



Inter-Parliamentary Union

Technical Cooperation Programme

PROJECT PROFILE: CAPE VERDE



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Project Details

Title:	Assistance to the National Assembly of Cape Verde
Status:	Closed
Duration:	2 Years (1988 - 1990)
Budget:	US\$ 25,275 (second mission only)
Donor Partner:	Assembly of the Republic of Portugal, Canadian House of Commons, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Background

Starting from 1985, onwards a process of transition began in Cape Verde that eventually led to the end of one-party rule and the new, pluralistic constitution of 1990.

During this period, officials from the National Assembly showed a growing interest in technical cooperation in order to enhance the parliament's capacity and establish relations with parliaments abroad.

The IPU received a request for assistance from Cape Verde in 1985 and a first exploratory mission was conducted in the same year. Subsequently, in cooperation with the Parliaments of Canada and Portugal, the IPU undertook to provide assistance to the National Assembly.

Areas of activity

The overall aim of the activities was to provide advice to the Cape Verde Parliament on measures to improve the organization of its secretariat. At the same time, parliamentary staff was given training abroad. In particular this included:

- A four-week internship at the Canadian House of Commons and a provincial parliament for the President of the National Assembly (NA). The internship included training in various parliamentary issues such as organization of services, library services, recording of debates and preparation of reports.
- A mission to Cape Verde to design and develop a parliamentary library and documentation centre.
- A four-week internship for the director of parliamentary services at the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal to study the functions of a modern parliamentary library.

Target beneficiaries

The foremost beneficiaries were the two officials from the National Assembly, who gained insight into the procedures of legislative processes in the parliaments mentioned.

Improved international relations and advice on how to promote effective legislation also strengthened the parliament as a whole.



The National Assembly building in Praia, Cape Verde

Results

As a result of the assistance, the following outcomes were achieved:

- The President of the NA and the director of services received thorough training, enabling them to facilitate the process of parliamentary transition in Cape Verde.
- The National Assembly received a detailed plan for the creation of a documentation centre and a new library.
- The Assembly of the Republic of Portugal provided material for the creation of the library and agreed to continue cooperation through its international relations programme.

Experts providing advice to the project included:

- Mrs. Alda Cabral, Director, Documentation and Information service, Assembly of the Republic of Portugal

Parliaments hosting study tours under the project:

- Assembly of the Republic of Portugal
- Canadian House of Commons

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Documents archived:

Admin. and Finance:

- Finance
- Project document
- Reports
- ToRs: Missions, Project,
- Correspondence (UNDP, parliaments involved, etc.)

Activities:

- Workshop with MPs in 1998
- Retreat for MPs in 1999
- Review of Standing Orders 1999

General

- Press and background material

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