

**TEMPLATE FOR DELEGATIONS PROVIDING COMMENTS ON  
DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENTS**

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**Delegation:** Portugal

**UNDP draft country programme document for:** Cabo Verde

Delegations are kindly invited to use this template to share their comments on any of the draft CPDs being presented during the forthcoming Board session.

<b>Comments by Member State on the UNDP/UNFPA draft CPD for <u>Cabo Verde</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Specifically, with regard to the intervention of the joint office comprising the 3 agencies UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF, the fact that the respective country program was structured in a single strategic action document is positively noted.</li><li>However, it is considered that the descriptive content of the document could be more specific between the work/mission of the three agencies, offering, and more than the sum of action of each of the parts, an understanding of intervention as a whole.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The actions listed are surgical interventions in sectors that we consider to be crucial for safeguarding human rights and the rule of law. We salute the continuity of intervention in the area of Gender in multiple aspects (for example, access to health and justice services), which has been deserving increased attention and whose continuity seems necessary in view of the much that lies ahead in terms of self-determination ( physical, financial and decision-making) of women and the deconstruction of gender stereotypes. We particularly welcome the attention that the CPD reserves in supporting actions specifically aimed at the area of Disability, as well as the scourge of sexual violation of children and young people. Two areas of work that greatly undermine human rights in Cabo Verde and which continue to require integrated and structured action.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We highlight the importance that was also given to strengthening Social Protection. Portugal, through the substantive financial support of the Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security, channeled to the United Nations ILO agency, materializes with Cabo Verde, in a pioneering and catalytic way, more than two decades of relevant and expressive investment in the areas of struggle against social exclusion and reinforcement/extension of its social protection system. A reference and example of good practices in the African regional and continental context. Specifically, the “ACTION – Reinforcement of Social Protection Systems in PALOP and Timor-Leste” project ongoing since 2015 and under which Cabo Verde will continue to stand out and largely benefit.</li></ul>

In this sense, and given that the technical execution of the ACTION/Portugal Project falls to a United Nations agency, the ILO, we understand the importance of, and in light of the principle of complementarity, the CPD alluding to the project in the respective section reserved for Social Security support (2.1).