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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACBF	African Capacity Building Foundation
ACR	Africa Capacity Report
CPIA	Country Policy and Institutional Assessment
PSMT	Public Sector Management Training
SMTP	Medium Term Strategic Plan
USD	United States Dollars

ACBF STRATEGIC PLANNING	
PHASE 1	1991-1997
PHASE 2	1998-2001
SMTP 1	2002-2006
SMTP2	2007-2011
SMTP3	2012-2016
ACBF STRATEGY	2017-2022
ACBF STRATEGIC PLAN	2023-2027

INTRODUCTION

The Republic of Cabo Verde became a member and partner of the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) in 2012. Prior to the country becoming a member of ACBF, the Foundation was already supporting the country through various programmatic capacity development interventions. Since then, the partnership between ACBF and the Government of Cape Verde has been growing from strength to strength. To date, the country has been a shareholder and partner for the African Capacity Building Foundation for eight years. The country is represented by its Minister of Finance in the ACBF Board of Governors.

ACBF'S INVESTMENTS IN CABO VERDE

The Foundation's investment in Cape Verde, has reached about US\$ 1.23 million. ACBF is proud to have supported human and institutional development in the country. This support has gone to the Strategic Transformation and Policy Center (STPC) and Network of Public Administration and Management (NEPAM). With this support from ACBF, the aforementioned institutions have become more valuable and are playing significant roles in the country's development agenda.

Table 1: ACBF-supported projects and programs in Cape Verde (USD)

NATIONAL PROJECTS/PROGRAMS	PHASES	INVESTMENTS
National Committee for Capacity Building (CRC)	NFPS	15,095
The Network on Public Administration & Management (NEPAM)	SMTP I	280,569
Strategic Transformation Policy Centre (STPC)	SMTP I	1,003,004
TOTAL		1,298,668

*NFPS-National Focal Points

Table 2: Current ACBF-Supported projects in benefiting Cape Verde (2023)

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DETAILS
African-Finnish Partnerships on Taxation Capacity in Africa	The aim is to strengthen the capacity of selected African governments and pan-African organizations to increase Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) through informed policy-making and effective tax administration
African Union Transformative Climate Finance program	The project aims at addressing the capacity gaps in climate change adaptation in Africa. Key activities include scoping and mapping of green growth landscape in Africa, conducting of a Capacity Needs Assessment and Development of a Capacity Development Program.

The Foundation has also conducted several research studies to inform policy formulation and implementation in Cape Verde. Some of the knowledge products prepared for Cape Verde are detailed in Annex 1.

CABO VERDE'S CONTRIBUTION TO ACBF

The Foundation has benefitted from the African and global political influence of the Government of Cape Verde. To date, the country has made a cumulative contribution of about US\$0.86 million to the Foundation, since 2012.

With the support of Cape Verde, ACBF has been able to leverage resources from the international community to support capacity development across Africa and to achieve significant results in support of the continent's development process. Remarkably, ACBF has been catalyzing change in Africa by investing in capacity development initiatives in the public and private sectors and in civil society organizations; providing technical assistance in implementation of capacity development interventions; generating, managing, and sharing knowledge on best practices in capacity building and development management.

The Foundation has strengthened public policy across Africa, produced highly skilled public sector economists and managers, strengthened institutions of financial accountability, and enhanced the effectiveness of non-state actors. ACBF has also supported the creation of platforms for dialogue on, and coordination in capacity development, supported improvements in trade and regional integration, empowered women and strengthened parliaments.

Table 3: Cape Verde's contributions to ACBF (USD)

FINANCING PHASE	PLEDGE	PAYMENTS	OUTSTANDING
PSMT III (2012-2016)	500,000	86,261	413,739
ACBF STRATEGY 2017-2021	-	-	-
TOTAL	500,000	86,261	413,739

ANNEX 1: SELECTED ACBF KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES BENEFITING CAPE VERDE

Name of Project	Key objectives/Focus
The Network on Public Administration & Management (NEPAM)	To create a network of public management institutions, professionals, practitioners, and academics with a view to forming a community of practice that will collectively reflect on public administration issues. To provide space for effective interface of policymakers, researchers, trainers, and public management practitioners to critically discuss and build consensus on ideas and decisions relating to public management policy issues. To provide NEPAM with information, and databases on best practices and lessons from experiences on public management issues.
Strategic Transformation Policy Centre (STPC)	To strengthen the institutional capacity of the public sector, the private sector and civil society. To strengthen human capacity in the public sector, the private sector and civil society. To provide a forum for interface and to facilitate ongoing dialogue and coordination aiming various stakeholders and sectors.

Table A: Selected knowledge products to support AU agenda, policy and development programs from which Cape Verde benefited.

Year	Type of Knowledge Products	Title/Theme	Coverage for Cabo Verde
2017	Africa Capacity Report 2017	Building Capacity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Africa's Transformation	Cabo Verde country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics
2015	Africa Capacity Report 2015	Capacity Imperatives for Domestic Resource Mobilization in Africa	Cabo Verde country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics
2014	Africa Capacity Report 2014	Capacity Imperatives for Regional Integration in Africa	Cabo Verde country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics
2013	Africa Capacity Indicators 2013	Capacity Development for Natural Resource Management	Cabo Verde country Compendium of Statistics
2012	Africa Capacity Indicators 2012	Capacity Development for Agricultural Transformation and Food Security	Cabo Verde country Compendium of Statistics

Table B. Selected knowledge sharing events and networking to support AU agenda, policy and development programs from which Cabo Verde benefited.

	Knowledge Event	Title/Theme	Coverage for Cabo Verde	Date and venue
2019	2019 Africa Capacity Report data collectors' training workshop	Fostering Transformative Leadership for Africa's Development	1 data expert hired and sponsored to attend training workshop	29 May to 1 June 2017 Harare, Zimbabwe
2016	2016 Africa Think Tank Summit	Creating a Sustainable Future for African Think Tanks in Support of SDGs and Agenda 2063	1 participant from Strategic Transformation and Policy Centre (STPC) sponsored to attend	8 - 10 April 2016, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
2015	2015 Africa Think Tank Summit (Co-hosted with UNECA and TTCSP)	The Rise of Africa's Think Tanks – Practical Solutions to Practical Problems	1 participant from Strategic Transformation and Policy Centre (STPC) sponsored to attend	7- 8 April, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2015	4th Policy Institutes Committee Meeting	ACBF's Policy Institutes Committee and its Contribution to Policy Direction in Africa	1 participant from Strategic Transformation and Policy Centre (STPC) sponsored to attend	9 April Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2015	5th Policy Institutes Committee Meeting	Knowledge and Experience Sharing for Effective Capacity Building in Africa	1 participant from Strategic Transformation and Policy Centre (STPC) sponsored to attend	22-23 October 2015 Kigali, Rwanda
2013	Training of Africa Capacity Report 2014 Data Collectors	Capacity Development for Natural Resources Management	1 data expert hired and sponsored to participate in training workshop	8 – 11 October 2013 Harare, Zimbabwe

	Knowledge Event	Title/Theme	Coverage for Cabo Verde	Date and venue
2013	Inaugural Policy Institutes Committee Meeting	Official Launch of the PIC	1 participant from STPC sponsored to participate	13 -14 June 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2013	Africa Capacity Report (ACR) 2013 launch	Capacity Development for Natural Resources Management	1 participant from STPC sponsored to attend	22 March Accra, Ghana
2013	2014 Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA) workshop, and national launch of Africa Capacity Report 2013	Country Policy and Institutional Assessment	1 participant from STPC sponsored to attend	24-27 September 2013 Bujumbura, Burundi
2012	Africa Capacity Report 2012 validation Workshop	Capacity Development for Agricultural Transformation and Food Security	1 participant from STPC sponsored to attend	19-20 January 2012 Tunis, Tunisia
2012	2013 Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA) workshop	Country Policy and Institutional Assessment	1 participant from STPC sponsored to attend	28-30 June 2012 Yaoundé, Cameroon.
2011	Africa Capacity Report Launch	Capacity Development in Fragile states	1 participant from STPC sponsored to attend	7 November, 2011 Cotonou Benin
2011	Training Workshop on the Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA)	Country Policy and Institutional Assessment	1 participant from STPC sponsored to attend	1-3 August 2011 Harare, Zimbabwe
2011	Africa Capacity Report 2012 training workshop	Capacity Development for Agricultural Transformation and Food Security	1 country data expert hired and sponsored to participate in the training workshop	13-18 June 2011 Harare, Zimbabwe
2010	Africa Capacity Report data collection training workshop	Capacity building in Fragile states	1 data expert hired and sponsored to attend training workshop	13 – 16 July 2010 Harare, Zimbabwe

ANNEX 2: SUCCESS STORIES

Supporting policy Formulation and Implementation in Cape Verde

The Government of Cape Verde requested support from the African Capacity Building Foundation for the establishment of the Strategic Transformation and Policy Center (STPC) to provide technical leadership in the process of social and economic transformation. Following some technical engagements between ACBF and the Government of Cape Verde, the former approved a grant of US\$1 million to for the establishment of the Policy Centre.

The goal of the Strategic Transformation and Policy Center (STPC) was to provide technical and advisory support to the Government of Cape Verde, the private sector and civil society while undertaking policy analysis and capacity-building programs for the management of the ongoing policy reforms in Cape Verde. The project had four specific objectives: (1)To strengthen human capacity of the public sector, the private sector and civil society;(2)To strengthen human capacity in the public sector, the private sector and civil society; (3)To produce a forum for interface and to facilitate ongoing dialogue and coordination among various stakeholders and sectors; and (4) To build the knowledge base of key sectors and disseminate relevant information for the strategic transformation of Cape Verde.

The Policy Centre benefited tremendously from the technical and financial support of the ACBF from September 2005 until March 2014, when the grant closed. The STPC became the main avenue of policy dialogue with academia, civil society, and the private sector, as when it organized the Second Forum on the Economic Transformation Agenda 2014 to set the economic transformation agenda for the next 30 years. As an advisory body to the Cabo Verde Prime Minister, a great interface and facilitator of dialogue and coordination among different public and private sector stakeholders, STPC successfully supported crucial government decisions with the policy analysis and strategic advice necessary to implement the government's strategic transformation agenda.

Thanks to the support of ACBF, the Strategic Transformation Policy Centre (STPC) served as a reputable and credible policy think tank in Cape Verde. The Centre was able to provide policy alternatives and advocacy on sound economic reforms. Through its research activities, the STPC was able to shape public policy and actively engender citizens participation. In an effort to sustain STPC operations beyond the ACBF funding, the Cabo Verde government continued to invest in it until December 2017 out of commitment to the organization and its important work.

ACBF has also the Network on Public Administration & Management (NEPAM) in Cape Verde contributing in creating a common platform for complementarity and synergy among institutions of public administration and management in the country. This enabled the participating institutions to share experiences and learn from each other while putting up a common front to secure policy reforms.

The cumulative impact of ACBF interventions in Cape Verde is contribution to effective and sound policy analysis and formation, which in turn enabled the government to design and adopt appropriate policies on macroeconomic management.



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