, in the maximization of the geopolitical position of Cape Verde in the basin Atlantic, in the quality of our institutions, in our social cohesion, in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) and in promoting a positive outward image of Cape Verde.

New policies require a new parliamentary majority, new actors and new leadership, with mature people capable of creating a future of hope for the country.

To create this new hope, we will commit to creating an Emergency Plan for the country in the short term, an effective Program for the Legislative period for the medium term and, for the long term, a firm Commitment for the Decade to come.

A COMMITMENT FOR THE DECADE

The goal of MpD is to ensure the sustainable development of Cape Verde, focused on bringing happiness to Cape Verdeans, based on more freedom and more democracy, more jobs, the doubling of the medium income, better security and better quality of life for all.

It is our commitment to work hard so that in the next ten years Cape Verde can achieve the following ten major results:

- Cape Verde places in the top ten best-rated small island nations, when measured by the Human Development Index, by developing the aggregate education, health and personal income indicators.
- Extreme poverty is eradicated by guaranteeing a minimum inclusive income, quantified at 50% of minimum wage for each disadvantaged person and highly vulnerable family, particularly with minor children, and reducing relative poverty to less than 10%.
- Full employment and decent work for all is attained by means of the real average growth of the economy by 7% annually, supported, among others factors, by Tourism among the top 30 most competitive countries in the world. Equally, our agriculture, fisheries, culture and sports will all help to create an Atlantic economy and transform Cape Verde into an Operations Center in West Africa for an Export Light Industry and the provision of International Service in the Mid Atlantic.

- The country's sovereign and country risk are radically improved by positioning the country's rating between BBB and A, through a budgetary and fiscal framework to ensure the predictability and sustainability of public finances and the integration of Cape Verde in the Top 15 countries in terms of tax competitiveness in the world, having as its main target the attraction of domestic and foreign direct investment and the creation of skilled jobs with increasingly better pay.
- Cape Verde's is ranked among the top 50 countries in the World Bank Doing Business report, by tackling taxation, credit financing, public administration financing, human resources capacity building and the unification of the domestic market and its interconnection to the world.
- A world class educational system is established, that is inclusive, reaching the top 50 spots in terms of "Higher Education and Training Index" of the World Economic Forum. A higher education built upon the foundation of the knowledge economy and a university environment that promotes research and innovation, instilling upon the Cape Verdean youth a deep appreciation for languages, science and technology and a cosmopolitan outlook toward the rest of the world, a bearer of values and motivation for lifelong learning.
- An improved and consolidated democracy, modern, deeply respectful of political pluralism and citizenship, promoting human rights and creating spaces of participation, either individually or through institutions, organizations and associations or simple groups, all within a decentralized State and regionalized nation.
- A country that is safe, predictable, reliable and useful to the world, strengthening our integration into the African continent and ECOWAS aiming to make Cape Verde an export platform for goods and services and a regional technology center with high added value, creating buffers for risk management and vulnerability and rising as a country highlighted in the promotion of world peace and security.
- An example nation in the world in terms of gender equity and social inclusion, in terms of its collaborative efforts in particular, with NGOs, churches, the media and the international community, especially the United Nations system.



- Waiting lists in health care facilities are eliminated and infant mortality rate falls below 13 per 1,000 by dramatically improving access to health and improving maternal and child health.

AN EMERGENCY PLAN

We hereby present an emergency plan to tackle the most serious problems of the country. The aim is to generate confidence and boost the economy, promote safety, combat unemployment and poverty and improve the quality of governance. We will:

- Change the way of exercising power and foster a new governance model for the country.
- Increase the income of households and combat extreme poverty.
- Promote active employment policies.
- Promote employment by solving the problem of corporate finance.
- Promote better security in the country.
- Create macroeconomic and financial confidence.

New Governance Model for the Country

We guarantee:

- A small government, efficient and well-coordinated, with a maximum 10 to 12 ministries, translated into more than 200 million Escudos savings per year to be used to finance the Inclusion Income fund that, in the first year, will cover 4,000 needy families and, by the end of the legislature, about 25,000 families.
- An effective and immediate separation between party and State, and greater transparency in government relations with civil society organizations through a specific law on the subject.
- Strengthened powers of the Independent Administrative Authorities, such as the Central Bank and the National Statistics Institute, consolidating their autonomy and solving their shortcomings.

- Strengthened Accounting Court, the Attorney General's Office, the independent regulators and a pluralistic and free media.
- A public social policy promoting autonomy and dignity of the human person and away from media spotlight, conducted on the basis of contracting with NGOs and churches.
- A State close to the people, in particular by means of decentralization and regionalization and greater approximation to the Cape Verdean Diaspora.
- A State that respects contracts and commitments to serve as an example for the whole Nation; fight against nepotism in the public administration through the publication of a law to prohibit the direct appointment of relatives to hold positions in public administration.
- Increased efficiency and transparency of the State, namely by improving the law and fighting corruption and nepotism.
- Promotion of justice, security and the fight against criminal activities.

Increased Disposable Income for Households and to Combat Poverty

The Cape Verdean economy is standing still and needs urgently to be revitalized with a strong dose of employment and incentives to drive earnings recovery. On the other hand, social policy must promote human dignity and kept out of media spotlight as a respect to those who need a helping hand from the State.

We guarantee:

- Annual salary and pension adjustments, including the minimum wage.
- Creation of an Inclusion Income for the most vulnerable, guaranteeing especially the protection of children in accordance with transparent rules and contractual management with the churches and other civil society organizations to apply until the end of the legislature to cover about 25,000 families.



- Creation of a program to support a social tariff on water and electricity for all those living in extreme poverty as VAT compensation, to be regulated by ARE.
- Improvement in emergency care service and substantial reduction of the waiting list in health, namely in the areas most critical today such as gynecology, ophthalmology and orthopedics, by covering the financial costs of the poorest people.
- Combating dropouts by ensuring that all compulsory school age children are enrolled in schools, in particular to ensure that no student leaves the school system because of lack of parental income.
- Strengthening social dialogue, allowing the definition of an income policy based on a decent work perspective and a dignified life, and by reconciling the objective of social cohesion with the sustainability of wage policy and the country's competitiveness.
- Reducing the employment precariousness through active policies and strengthening of social dialogue.
- Payments on time by the State, ensuring accountability of defaulters and creating a current account between the State and taxpayers.
- Reactivation of the program to provide up to 50% mortgage interest subsidy for young couples, and liquidating the debt of 1.5 billion Escudos that the current government has accumulated in the banks.
- Implementation in partnership with municipalities measures to immediately solve the most pressing social problems in the tourist destinations of Sal and Boavista in particular in terms of housing, sanitation, security, elimination of illegal construction and slum in the so-called Shanty Towns in Boavista by allocating part of the tourism and ecological taxes for this purpose.
- Invest in a mega housing rehabilitation and urban regeneration program with incentives for micro credit financing to cover sanitation, leisure and physical maintenance, streets, parks and public lighting within the national program of urban development and capacity building of cities estimated at around 250 million Euros.

Promoting Active Employment Policies

We are committed to stimulating employment, particularly for young people, through the following means:

- Immediate elimination of social security burdens on companies that employ young workers during a five-year trial period as part of program to create at least 45,000 new quality jobs during the legislative mandate with a view to creating full employment in a decade.
- Launch a program of work internships that can generate and facilitate employment in the public and private sectors, targeting 20,000 Cape Verdeans in two years, of which 10,000 young people/year including 2,000 college graduates, to improve their employability.
- Effective promotion of entrepreneurship and CVXL program - *Work for Yourself*, by creating an accelerator for enterprises in the national network of incubators and the promotion of entrepreneurial culture among young people in an international and African perspective.
- Strengthening the skills of young graduates in particular through conversion of focused skills programs for the sector of information and communication technologies, tourism, agriculture and fisheries, as a means to address the lack of trained human resources in these areas and to promote investment in emerging sectors.
- Launch a major program to support the social and solidarity economy that will run through a partnership involving the local authorities, the civil society and the churches. The social economy, as a form of economic organization and production services, will play a key role in expanding employment, equal opportunities and promoting social goods, environmental and historical role in supporting local and regional development.



Resolution of Business Financing Problems

Funding is an essential vehicle for business recovery, ensuring a new cycle of growth and employment.

We guarantee:

- Settlement of all State debts before households and firms by creating a current account between the tax authorities and taxpayers and establishing a pay on time State.
- Immediate change in the Convention of Establishment Agreement, reducing the threshold from the current 10 billion to 500 million Escudos whenever a significant impact in creating direct and indirect jobs and the development of the islands can be demonstrated.
- Installation of a pro-business public administration system by removing obstacles and reducing the time and cost of investment through the principle of "Zero Bureaucracy" for investments.
- Approval of a level playing field for the State and companies on taxation in terms of accessing the capital market with virtually taxation.
- Creation of a Statute for the Emigrant Investor.
- Mobilization of private equity, particularly from African investors, to promote taking equity participation in Cape Verdean companies.

Emergency Measures in Homeland Security

We will give priority to investing heavily in homeland security, aiming at:

- Zero tolerance on crime, most notably in the urban centers.
- Motivation of the Police force and Justice cadres. MpD will attempt to resolve without delay the problems faced by these professionals in particular their status, promotions, working conditions, training and other means of dignity and professional motivation.
- Reorganization of the police in a perspective of community policing, improve the police search capability in creating positive relationships with the community by eliminating the natural apathy and mistrust barriers.

- Considerable increase of criminal response time by improving the level of effectiveness of police and judicial response, particularly by means of upgrading research facilities.
- Allocation of resources on the basis of set objectives, in particular the strengthening of the investigative police in terms of financial and logistical resources.
- Reform the prison and justice system in particular the strengthening of the Attorney General's Office with adequate human, material and technological resources, as well as legislative measures such as the review of the criminal prosecution procedure by bestowing authority in Senior Police Officers to pursue prosecution in cases of small and medium crime.
- Establish a Police Court for petty crimes to operate in major urban centers of the country.
- Immediate creation of the Municipal Police.
- Creation of conditions for rapid installation of video surveillance networks in the most critical points of the cities and upgrading the public lighting system.
- Strengthening the social reintegration of ex-prisoners, with the institution of post-prison monitoring systems, and specialized agents in charge of surveillance and support to ex-offenders, training, job search and mitigation of risk factors.
- Adoption of a program to promote good Citizenship and protection mechanisms for victims.

Macroeconomic and Financial Confidence

Macroeconomic confidence is an asset of paramount importance to Cape Verde, requiring the country to curb his penchant for big public debt.



We guarantee:

- Strengthening the limits on economic governance by changing the Budget Guidelines Law (78/V/98) and approval of a new Budget Framework Law, preventing the public debt to grow more than 80% of nominal GDP and establishing that the loans cannot exceed the capital amount.
- Increasing the quality and culture based on results in the achievement of public expenditure through the consolidation of public finances, requiring significant improvements in the State's efficient use of resources.
- Immediate restructuring and privatization of TACV, keeping it as the flag carrier with majority public shareholding but with private management; ensuring transportation between the islands and between Cape Verde with the world, especially with its main markets in addition to exploring the vast commercial aviation market, in particular, linking Africa to other continents.
- Establishing a deadline for BCV in terms of immediate creation of the Deposit Guarantee Fund, while at the same time the State creates a Guarantee and Warranties Fund.
- A paying on time State.

A PROGRAM FOR THE LEGISLATIVE PERIOD

ECONOMY

PROSPERITY FOR ALL

Our Economic Model envisions an economy that generates quality jobs, exports, diversified, competitive and capable of enhancing our domestic resources as well as the geopolitical and geostrategic position of Cape Verde. An economy based on knowledge, innovation, exports and internationalization.

The MpD economic program envisions a Cape Verde that is useful to the world, aware of its small island nation status, marked by a diverse Diaspora on every continent and a location in the geographically privileged Atlantic corridor between Europe, Africa, North America, Central America and South America.

The result is an economic specialization focused on the following strategy:

- Promotion of knowledge and innovation, particularly through agreements for business innovation.
- Tourism development as a central pillar of the Cape Verdean economy.
- Transformation of Cape Verde into a commercial and logistics operations center, where raw materials can be transformed and services provided in the Middle Atlantic, serving as an intermediary between the emerging and regional economies and markets, including West Africa.
- Promotion of domestic production based on our culture, agriculture and fisheries as well as exporting light industry.
- Development of a deliberate strategy to enlarge and consolidate the middle class, which is the basis of the national business community.

Tourism is identified as one of the central pillars of the Cape Verdean economy, a key to the revival of private investment, employment and economic growth. The policy for Tourism will be strengthened on a new dimension and quality that exceeds the industry standard and spurs diversification of the Cape Verdean economy.

This strategy will be based on a knowledge economy, fiscal competitiveness, predictability, low risk, and capable of generating income, quality employment and prosperity for all. This strategy will result in a doubling of income and full employment within a decade.



Our Commitment

- Endeavor to attract at least 1 million foreign tourists a year by 2021.
- Aim for growth in revenue per tourist above the average of our major competitors.
- Become the top 30 of the world's most competitive countries in the field of tourism by 2021 (we are today number 86) and top 5 in Africa.
- Align tourism taxation in parity with our main competitors and create an excellent business environment.
- Promote positive externalities of tourism through the constellation of tourism, agriculture, fisheries, culture and sport.
- Adopt a tourist extension strategy that adds value to the sun, sea and sand proposition through new tourism segments such as Mountaineering/Green, Cruise ships and Events/Business.
- Eliminate the main weaknesses of Cape Verdean tourism in terms of safety, urban renewal, rehabilitation, international promotion of the destination, human resources training and unification of the internal market.

THE OCEAN ECONOMY

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF

OUR CENTRAL LOCATION IN THE ATLANTIC

The maritime areas under national sovereignty and jurisdiction - the Territorial Sea, Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of 200 miles - and the continental shelf, constitute, along with Tourism, a major asset for the future development of the country. The extension of the continental shelf will turn Cape Verde into a territory of about 1.2 million km². The resources that this enormous ocean space contain, include biological, genetic, minerals, energy, among others, which open prospects for exploration thereby potentially transforming the future of Cape Verde.

Our Commitment

- Make Cape Verde, in the next ten years, a nation that values highly its ocean.
- Turn the ocean into one of the most important contributors to wealth creation in the country.

CAPE VERDE, AN OPERATIONS CENTER IN AFRICA

VALUING OUR GEOSTRATEGIC AND GEOPOLITICAL POSITION

The ocean economy will extend to other strategic areas by enhancing the geographical and political importance.

Our commitment

- Make Cape Verde useful in the Mid Atlantic, a center of operations in Africa (logistics center, transshipment center, air traffic center, technology center and financial services and health center).
- Promote strategic consultations with our key African partners and those from other continents in the political, business and security areas.

AGRICULTURE

FROM SUBSISTENCE TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Agriculture today has the potential brought about by the ever increasing tourism sector to expand into a market that can quickly reach 1.5 million consumers, of which about 1 million with high purchasing power.

Cape Verde currently has water capacity to irrigate between 10,000 and 12,000 hectares of land and the potential to mobilize 170 to 180 million m³ of surface water.



Cape Verdean agriculture must change its focus, it must evolve from a family farm to a competitive agriculture, once the problems of market and credit access, inputs, quality of extension and organization of chain internal value are solved.

We will promote rural development in a non-traditionalist perspective through transformation and modernization of the country as an investment destination. The agricultural and livestock sectors have potential to be strategic sectors for the country's future. The tourist market potential in terms of food and beverages spending is already more than 60 million Euros and could reach 120 million over the next five years. Our ambition is to adopt public policy measures to capture at least 30% share of this market.

What we need is a new approach to the problem of restructuring farming systems, agricultural research, access to land, promotion of farming business and modernization of family farming.

Our Commitment

- Improve the quality and welfare to citizens and families living in the countryside.
- Modernize agriculture by transforming it into an export sector, a revenue-generating and socially recognized sector.
- Aim for food self-sufficiency.
- Organize, unify and enhance the national agricultural market to supply the domestic urban centers and the tourism industry as well as exports.
- Integrate agricultural policy into environmental protection, in particular, by combating sand extraction from the sea and protecting river beds, by tree planting and soil and water conservation.
- Invest in hydroponics and greenhouse agriculture.
- Invest in education, technology, research and agricultural development.

FISHERIES

ONE OF THE GREATEST

NATURAL RESOURCES OF CAPE VERDE

According to INDP estimates, the fisheries sustainable potential is between 36,000 and 44,000 tons per year.

Despite this potential, fisheries, particularly the semi-industrial sector, needs a new strategy that maximizes and promotes investment in the sector, particularly private investment in the context of national development.

Our Commitment

- Ensure knowledge and sustainable exploitation of living marine resources.
- Promote investment in fisheries and aquaculture as an important element of the productive apparatus and export under the general promotion of exports.
- Modernize and rationalize processes and marketing channels for fisheries and aquaculture products by operationalizing and integrating the sector into the ocean cluster and tourism.
- Establish the continental shelf beyond 200 miles and consolidate monitoring and surveillance of the Exclusive Economic Zone.
- Identify and assess levels of collaboration, coordination and integration with other sectors such as tourism, spatial planning and the sea; streamline the framework of investment decision-making.



LIGHT INDUSTRY

TAKE ANOTHER GAMBLE

We will take another gamble in the industrialization of Cape Verde by designing and implementing policies that are an essential dimension of our model of economic growth, considering its potential contribution in terms of increased export capacity, the decrease in imports and the generation of wealth.

Our Commitment

- Develop an Industrial Development Strategy for Employment Creation.
- Promote domestic industry by strengthening its competitiveness and increasing the share of manufacturing in the national economy.

ECONOMIC AND STRUCTURAL REFORMS

A NEW ECONOMIC CYCLE TO

GENERATE EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

By defining the economic model and the strategic sectors for specialization of the economy, MpD is committed to driving the structural changes in the model to trigger a new economic cycle that will generate employment and income.

The economy must be at the service of prosperity, creating jobs and opportunities for all.

Our Commitment

- Create the conditions to ensure a minimum average economic growth of 7% over the next five years by establishing a productive economy that is efficient, more global, more dynamic and more internationalized.
- Create the most favorable tax environment in the country's history that will help place Cape Verde in the Top 15 countries in the world in terms of tax competitiveness.
- Remove bureaucratic red tape and tax impediments, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises as well as micro-enterprises.
- Encourage, at the same time, a social and solidarity economy.
- Ensure full employment within a decade by taking unemployment to a residual of around 5%, with a focus on youth employment, through the creation of an excellent business environment able to generate over 90,000 new jobs by 2026.
- Reduce youth unemployment in Cape Verde in the order of 50% during the next legislative term through a program to create at least 45,000 new jobs, complemented by an internship program that will cover about 20,000 Cape Verdean youth per year. Support thousands of young people with scholarships for training and internships to increase significantly their chances of obtaining gainful employment.

A STATE FRIENDLY TO THE ECONOMY

A PUBLIC SERVICE ON DEMAND FOR ALL

In order for Cape Verde to leave the 126th position worldwide and 15th among African nations in the Doing Business ranking and enter the top 50 and top 5, respectively, MpD will adopt radical measures to improve policy of the business and private investment environment.



Our Commitment

- Zero Bureaucracy tolerance to reduce time and investment costs.
- Zero Licensing with a corresponding strengthening of the fiscal regime.
- Single Declaration by providing a single point for submission of information whenever necessary.
- Zero Rate for Innovation.
- Online public services accessible at anytime, anywhere and for all.
- A State that pays on time thereby improving economic transactions.

ENSURE THE BALANCE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

A REALISTIC MACROECONOMIC SCENARIO

Credibility and confidence are essential assets for any country and Cape Verde cannot be an exception. Maintaining fiscal discipline is not only a Cape Verde commitment to international institutions, but also a guarantee of sustainability of its public finances.

Considering the excessive high level of public debt which have accrued in Cape Verde recently and the heavy presence of the State in the economy, caution in setting policy for the future is a must.

Today the public debt is higher than the entire economy of Cape Verdean economy and it contributed very little to increasing the growth potential of the Cape Verdean economy. On the contrary, it increased substantially the perception of country risk.

Our Commitment

- Ensure average annual economic growth of a minimum of 7% from 2017 onwards.
- Increase tax revenues by about 15% a year, which translates into a further increase of about 2 billion Escudos per year compared to initial forecasts.
- Eliminate all State waste estimated at over 2 billion Escudos per year in direct and indirect administration.
- Reduce the public component of the investment program and accelerate public-private partnerships with the expectation that 20-25% of the public investment program will be financed through private investment, especially FDI.
- Establish in the Constitution or in the Budgetary Framework Law a limit to the expansion of public debt.
- Ensure full independence of the BCV in conducting monetary and exchange rate policy.

This scenario enables financing of the MpD program and ensures the following percentage of GDP:

- A budget deficit of around 3% at the end of the legislative period.
- A positive current balance above 2% and likely reaching 3%.
- A primary balance of around 1% negative.

This scenario still allows for expenditure growth in line with inflation and a sustained reduction in the debt ratio from 130% of GDP to below 80% of GDP within a decade.



CONVERGENCE WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION

DEEPENING OUR AFRICAN AND ISLANDER AFFINITY

Cape Verde must serve as a platform for European, American and Asian investment in Africa.

Likewise, the relevant and dynamic role of Atlantic archipelagos, the Azores, Cape Verde, Canary Islands, Madeira and São Tomé will be promoted. An ECOWAS agenda will be established to amplify the importance of Cape Verde in ECOWAS, the EU and the world by focusing on trade, peace and security, regulation of migration, protection and promotion of human rights and citizenship, health promotion, education development, free movement and regional and African diplomacy.

In this regard, we will develop a framework capable of leveraging our competitiveness as a predictable and reliable country and, in particular, take advantage of the special partnership with the EU.

Our Commitment

- Adopt a double currency circulation (Euro and ECV) in Cape Verde.
- Reactivate the legal limits of deficit and public debt.
- Integrate legal and institutional norms of the EU in Cape Verdean legislation, particularly as regards the regulatory role of the State and independent regulatory bodies and the various areas of activity such as environment, industry, agriculture, tourism, fisheries, energy, technology and transportation.
- Strengthen and deepen the monetary and exchange rate cooperation, aimed at establishing:
 - A Program to Promote Growth and Employment in Cape Verde.
 - The creation of buffers for the Cape Verdean economy.
 - An agreement on free movement of goods, capital, technology and knowledge.
 - An agreement for progressive free movement of persons.

- Negotiating a Structural Support Program focused on the private sector and exports.
- The modernization and adaptation to the regulations of the EU on Justice, Public Administration and Security.

ENSURE FINANCING OF THE ECONOMY

PROMOTE FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT

The present context challenges Cape Verde to find urgent solution for financing its economy. Especially in the context of Cape Verde's graduation into a Middle Income Country status and the persistence of deficits with regard to access to finance for micro, small and medium enterprises and the instruments to support the internationalization of Cape Verdean companies.

It is not just access to credit, but rather to develop other financing instruments such as private equity, stocks and bonds, leasing, factoring, among others. Without productive investment there is no sustainable economic growth and without adequate funding for enterprises there will not be the necessary conditions for it to prosper and create jobs.

Our Commitment

- Radically improve sovereign risk and country risk to a rating between BBB and A
- Take steps to progressively strengthen the capital of banks.
- Strengthen the role of financial instruments and incentives to improve the equity of enterprises by promoting in particular a more integrated capital market.
- Diversify the sources of business financing, aiming at a more competitive cost of funding and an improvement in its fundamental credit risk.



- Promote a frontline SMEs Bank, called National Credit and Investment Company
- Encourage the efficient reorganization of enterprises, including the governance model.
- Facilitate access to international capital markets, preferably through venture capital, notably African, as well as the promotion of free movement of capital in the case of productive investments.
- In conjunction with the private sector, promote the creation of a national Investment expertise platform, with the support of Diaspora talent.
- Reduce gradually taxation on savings.
- Liberalize the movement of capital in everything related to financing operations.
- Adopt deep Tax Reforms.
- Harmonize standards and legislation, particularly in the context of partnership with the European Union and our economic integration into ECOWAS.
- Promote a Capitalization Fund and for Enterprise Internationalization up to the amount of 30% of GDP to be constituted progressively with the use of the repurchase of the TRUST FUND by the State, with international public funds, with extraordinary State revenues, private funds and funding by international institutions like the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation, European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Arab Development Bank, African Development Bank, Afreximbank and bilateral partners such as China, USA, Luxembourg, Portugal, venture capital and sovereign wealth funds.

A TAXATION MODEL THAT IS FRIENDLY TO INVESTMENT AND TO FAMILIES

Sound fiscal policy must be based on the principle that an essential part of the country's future funding needs will have to come from FDI and Diaspora investment. Thus, our taxation solutions will have an anchor on the following pillars:

- Placement among the top 15 countries in the world in terms of tax competitiveness.
- Low taxes, high fiscal confidence and fiscal stability during the legislative term.
- Simplified tax rates, with "flat" and maximum rates of 15% to be reached within a decade.
- A residual role of income taxes based on progressiveness and personal nature of taxes through withholding.
- Network agreements to avoid double taxation.
- Focus on taxation of expenditure - VAT and broadening of the tax base by combatting informality.
- Relief of taxation on savings and investment.
- Adjustment of taxation on labor, making it more competitive.
- Highly competent tax authorities, efficient, motivated and endowed with strong inspection and technological capacity.
- Prevention of tax litigation, leakage and tax evasion considering that data available indicate debts to the tax authorities amounting to 30% of the annual revenue streams.
- Promotion of fiscal citizenship through fiscal transparency and governance by justifying expenditure of every single Escudo and requiring that upon purchase of each good and service, consumers have accurate information of all taxes and fees included in the product price.



- Green Taxation on the basis of polluter/payer principle thereby achieving a triple dividend (environment, economy and employment) and a rebalancing of the distribution of public revenues between the central and local governments.

Our Commitment

- Zero Rate for IUR for micro, small and medium enterprises under the program "full employment".
- Elimination of contribution to social security burdens on businesses to stimulate youth employment.
- Reduce to 500 million CVE the minimum investment to gain access to Special Investment Agreement. We will introduce three rates. The first, according to the islands, in a contractual framework and public-private partnership. The second, depending on the sectors of activity. And the third, in the number of direct and indirect jobs to be created during the period of construction and operation.
- Reassessment of the codes for Personal Income Tax, PS and PC.
- Reduction of Individual Income tax and Corporate Income Tax by 5 percentage points by the end of the legislative period.
- Reduction of taxation on savings in line with the reduction of taxation on income of around 5 percentage points. by the end of the legislative period.
- Elimination of double taxation on dividends.
- Creation of a current account between the State and the taxpayer.
- Strengthening of fiscal transparency, obliging that prices explicitly include the value of all taxes paid on the purchase of goods or services.
- Allocation of tourism tax, road maintenance and eco-tax to municipalities/regions and municipalities exemption from VAT payment.
- Sign agreements to avoid double taxation on income with all major investing countries.

- Elimination of all ad valorem taxes.
- Elimination of Stamp duty by the end of the legislative period as long as it does not compromise the expected budget surplus by the end of the legislative period.
- Commitment to a fiscal framework for the legislative period.
- Reduction of the VAT on hotel operations and the entire tax system of our main competitors in Macaronesia and the Mediterranean Basin.
- Ensuring that whenever the fiscal data of any taxpayer is accessed outside of the expected normal times, the person is informed automatically through ICT means.
- Approval of a new tax code on assets and evaluating the possibility of introducing a progressive Property Tax regime.
- Limit the liens, suspending the tax foreclosure of homes that serve as housing of families with minors and requiring public authorities to intervene in the specific cases where the outstanding debt is less than the value the property in question.
- Focus on strengthening and excellence of Tax Administration (Central and Local).
- Strengthening the Tax Court and Customs, with the provision of means and passage of a new law on their organization and functioning.
- Limit for cases of appeal to higher courts, fixing a heave for that purpose.
- Focus on Tax arbitration as an alternative for quick resolution of disputes on tax matters, with benefits for the State, private (companies and individuals) and the economy.
- Adoption of a law on Holding companies that facilitate the establishment of major international and innovative companies in Cape Verde.



A NATION OF COMPANIES AND ENTREPRENEURS

Companies create jobs and generate income. It is companies that innovate, produce and export. Without companies there is no economy, no quality jobs and no income.

Cape Verde must become a nation of entrepreneurs and the SME sector, in coordination with the large companies will be the backbone of our economy.

We will enable more of our citizens and especially those who have a vocation to become entrepreneurs, to have greater participation in the economic world, ensuring a better sharing of wealth created in the Nation.

Our Commitment

- Create a one-stop-shop for SMEs.
- Establish an Agenda for Trade, Services and the Restaurant Sector

TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

AT THE SERVICE OF DEVELOPMENT

We will build an integrated transport system, competitive and secure that will be significant a contributor to the creation of national wealth, the balance of payments, employment and national and international mobility of people and goods.

The Maritime and Port Sector

Cape Verde is able and should assert itself as a logistical hub in the Atlantic in particular as a transshipment terminal of containers from Porto Grande Mindelo. To this end, the economic integration of Cape Verde in Africa is essential. Cape Verde needs therefore a genuine African policy focusing on development.

Our Commitment

- Promote and develop a logistics center and competitive international transshipment in São Vicente to serve the African and the Middle Atlantic Region.
- Resume the process and operationalize urgently the process for international ship registration.
- Promote the establishment of specialized agencies to carry out Maritime Personnel Management to support the International Companies.
- Promote Cape Verde as a center of excellence in maritime training by transforming the Maritime Training School into a reference center to provide services for all the areas of the maritime economy, giving it maximum operational autonomy.
- Equip the country with a modern and safe maritime fleet.
- Ensure regular shipping lines between the islands through concessions of routes and providing temporary subsidies for the unprofitable routes in the context the network of domestic routes. If necessary, the State will intervene directly, as a measure of last resort, to ensure the operation of regular inter-island lines to transport cargo and passengers. The principal routes are: São Vicente and Santo Antao; São Vincente - São Nicolau - Sal - Boavista; São Vicente - Santiago; Santiago - Fogo - Brava; Santiago - Maio; Santiago - Boavista - Sal; Santiago - São Nicolau.
- Promote the modernization of port infrastructure, including Ro-Ro ramps and port equipment in all the islands of Cape Verde.
- Relaunch naval repair and naval maintenance activity and promote the shipbuilding industry.
- Privatize port operations either through port-by-port solutions or through a single concession of all Ports of Cape Verde under one contract.
- Create a port authority national body with the responsibility for implementing the national policy on ports and the coordination of activities in port areas.



- Create an incentive and diversified program to support the maritime business sector.
- Promote domestic, regional and sub-region synergies, especially with Senegal, to foster complementarity between our ports, particularly for transshipment.
- Introduce other competitiveness factors such as promoting operators in each port as a means to prevent the creation of monopolies.
- Pay greater attention to the needs for continuous training of crews, taking care of their continuous training and upgrading needs so that they become the key element of success in the sector strategy.

Airports and Air Transport

By taking advantage of its geostrategic location and its geopolitical importance, Cape Verde will be able to play a more central role as an air traffic distribution platform, complete with a commercial free zone and a tourism business that can be developed from the island of Sal.

Our Commitment

- Continue the process of introducing open skies and low cost air travel to maximize the options and economic opportunities for Cape Verde.
- Promote the transport of air cargo by creating conditions for the establishment of cargo terminals at major airports where no such facilities and services exist yet.
- Continue the process of creating the air business hub, including the privatization of TACV after its restructuring, maintaining the company as a flagship company, taking part in enabling Cape Verde as an air traffic distribution platform for freight and passengers transportation. The State shall facilitate transportation connection between islands and the country's links with its Diaspora by making Sal Island as the epicenter of this strategy.

- Privatize the management of airports in order to access private investment and make Cape Verde and, more specifically, Sal Island, a Free Commercial Zone and air traffic distribution platform in the Mid Atlantic.
- Invest in the excellence of sector regulation.
- As part of a Technology Park for Air Transport create in Salt island:
 - Install an Aircraft Maintenance Center (MRO center) aimed to serve initially national operators and later following international certification (EASA, FAA), to serve operators from other parts of the world, particularly West Africa.
 - Take advantage of the large market potential for professional and academic training in the implementation of the Technological Institute for Air Transport in Sal Island.
 - Promote investment in light industry related to air transport.

Road Transport

The adoption of a regional approach for each island in terms of road transport infrastructure system is fundamental to reduce the economic gap between municipalities, reduce the pressure for urban concentration and ensure better distribution of productive activities, public services and income generation in the various locations.

Our Commitment

Create conditions to improve the public transport service in urban and interurban passengers through:

- Create a training program for drivers and introduce a professional certification requirement to exercise this activity.
- Create incentives to improve the automobile sector dedicated to public passenger transport, including taxis, with new options in terms of capacity and passenger comfort.
- Discuss and adopt measures to introduce a penalty point system to improve road safety.

- Compensate operators for social pass through tariffs or direct State intervention.
- Promote and ensure the maintenance, use and development planning of the national road network in order to provide citizens with a network of road transport infrastructure with adequate technical conditions, comfort and safety.
- Support municipalities in maintaining, planning the development of the network of municipal roads and continuing to open road access to locations where none exists.
- Contribute to the excellence of taxis and recognizing the importance of this mode of transport as a service to the public that is key in areas such as tourism, the mobility of citizens and household income. We will also take steps to strengthen regulation and supervision, create incentives for the renewal of fleets, radio taxis, taximeters and materials for training in effective implementation of professional certification of drivers as well as provisions to regulate licensing.

Infrastructure

Recent public investment policies in infrastructure development in the country have been disastrous. It is in this sector where taxpayers' money has been squandered. It is necessary to restore confidence between the people and public policy development in infrastructure, focusing on quality and investment efficiency and ensuring its impact on growth and employment. We will approve a new methodology for the execution of public investment in infrastructure.

A New Methodology to Program and Run Major Public Works

Inefficiencies in the management of public works, cost overcharges for additional works, inadequate inspections, lack of a clear framework for setting priorities compel us to create a Competence Center for shared government services.

In this context, we will promote:

- Approval of a strategic plan for transport and infrastructure;
- Unification and strengthening of competency centers in areas such as planning, project assessments, implementation supervision, cost benefit analysis, financing models and common legal hiring to cover the entire public sector, both for entities under direct and indirect administration. This will be the responsibility of a single governmental structure.
- Public hearing and public discussion of all the major public works.
- Parliamentary consideration and approval of the Infrastructure Strategic Plan.
- Mandatory review and opinion of the Economic and Social Council as well as the National Association of Municipalities with respect to Infrastructure Strategic Plan.
- Monitoring by the Attorney General's Office of the negotiation process of the more salient procurement process.
- Adoption of public-private partnership as a principal means for financing major projects. The ambitious investment plan envisaged for infrastructure, taking into account the need to control public debt, requires a high level of FDI inflow to finance needed projects. It is anticipated that at least 20-25% of financing of large public infrastructure will come from this funding source.
- Active participation in the search for concessional financing available to small island nations.
- Good maintenance policy for major public works.
- National construction sector due the impact it has on employment as well as competitiveness and internationalization of national construction companies.



Our Commitment

Approve a Strategic Transport and Infrastructure Plan for the decade worth 1.5 billion Euros. The Plan will be carried out primarily in the framework of private public partnership in order to build a country connected both internally and the world, maximizing all the potential of each Island and affirming the centrality of the country on the Mid Atlantic.

The Strategic Plan will contain, among others:

- The construction of a Midsize International Airport in Santo Antão;
- Expansion/modernization of the Praia Airport;
- Upgrade of Cesária Évora International Airport;
- Expansion of the Airport of São Nicolau;
- New investments in the airport of Sal and Boavista;
- Expansion Maio Airport into a Mid-size International Airport;
- Construction of a civil protection airfield in the island of Santiago;
- Expansion of the Fogo Airport into a Midsize International Airport;
- Construction of an Airfield in Brava;
- Construction of the second phase of the Porto Novo seaport;
- Construction of the Transshipment Terminal in Mid-Atlantic at Lazareto;
- Construction of the Porto Grande cruise terminal;
- Rehabilitation and Expansion of the Port of Tarrafal;
- Construction of the second phase of Palmeira Port;
- Rehabilitation of Porto Inglês with the construction of Ro-Ro ramp;
- Expansion of the Port of Furna;

- Construction of Integrated Ports (Ro-Ro ramp, Recreational Port, Marina, Fishing) Recreational/Marina in Tarrafal and Ribeira da Barca;
- Construction of a Regional Hospital in Praia;
- Road construction that open and connect markets;
- Sanitation construction, hydraulic works around Cape Verde, technological parks and cultural infrastructure, sports and health.

FOCUS ON INNOVATION

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND
COMMUNICATION**

CAPE VERDE, REGIONAL CENTER

TECHNOLOGY AS A REFERENCE IN AFRICA

Cape Verde will develop human skills excellence and harness its geostrategic position to promote a business environment around the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and Research & Development (R & D) in order to transform the country into a regional technological center of reference in Africa.

Our Commitment

- Create scientific and technological parks as places of excellence for know-how concentration and other national resources in a specific sector of economic activity.
- Strengthen intellectual property rights by encouraging the production and patent registration.
- Promote strategic partnerships between higher education institutions, enterprises and the State.
- Increase participation of the R&D system in international networks of R&D, supporting Cape Verdean companies pursuing competitive bidding.



- Encourage the international visibility of cooperation between companies and the R&D system through joint initiatives for economic and scientific diplomacy.
- Encourage the strengthening of business investment in R & D with commercial applicability, as well as encouraging the employment of researchers in the business.
- Support businesses in their pursuit of advanced technological solutions in consultation with higher education institutions and national research centers.
- Invest in R&D for the development of a Green Economy and a Blue Economy, encouraging multidisciplinary approaches to R&D development.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION

BROADBAND AS AN ESSENTIAL COMMODITY

In Cape Verde, about 60% of the population has no access to the Internet and 80% of households do not have a computer at home.

The country is in 93rd position in the Information Society Index and spends only 0:07% of GDP in innovation and tallies only 51 researchers in the country.

The country is still placed in 127th position in the Electronics Governance Index among 193 countries surveyed.

Our Commitment

- Transform Cape Verde into a cyber archipelago.
- Treat broadband as an essential commodity in all areas of communication. In governance, communication, commerce, education and social inclusion. Fees charged by the ANAC will be used to promote digital inclusion and the development of creative ideas of young people in the ICTs sector.

- Promote ICTs as the link to unite the country and link it to the world while ensuring public and private service proximity.
- Change the national context in terms of Information and Communication Technologies, which is now characterized by a low Internet penetration rate, high bandwidth costs, poor quality and diversity in Internet access services, significant rate of digital illiteracy and legislative deficit especially with regard to security and computer crime.
- Adopt special arrangements in customs duties for certain types of terminals in particular the mobile network, in order to stimulate access to the mass market Internet.

A CULTURE OF INNOVATION

COMPANY NETWORK, KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY

The regeneration of the national economy and the resumption of a trajectory of sustainable growth depend heavily on the country's ability to exploit its potential for innovation, mobilizing not only economic agents, but also those in knowledge production centers and all sectors that can contribute to enhance ICT synergies.

Our Commitment

- Clarify the status of the researcher in order to develop a strong motivation and attract high interest of Cape Verdean skills, both national and foreign as well as resident or non-residence.
- Create conditions so that talent from the Diaspora can become and integral part of the country's elite cadres, directly or through higher education institutions, research centers and companies in which they are members.
- Encourage business units to develop a strong culture of innovation and sense of mission in respect of designs and future of the country on the basis of integration of strategic options of the country with the development centers of knowledge and innovation and the objectives of the companies.



- Promote Energy Transition, leading the way in the ongoing transition process, particularly in West Africa.
- Introduce the culture of open access to knowledge, bringing together scientists and researchers in the country and in the Diaspora for the production of knowledge.
- Increase investment in innovation and systemically science - IDI (Investment, Development and Innovation).
- Promote innovation in the environment by focusing on eco-innovation through a specific program for promotion of research, development and innovation in clean technologies and low-carbon emission.

VALUING THE ISLANDS AND DOMESTIC RESOURCES

SPATIAL PLANNING

IT ALL STARTS IN THE ISLANDS

Because of its strategic and cross-cutting nature, Spatial Planning will be the principal instrument of organization and sustainable management of the national space, ensuring sustainable land and territorial waters use as an environmental resource support from which the location and distribution of space for infrastructure, economic and social activities occur.

Spatial planning has to respond to strategic objectives by:

- Regionalizing the country and through progressive installation of regionalization in the country.
- Each island, an economy, each island, a solution: transformation of each island into a true competitive and export economy according to their vocations, be it commercial free zone, centers for providing tourism services and transport, air and sea hub, economy ocean, agricultural and livestock center, hosting business centers, business platform for the African continent, international business center for industry and export, supply center, transshipment, offshore activities, etc.

- Use of tourism and sea as main economic axes for Planning of the National Territory.
- Mediation of spatial planning in terms of the welfare of citizens, balanced regional dynamics, environmental sustainability and development of the country.

Our Commitment

- Adopt a correct spatial planning approach to permit the launching of smart development and sustainable strategies.
- Promote awareness of all citizens to the rights and duties in relation to the territory and the need for each to contribute to the enhancement of quality in urban and rural environment, on the logic that preserving the environment is a major challenge for Cape Verde.
- Protect the country from threats introduced by human activity in all areas, including agriculture, livestock, fishing, industry and tourism, as well as by urban concentration and development.
- Prepare for natural disasters that can potentially bring new environmental challenges, including those resulting from climate change and volcanic activity.
- Keep the public informed and include the variable of climate change in land use planning, particularly with regard to urban settlements.
- Take effective advantage of environmental resources of Cape Verde, particularly climate, sea, landscapes and biodiversity, in particular the endogenous biodiversity.
- Transform each island into a smart economy based on its natural vocation:
 - Santo Antão, focusing on fisheries, agro-industry and eco-tourism with high added value, as well as for industry through the development of an industrial park in Porto Novo.



- São Vicente, the epicenter of the sea economy development strategy, tourist center, light industry, international platform for business logistics and international services as an international business center and bunkering.
- Santa Luzia, national natural heritage and terrestrial and marine biodiversity reserve of Cape Verde. São Nicolau, tourist destination of high value-added, platform fisheries and fish processing and agricultural center.
- Sal island, tourist destination of excellence, international platform for air transport and a commercial and international business center
- Boavista and Maio, tourist destinations with strong local content. Maio also has an industrial potential to be conveniently exploited.
- Santiago, international business center, tourist attraction, agro-industry, fisheries and food industry.
- Fogo and Brava, tourist destinations with high added value, with Fogo Island being transformed into an agro-industrial and fishing pole.

ENVIRONMENT

A GREEN POLICY FOR CAPE VERDE

MpD recognizes that sustainable management of environmental resources, the territorial reorganization and the enjoyment of an adequate environmental quality should be the main strategic guidelines for Cape Verde.

Our Commitment

- Demonstrate environmental responsibility in order to bequeath to future generations a country where environmental quality and life are a given.

- Ensure social justice, in which the consumption of environmental goods should be subject to access and balanced distribution to the entire population.
- Foster solidarity where the costs associated with environmental protection, territorial organization and the supply of certain goods and services should be based on competitive and distributive justice principles.
- Assure shared responsibility where the obligation for protecting the environment and territorial organization is a subject that involves public administration, consumers, producers, private sector, civil society organizations and the entire population as a duty of citizenship.
- Undertake immediate review of legislation and procedures relating to the provision of environmental fund resources to finance environmental projects with a view to ensure greater transparency and fairness in the management, as well as its use at the municipal level.

BIODIVERSITY

THE ISLANDS AND THE SEA ARE OUR HOME

Our Commitment

- Preserve biodiversity and its value in terms of flora, fauna, genes and available ecosystems.
- Promote biodiversity as the basis of environmental resources to promote economic activity, particularly in agriculture, livestock, forestry, tourism and fishing.



WATER AND SANITATION

SOUND DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN AREAS

Cape Verde should pay special attention to sanitation and prepare properly for the new challenges that regulation and water management will put in the community of Nations.

Our Commitment

- Promote a sanitation system capable of meeting the basic requirements of health and healthy environment, taking environmental health as a right and a duty for all, essential for health security and improving the quality of life of citizens.
- Provide, through sanitation, a healthy environment to those who have chosen our country as a preferred destination.
- Promote a circular economy, taking advantage of waste as a renewable source.
- Improve regulation, defend the ocean and create a Water Forum.
- Increase and modernize the drainage system of domestic wastewater and rainwater of the country, regulation of river beds, construction of retention dams and small dams.
- Surpass all targets of the Millennium Development Goals after 2015 in the water sector.
- Ensure efficient management of the national water supply system to the population and promote the extension of home network connection of drinking water to all localities, with the objective of developing a balanced and universal access to safe drinking water for all.
- Take water efficiency as a priority vector for resource efficiency.

SOVEREIGNTY

CAPE VERDEAN DEMOCRACY

RESTORE CONFIDENCE BETWEEN

CITIZENS AND POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

The Cape Verdean democracy has solid foundations, including a modern Constitution, a comprehensive legal framework and, in general, a regulatory convergence with the EU and a practice of a quarter century of governance system that can be credited to the social and political stability and democratic alternance of power.

MpD played the leading role in the establishment of democracy in Cape Verde. It believes that democracy is essential for development and progress and the well-being of Cape Verdeans.

In view of the serious deviations and abuses of the democratic rule of law carried out by the current majority in power, MpD takes the unwavering commitment to do all in its power to ensure that Cape Verdean democracy increasingly meets the legitimate aspirations of Cape Verdeans and gradually approaches the level of the more advanced democracies.

Our Commitment

- Consolidate democracy through a timely revision of the Constitution, urging its members to discuss and reach consensus with society about the necessary particulars to further deepen our democratic journey as a part of the ordinary review currently underway.
- Promote an independent civil society, participatory and strong by revaluing the role of Churches in the process.
- Deepen the debate on the electoral system by involving specialists, political actors and civil society.
- Ensure freedom, independence, objectivity and the social and political pluralism of content and independence of journalists in the public media to act as a benchmark of good practice in freedom of the press, of information and expression and ensures a public information service to society, of excellent quality.



- Encourage and support the emergence and development of a pluralistic private media for the benefit of Cape Verdean society, in particular, its technological modernization, training of human resources and distribution of newspapers and magazines.
- Reduce political party influence in Public Administration.

A NEW MODEL OF THE STATE

A SMART STATE, PARTNER AND INCLUSIVE

Our vision is that of a State that is a partner, a regulator, visionary, complementary and with authority an able to promote private initiative of civil society organizations, including the churches in the areas of education and training, health and inclusion policies and social inclusion.

Our Commitment

- Promote and organize debates on reforms of the political system at the level of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council.
- Ensure an in-depth program of territorial decentralization supported by a broad political and social consensus.
- Advance decisively towards regionalization as a structural and essential element of the reform of the State and according to the model advocated by MpD since its foundation, and as part of a decentralization process that provides the islands with effective power to take important and fundamental decisions for its balanced human development in the context of a unitary state without significant asymmetries between islands.
- Ensure the stability of structural legislation, particularly in the fiscal, economic matters and investment, guaranteeing investors the predictability which is absolutely indispensable to create investment confidence.

- Foster a new ethical and administrative attitude and promote a transparent State at the service of citizens and companies in order to build an Administration able to create a business environment conducive to business development and private investment as factors of job creation and development.
- Promote excellence and lower political party influence at the administrative leadership of the State apparatus thereby responding to appeals of the Cape Verdean society for a State Administration based on merit and professional fulfillment.
- Ensure payment on time of Public Administration debts to individuals in order to avoid that the economy is deprived of resources that could contribute to jobs creation and development of the country.
- Expand and deepen the use of the digital age - i-Government with the vision that digital connectivity introduces productivity gains and improves quality of life.
- Reduce the size of government and the corresponding Administration.
- Reassess the regulatory and statistical system and adopt a new model naming senior management to the Bank of Cape Verde and the National Institute of Statistics.
- Prepare better for natural disasters and public calamity situations by reactivating the capitalization of sovereign wealth funds set up to cope with external shocks and natural disasters and public disasters (volcanic eruptions, storms, extreme droughts, among others).



SECURITY

A SAFE STATE AND AN EFFICIENT JUSTICE

Security, understood as public order and common effort in physical protection and freedom and community property of each of its members, has historically been the decisive reason for the organization of humans under a State.

MpD will implement a security policy focused on the individual to address in an integrated perspective, including in conceptual terms, as well as public safety designed to combat crime, provide legal certainty, social security, public health, food security, environmental protection, transport safety, plant and forest protection, civil protection, macroeconomic issues reflected in the life and comfort of the people of the islands and international cooperation for security.

Our Commitment

- Endeavor toward a zero tolerance against crime.
- Take action to prevent security degradation by acting as a central link in the chain that binds the socio-economic fabric against committing crimes.
- Adopt security policies focused on the individual in an integrated approach and through a comprehensive reform of the sector.
- Motivate law and order agents through immediate resolution of the problems faced by these professionals in particular their status, promotions, working conditions, training and other means of dignity and professional motivation.
- Monitor and control our maritime space and participate in international fight against drug, weapons and human trafficking.
- Ensure a new paradigm and new governance in the fight against crime and safety based on eight strategic areas by:
 - Radically changing the conduct of the State in terms of its own safety.

- Socializing the necessity for combating crime, the need for security and compliance with the rules of conduct in society.
- Supporting policy and responsibility of families for the education of children.
- Deepening and strengthening the model of a policy close to the community.
- Ensuring police and criminal action in a more efficient and faster manner.
- Adopting policies and creating structures and operation specifically aimed at combating organized crime.
- Adopting policies to combat certain types of phenomena that play a catalytic role in crime, such as alcoholism and drug use.
- Creating a well-organized, equipped and trained municipal police based on Constitutional provisions and the Cape Verdean legal system given the Local Government.
- Ensuring effective and efficient civil protection in line with the needs of an archipelagic country, whose waterways are, in some cases, international shipping lanes of high seas, with an active volcano and a history of eruptions, in the path of hurricanes and storms, etc. It is crucial to have a proper civil protection system that is well linked.

AN EFFICIENT SPEEDY JUSTICE

Justice is viewed today from various aspects due to its multiple effects on society. In addition to its central role in a State guided by Rule of Law, it is a cornerstone of the system that ensures social peace in world and in the global economy. Consequently, we are cognizant of the fact that there is no economic development without a reasonably effective and efficient justice system.



Our Commitment

- Bring Justice to the center of politics, promoting changes in the framework and procedures for Debate on the state of Justice.
- Invest in combating delays in judicial decisions based on the assumption that only a justice that responds to our concerns in a timely manner can be fair.
- Provide justice with means, structures, laws and foster attitudes to meet other inefficiencies in the Justice system, namely:
 - Provide the judicial system with ICT capabilities thereby promoting widespread recording of hearings, video conferencing and computerization of the processes.
 - Empower the courts and prosecutors by overcoming real shortcomings in terms of training, qualification and specialization of judges and bailiffs, increase in the number of judges, prosecutors and court officials, improvement in the recruitment and access to all career levels of the judiciary, as well as the appointment of administrators at Courts with highest demands.
 - Ensure that magistrates have easy access to legislative sources and specialized information and provide to the material conditions to exercise greater independence.
 - Implement quickly and effectively the various departments of Attorney General Office provided for in its organic law.
 - Ensure the training, qualification and specialization of judges and bailiffs, as part of a national program of regular and ongoing training of the judiciary and judicial officers.
 - Take courts to a sub-municipal level through the establishment and gradual but effective implementation of quick resolution of minor disputes, sanctions and small offenses organisms.
 - Specialize commercial and economic justice as well as administrative/taxation in order to more quickly carry out effective resolution of disputes, in most procedural motion counties.

- Take fiscal justice closer to tax payers and facilitate its access by individual taxpayers.
- Specialize the executive justice in the busiest districts in order to expedite the enforcement proceedings, while taking care of its impact on the economy and society.
- Install quickly and effectively the Courts of Appeal.
- Ensure the financial autonomy of the judiciary by reforming the system of Justice Treasury.
- Guarantee citizens their constitutional rights to legal information and access to justice, regardless of their financial condition.
- Check the performance of judges and bailiffs and stimulate their productivity by installing a speedy Judicial Inspection system. Judges and bailiffs will be responsibly disciplined for unjustified procedural slowness while the more productive judges and bailiffs will receive training and promotions.
- Reform the sentencing system by creating a nationwide sentencing court and endow it with resources and conditions for the establishment and wider application of alternative sentences to imprisonment, as well as by bringing rehabilitation and reintegration of prisoners in the center of the sentencing system.
- Promote mediation and voluntary arbitration as alternative mechanisms for dispute resolution.



DEFENSE

ENSURE NATIONAL DEFENSE IN A BROADER TERRITORIAL CONCEPT

On national defense matters, MpD supports the fundamental principles of the Constitution and is keenly aware that the territorial space is, for the most part, made up of our EEZ as well as the airspace above it.

Cape Verde is a peaceful country that strives to maintain excellent neighborly relations and nothing suggests that it can be directly subject to any external aggression.

But it is not, as no State can feel today, immune to threats of international terrorism, particularly in areas of foreign tourists concentration.

Our Commitment

- Include, within the education programs for citizenship, promotion of a national defense culture and the promotion of the Armed Forces as a republican institution, with no party alignment and subordinated to the legitimate sovereign bodies.
- Promote defense within the Cape Verdean society as a fundamental institution of the State based on the Rule of Law and as an organization that is disciplined, effective and efficient.
- Eliminate the remnants of politicization of the Armed Forces, in particular ensuring that during symbolic events in which it organizes or participates all political remnants are removed (e.g. a military parade in which two national flags are present, or the fact that the Armed Forces Day is celebrated on a date prior to Independence Day).
- If need be, reassess the system of mandatory military service in its content, scope and coverage.

- Reassess and, if necessary, revise the strategic concept of national defense focusing on the mission of the Armed Forces as follows:
 - Preparation for prevention and military response against any external aggression or threat from terrorist groups.
 - Surveillance, monitoring and defending national maritime areas, in particular as regards the use of the archipelagic waters, the territorial sea and the exclusive economic zone.
 - Search and rescue operations.
 - Collaboration with law enforcement and other agencies in the protection of environmental and maritime archaeological resources, prevention and repression of maritime pollution, trafficking and other forms of organized crime, as well as collaboration in the maintenance of public order when exceptional means are required that go beyond the intervention capacity of the police authorities.
 - Participation in the civil protection system.
 - Collaboration on tasks related to meeting the needs and improving the living conditions of the population.
 - Defense of the constitutional order and democratic institutions.
- Adapt the Defense Forces by organizing it around a Marines Unit, a Military Engineering Unit and a National Guard that is paramilitary in nature and is provided with access to maritime and air assets.
- Promote the inclusion of Cape Verde in sub-regional, regional and international defense and security systems, ensuring a broad political and social consensus, opting in some specific cases for referendum.



FOREIGN POLICY A NEW DIPLOMACY

The country has changed a lot over the years and the world even more. It is therefore appropriate to have a different foreign policy better suited to the new national and international contexts. The classic diplomacy of foreign aid must give way to economic diplomacy, cultural and communal diplomacy. This is a compelling need of Cape Verde's development in a globalized world.

On the other hand, new transnational dynamics have emerged, involving new threats, new global risks that transformed the international landscape and today compels a new vision of the world and of relations between countries and regions.

In this context, Cape Verde has the crucial challenge of rethinking the elements of its foreign policy by designing a new paradigm, leading to new paths and alternative spaces of cooperation and strategic cooperation to enable safe and advantageous insertion the Country into the World.

Our Commitment

- Develop a coordinated and coherent strategy for foreign policy with a view to transform Cape Verde into an International Centre for Service Delivery in Africa, to position the country as a key player within the framework of construction of the security and international defense and to continue Cape Verde, by means of its Diaspora, to enrich and diversify partnerships.
- Reject ad-hoc and opportunistic arrangements that go against assumptions and commitments to build a more democratic and safer world or may endanger its international credibility.
- Be more proactive, namely by (i) a closer monitoring of the situations and the main guiding force of international politics by closely following the trends and dynamics, (ii) a greater involvement in international organizations, in order to strengthen the negotiating power of the country through specialized professionals, (iii) taking a clear position on important global issues and (iv) to respond quickly to unexpected events and dynamics in order to safeguard objectives and priorities;

- Include the development of sector policies (environment, safety, culture, economy) in order to strengthen the country's position amongst regional and international forums.
- Cultivate a good neighbor policy by valuing our African dimension, based on respect and mutual interest, dialogue, cooperation and the search for mutually beneficial understanding on common grounds with other African States, particularly the North and West, as well as the States or island regions in the mid-Atlantic, thereby safeguarding the specific identity of Cape Verde.
- Face with determination and creativity the challenges and opportunities arising as a result of being a middle-income country, the sub-regional integration, the special partnership with the European Union and the dynamic and creative participation in the global economy.
- Promote the positive integration to Cape Verde into collective security and cooperative systems as a useful subject, reliable and collaborative in the context of a climate of stability and international security.
- Actively participate in multilateral defense forums and promotion of peace, ethics, human rights, democracy, social justice, gender equality and similar contexts.
- Promote the institutionalization of an annual parliamentary debate on foreign policy.
- Develop institutional and human capacities of excellence and create a Diplomatic Institute as an open Think Tank.
- Design policies to specifically answer the following questions:
 - Draw greater attention to the problems of small island country, including proposing an annual Economic and Social Forum in partnership with the United Nations system to address the various dimensions of small island states.
 - Create a Ministry for External Relations and African Affairs in the framework of a new political and economic value of Africa.



- Strengthen links with the PALOP countries by promoting a qualitative leap in strategic relations with Angola, closer cooperation with São Tomé and Príncipe and an intense political dialogue with Guinea-Bissau.
- Be proactive within CPLP, deepening political dialogue and cooperation in various fields with Portugal, our reliable partner from the beginning, by further strengthening the friendship and cooperation with Brazil and launching a specialized cooperation with Timor-Leste.
- Enhance political dialogue and cooperation with our cutting-edge partners, in this case Luxembourg, a small but developed country that has been our secure and efficient partner for a long time, the United States of America by means of further consolidation of our democracy, improvement in the business environment, peace and security in the world, and the People's Republic of China, a long time privileged partner, thereby making the archipelago useful in its relationship with Africa and a destination for Chinese direct investment.
- Expand horizons in Asia by means of diversification of our foreign policy and cooperation links with countries like Singapore, Japan and South Korea.
- Promote the placement of high-level staff in International Organizations.

DIASPORA

NEW COMMITMENTS

MpD has always considered that the Cape Verdean Nation goes far beyond the physical borders and the resident population in the country to include our Diaspora in Europe, the Americas, Africa, all over the world.

The Cape Verdean Diaspora is one of our greatest assets. It represents knowledge, markets, capital and network. It represents perseverance, adaptive capacity, entrepreneurial and competitive spirit. These ingredients are essential to development. We have them all in our Diaspora communities!

Our Commitment

- Depoliticize issues relating to emigrant communities and demand that Embassies and Consulates refrain from party politics.
- Take the emigrant Cape Verdean communities as one of the State's priority tasks in the development of external relations.
- Approve a special status for the Emigrant Investor.
- Minimize government manipulation of the Council of Cape Verdean Communities.
- Create an Online Consulate and set deadlines for the issuance of documents and customs clearance and improve customer service in Embassies, Consulates and services in Cape Verde, including an annual inspection of the performance thereof, notably through surveys of the communities emigrated.
- Develop a new diplomacy directed to the Cape Verdean emigrant communities in terms of social plans, integration and development, especially our communities in Africa.
- Place the Diaspora as a key element of the knowledge economy by making better use of the Cape Verdean elites around the world.



- Harness the Diaspora as preservation of our cultural heritage.
- Integrate the Cape Verdean Diaspora into the country's social policies.
- Addressing the issue of deportees from the perspective of prevention and integration.
- Double the coverage of pension supplement payments to elderly people living in extreme poverty, particularly in São Tomé.

SOCIAL

HUMAN CAPITAL VALUATION AND QUALITY OF LIFE

EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION

We will build an integrated educational system based on the concept of the knowledge economy that will guide young people to master foreign languages, science, technology and a cosmopolitan outlook in its relationship with the world. Additionally, they will be trained to be bearers of values and will also be prepared for lifelong learning with a focus on research, experimentation and innovation.

Our Commitment

- Free and compulsory education to during 12 years, keeping young people from 4 to 18 years in the education system so that Cape Verde students will receive 12 years of Portuguese, mathematics and science, eight years of English and French, 8 years computer science, five years, optionally of, Mandarin, Spanish or German, as well as a deep background in history, citizenship and culture.
- Pre-school attendance will be guarantee for all children from 4 to 6 years of age.
- Promote inclusion of children with Learning Disabilities through creation of multidiscipline team in schools, trained by psychologists, social workers and specialized teachers.

- Forty percent of Compulsory Education will be offered as Professional Technical Education in collaboration with companies, business associations and universities.
- Secondary schools will have separate management units and more curricular freedom achieved through a mix of compulsory and optional subjects according to the regional reality of the country.
- Social program to combat dropouts and failure as well as restructuring of FICASE will be implemented thereby making it into a support service.
- Teachers will receive further training and be motivated to pursue higher education and better utilization of Cape Verdeans brains in the Diaspora.
- Promotion of knowledge at the highest levels through training and regulation of higher education institutions as well as through the development of good international partnerships to seek placement of the country's top talents into the best schools in the world.
- Reorganize UNI-CV based on a new model of school management, greater management independence for school units and specialized programs according to the country's strategic program such as the Ocean School.
- Promote scientific research in institutions of higher education as well as further internationalization of Cape Verde's higher education.
- Establish a medium/long term goal that least 30% of Cape Verdeans ages 30 to 34 will be holder of higher education degrees.

More specifically,

Quality Preschool Education for all Children

- Subsidize the needy in order to promote the inclusion of all children ages 4 to 6 years.
- Integrate preschool into the formal education system.
- Consolidate the professional career of preschool educators through training programs and appropriate salary structure.



- Improve services at central and regional coordination levels by focusing on its functions, responsibilities and autonomy, approval of curriculum guidelines for pre-school education and supervision of educational activities in pre-schools.
- Improve coordination between pre-school and basic education by preventing the current sudden changes in educational contents, methodologies, postures and physical environment.
- Create incentives for private participation in the opening of pre-schools.

An effective basic education and without school dropout

- Immediate extension of compulsory basic schooling to 8 years free, with teachers and school curriculum appropriate to the level of education.
- Introduction of English, French and computer science from the fifth grade on and strengthening of education for values and appreciation of basic learning (reading, writing and mathematics).
- Strengthening the fight against school dropouts, in particular through tutoring classes, strengthening of the educational and social support.
- Increasing the dignity of the teaching profession in particular by encouraging higher education training, by quick resolution of teacher reclassifications, progressions and other outstanding issues as well as the rehabilitation of schools and work in classrooms.
- Implementation of training and evaluation approaches on the basis of competency and the reformulation and adjustment of the learning rating system.
- Provision of libraries at the school hubs and other learning resources, including digital, accompanied by an increased support and educational follow-up at the municipal level.
- Strengthening partnerships between the school and the community and restructuring of the social support services at school.

A Secondary Education that is a Friend of the Economy, Employment and Higher Education

- Design and implement a new curriculum.
- Give greater focus on the technical/vocational education, aimed at obtaining systemic efficiency gains and quality of educational.
- Promote schools as privileged spaces of learning for values/citizenship, transforming the educational and training practice into a vehicle of democratic, civic and cultural values as well as social cohesion factor.
- Give greater autonomy to public schools and create incentives for private investment, all accompanied by the strengthening of the inspection and evaluation of schools.
- Improve internal efficiency of the education system, effective in reducing dropout rates by adopting a more personalized and inclusive approach to education.
- Improve management of human resources by promoting living conditions and more dignified work for teachers, making the teaching profession competitive within a framework of more demanding training requirements.

A Quality Higher Education, Linked to Research and Internationalized

- Promote a higher quality that systematically links teaching education/science/research and development. Additionally, we will promote effective regulation, reassessment of the teacher statutes and higher education research, creation of a National Fund for Research Support, encouraging exchange programs between institutions of higher education Cape Verde with similar foreign institutions of high international standard, promotion of education in terms of e-learning and b-learning and creation of distance learning centers in certain regions of the country.
- Develop Highly Specialized Human Resource Development with the support of Strategic Cooperation Programs to be negotiated with institutions of excellence.



- Support incentives for citizens, especially by strengthening the scholarship program, the creation of credit lines for subsidized loans, encouraging the creation of School Libraries, through import facilities and sale of textbooks and the promotion of equitable access, in particular through support for transport, housing and access to canteens with vouchers supported by Social Services.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

There is no future without science! For the development of the most advanced nations, the greatest asset has been R&D centers, leveraged in the intrinsic and permanent cooperation between the State Institutions of Higher Education and Business and focused on constant supply innovation, demand satisfaction and competitiveness in domestic and international markets.

Our Commitment

- Develop a Center for Research, Development and Innovation (R&D+i) with focus on public-private partnerships, bringing together the State, Institutions of Higher Education, Scientific Parks and Business.
- Create an Agency for Science and Technology.
- Install various Technology and Science Parks in areas such as Sea and Biodiversity, Health, Environment, Alternatives Water and Energy.
- Provide tax incentives on import of equipment and in stimulating innovation and research enterprise in international competitiveness areas.
- Provide financial and material resources for the promotion of basic research, namely, culture and Cape Verdean history.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

MpD advocates a dual track vocational training system in which a portion of training takes place in training centers and vocational schools and the other in business thereby providing students with familiarity and experience in the actual working environment. For this to happen, conditions will be created to enable this strategy to succeed via MOUs established between the State and business.

Our Commitment

- Create an Interministerial Commission for Employment and Training, whose purpose will be to identify and coordinate vocational training policies.
- Develop an Employability Indicative Plan and Compensation for higher education and vocational training based on labor market needs, training levels and employee compensation.
- Promote Technical and Vocational Training Programs, directed to sectors with low qualification, especially for fisheries, agriculture and livestock.
- Strengthen the certification mechanisms of vocational training courses to ensure social recognition of these training.
- Adopt policy measures to ensure the financing of the vocational training system and its support.
- Promote young people entering the labor market through work placements via a program to place 20,000 interns within companies and other institutions.
- Organize a specific training plan to promote the employability of long-term unemployed as well as the unemployed with higher education degrees.
- Foster double degree certification at the levels of vocational and academic training by ensuring close interconnection between education and training.



- Develop a high school system that is friendly to the economy, to youth entrepreneurship and to know-how generation through vocational guidance, appropriate curricula and a good supply of technical courses.
- Strengthen training of trainers programs with teaching resources and laboratory experimentation.
- Introduce distance learning, especially e-learning and b-learning.
- Develop Technology Specialization Courses (CET) based on connection with business and economic activity, favoring employment and training of qualified technical personnel.
- Develop a check-training program as means to introduce greater responsibility and freedom of choice in available training programs.
- Publish a plan on " Inclusive Training" oriented toward the lower skilled unemployed and the more vulnerable.
- Prioritize vocational training programs aimed at holders of mandatory diplomas but without vocational training preparation, thereby enhancing the employment potential.
- Advertise the employment rates and the average pay for first jobs based on training programs developed by IEFP.
- Undertake a systematic assessment of the network of Employment and Training Centers and make the results available in a public presentation.
- Ensure availability of vocational rehabilitation activities for persons with disabilities, including those with permanent disabilities requiring special skills.

HEALTH

Cape Verde has seen better time and reasons to have pride in its National Health Service.

However, investments in the sector in recent years have little to show by way of improving the quality and provision of health care. Rather, recent measures have contributed to undermining the basic principles of the National Health Service in terms of equal access, equity and comprehensiveness. MpD will place the health service system close to the people.

Our Commitment

- Establish first level health center in all the islands without Central or Regional Hospital.
- Institutionalize of the General Practitioner doctor program.
- Reduce waiting time at consultations and access to diagnostics, especially specialized exams.
- Adopt a free vaccine program against cancer of the cervix and intensive screening in particular breast, cervical and prostate cancer.
- Reorganize and redevelop the National Health Service to improve the quality and access of all Cape Verdeans to health care.
- Create a Regulatory Health Authority.
- Provide greater recognition of health professionals via training, motivation and better integration in the management of the National Health System.
- Establish First Aid response mechanisms that operate at reasonable hours and with technical and material conditions to provide adequate first aid assistance. Additionally, make available appropriate means and material resources to provide emergency response, such as helicopter evacuation.



- Build a new Regional Hospital in Praia, renovate the Central Hospitals (Agostinho Neto and Baptista de Sousa), endowing them with expertise and response capabilities to support Regional Hospitals, health centers and health posts.
- Integrate the Private Sector as effective service provider in the National Health Service system.
- Foster Health Development as an Export Service.
- Improve the Pharmaceutical Policy, focusing on Medicine.

HOUSING

The current government wasted financial and institutional resources and irresponsibly managed the housing sector, turning public housing into a heavy and disproportionately large structure. By doing this, it destroyed the private housing sector and, together with other disastrous actions in public works, provoked the bankruptcy of many domestic enterprises in the construction sector.

Our Commitment

Promotion of a Large Housing Program with the following characteristics:

- Focus on actual families by introducing objective criteria on the basis of clearly set priorities.
- Respond to the needs and actual financial capacities of families, to be mobilized and led by municipalities.
- Focus on inclusion of the national private sector as creator of value added to the construction sector, real estate and employment.
- Establishment of a mortgage interest subsidy program for young families.
- Unity the numerous programs run by various government departments, example being "*Operation Hope*" managed by the Prime Minister's Office.

- Stimulation of the rental market, promoting the application of the savings of families, including the emigrant population.
- Promotion of the rehabilitation of existing housing thereby contributing to the urban renewal of neighborhoods and support to the needy.

SPORTS

Sports is a school of values and citizenship in the formation of Cape Verdeans with new attitudes and behaviors towards the country and its relationship with the world and a development factor and privileged means for our projection onto the international stage.

Our Commitment

- Design a new Cape Verdean Sport cycle by enhancing its role and national importance.
- Build a partnership between public authorities and sports agents based on complementarity and respect for the independence and actions at levels of each.
- Take advantage of the natural conditions of the country and the physical and biological appetite of Cape Verde to practice and innovate in the sports arena.
- Adopt rationality, transparency and the establishment of priorities in the allocation and use of financial and material resources.
- Advance the practice of sports in school, the training in clubs and Talent Development through Sports Excellence Program and the creation of Specialized Sport Centers.
- Bring major events to Cape Verde thereby putting the country on the international route of sporting events.
- Place sports directly under the Head of Government and transform the General Directorate of Sports into an independent institute.
- Create a support fund to encourage initiation of sports training.



CULTURE

Culture is the protection of a people's identity and charisma, a flag and guarantor of national unity. It is through culture that we evolved as a people, solidifying us into a Nation.

Our Commitment

- Develop a new dimension as to the role of culture and its practical definition of Cultural Industries.
- Enhance the visibility at national and international levels of Cidade Velha as Historical Heritage of Humanity. Promote and finalize other processes such as the elevation of Cape Verdean music and the Slave Route to the level of Intangible Heritage for Humanity.
- Promote effective regulation and collection of copyright fees and royalties as well as professional careers related to business of Culture.
- Adopt a better tax system to encourage agents of culture, in particular for patronage and direct sponsorship of cultural entities of public utility.
- Encourage the financial system to offer products that take into account the crosscutting dimension of culture and foster greater appreciation of diversity and protection of cultural manifestations.
- Implement a new policy for Cinema, Audiovisual, Visual Arts and Arts Education, combined with educational programs and contents from pre-school level to secondary and vocational training.
- Promote Cultural Tourism and Music as National Brands.
- Adopt a policy to promote the development of cultural infrastructure, the strengthening of the Museums policies, National Archives and Collection, the creation of a National Art Gallery and the Restoration of the Architectural Heritage.

YOUTH

BRING YOUTH TO CENTER STAGE

In Cape Verde, the lack of quality and scarcity of social support in education, unemployment, job insecurity, overall insecurity, discrimination, affect mostly young people, relegating them to vulnerable situations that compromise their independence and empowerment. Equally apparent is the lack of appreciation and training of young people.

Our Commitment

- Train young people on the basis of training excellence.
- Guarantee professional internships to 20,000 young people, as a key component of the curricular and professional experience.
- Develop an Employment Plan for Youth in general as well as targeted to degree holders.
- Combat Youth Unemployment with better education and training, particularly through a greater focus on technical training through an Initial Professional Qualification Program and Review of the Education/Training System that is friendly to youth employment.
- Promote Youth Citizenship, in particular by supporting the creativity and innovativeness of young people, fostering cultural enjoyment and sports activities, promoting volunteerism and healthy lifestyles.
- Facilitate Housing for the Youth and foster building of the Family.



STRENGTHENING THE SOCIAL STATE

COMBATING INEQUALITIES

SOCIAL INCLUSION

MpD considers social development an essential element in the strategy of the country's development process and places, among its top priorities, the fight against social inequalities in the country.

This position assumed by MpD is not imposed by opportunistic circumstances but rather forged in our social doctrine which is based on the balanced principles that an economically viable development requires balanced social development. This starts with the elimination of poverty and the integration and protection of the vulnerable.

Our Commitment

- Reduce poverty during the legislative term to a rate below 18% (less 44,000 poor during the five-year period, which is the equivalent to less 8,800 poor per year) and eliminate extreme poverty, implying output of about 30,000 people in the next five years and the remaining 30,000 by 2026, at the latest.
- Promote access to income by reducing the current unemployment rate, estimated at 15.8% to below 10% in 2021 and to below 5% by 2026, in a perspective of full employment.
- Ensure an income to every Cape Verde, either through employment or through the Inclusion Income.
- Raise the education index, combined ratio of primary, secondary and university education from its current 0.85 ratio to a new level approaching 0.95.
- Adopt preschool education for all children and guarantee universal access for all children to compulsory education.
- Place Cape Verde in the "Top 5" of Small Island States in terms of Human Development Index, through profound advances in aggregate indicators of education, health and income per capita.

A Happy Childhood, Healthy and Learning

Our commitment

- Strengthen the institutional capacity of the Public Body responsible for children's issues.
- Ensure effective respect for the rights of the child enshrined in the Charter of the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Foster primary maternal-child care and child health.
- Promote the development of a network of pre-school education by associating public authorities, municipalities and charitable institutions, to ensure access of all children to preschool education.
- Ensure universal access of all children to compulsory education and develop actions to prevent early dropout from school or lead to situations of school failure.
- Promote programs aimed at children at risk, especially street children.
- Develop programs to support child victims of abuse, arbitrariness, violence and exploitation by adults, including their own parents.
- Promote and support the private social solidarity institutions dealing with children's issues.
- Build recreational facilities that promote development of physical activities and sports programs in conjunction with educational institutions and local authorities.



The Elderly with Quality of Life

Our Commitment

- Develop a family policy that encourages the maintenance of the elderly within the family.
- Enhance Home Support and improve quality of service.
- Develop a policy of regular updating of the minimum social pensions in order to foster a level of dignified life.
- Reform social pension policies for the elderly to include medical and medication assistance.
- Promote policies that prioritize the care of the elderly in public services.
- Promote cost-free policies in payment rates in public and private passenger transportation.
- Promote policies to reduce costs and cost sharing for drugs, prostheses and compensation devices, which may be as low as zero contribution for those who suffer from chronic diseases or subjected to long-term treatment.
- Encourage and support social solidarity institutions engaged in activities aimed at the elderly.
- Promote and support initiatives to create living spaces and recreation for the elderly, especially those with fragile bond to the family.
- Create conditions to humanize the role of Social Centers and community centers for the elderly.
- Implement a support service to families who have dependents with elderly.
- Contribute to physical and social rehabilitation for longevity with progress and development index in a way that is not a social burden burden.

Disabilities with Quality of Life

Our Commitment

- Evaluate existing needs through a study to be carried out by a credible scientific institution.
- Encourage integrative solutions by stimulating institutional support for young people with severe disabilities thereby addressing basic family problems.
- Promote the adoption of a Prevention Education Act, Rehabilitation and Integration of People with disabilities, to ensure the respect for and application of rights of people with disabilities.
- Develop policies and programs aimed at ensuring conditions for access of disabled persons in particular employment, vocational training, education, housing, transport, among others.
- Promote and support the National Rehabilitation Program that promotes the conditions for the implementation of the principle of equality and opportunity.
- Foster and support private institutions of social solidarity that are active in the field of prevention, rehabilitation and integration of people with disabilities.
- Develop programs that create designated and protected employment for the disabled to meet the needs of those with complex disabilities.
- Support the disabled in the purchase of medicine, prosthetics, compensation devices, etc.
- Develop accessibility policies in terms of public transport and buildings in order to facilitate the full integration of the disabled in social life.



- Establish a minimum quota for the disabled and families with disabled people on social housing and employment in the public service.
- Give tax breaks, in particular as exemptions in the contribution to social security and with due compensation to private companies by the State for hiring disabled employees.

GENDER EQUITY

MpD's vision for gender equality and equity policies is founded on the humanist and individual values that give rise to all its philosophy of promoting the well-being of the human person as the ultimate purpose of actions by the State.

Our Commitment

- Eliminate the structural inequalities that prevent full access of women to goods, services and socio-economic resources.
- Adopt policy measures to improve the quality of life for women heads of household.
- Promote women's equal rights through training aimed at effective participation and leadership in public life.
- Promote equal access to financial services, infrastructure, health, water, sanitation and the labor market.
- Provide mechanisms to guarantee active voice by women in decision-making on all matters of public interest.
- Promote equal access to leadership positions in companies and public administration and institutions, civil society organizations and elected bodies of the central and local administration, as well as in all collective bodies of public appointments.
- Promote parity application of the law.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social security schemes, due to its intergenerational nature, should not be static thereby requiring periodic governments reviews and evaluation of decisions in order to ensure system sustainability and improve services.

Our Commitment

- Establish a fairer and more balanced social protection system from a personal and material point of view.
- Ensure financial sustainability of the system for the long-term.
- Extend coverage to all population categories not yet covered, including workers in the informal sector of the economy, independent workers and small employers.
- Restructure INPS in order to ensure better management of services and the future of pensions and containment of operating costs, making its policies more efficient and just with respect to reimbursements, exemptions on medicine, dentistry and eyeglasses.
- Create a Pension Fund and a Management Body of these funds by separating the management of pension from other benefits.
- Extend the provision of health care through private agreements with INPS.
- Implementation an effective Unemployment Insurance Fund for workers in order to respond to temporary unemployment situations.

