

**SEMINAR**

**Nation-states and the challenges of regional integration –  
the case of Cape Verde**

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Praia, Cape Verde**

## PROGRAMME

**Day 1            Wednesday 4 April 2007**

**9.00            Opening session**

- **Aristides Pereira**, President of the Amílcar Cabral Foundation, former President of the Republic of Cape Verde.
  
- **Pierre Sané**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO.
  
- **Antonio Correia e Silva**, Rector, University of Cape Verde.
  
- **Jeanne Elone**, Representative of Africa Trust.
  
- **Jérôme Gérard**, Representative of International Development Research Centre.
  
- **Aristides R. Lima**, President of the Cape Verde National Assembly.

**10.00** Coffee break

**10.15            “The issue of illegal immigration and human rights”**

Speaker: **Dr Vera Duarte**, Judge, Chairperson of the National Commission for Human Rights and Citizenship.

**10.35            “The specificity of an island State and the Cape Verde diaspora”**

Speaker: **Dr José Maria Semedo**, geographer, University Professor.

**10.55-12.30** Debates

**14.30            “Cape Verde and ECOWAS – a question of identity”**

Speaker: **Dr Gabriel António Fernandes**, Sociologist, University Professor.

**14.50            “Cape Verde and integration in West Africa – from African to Cape Verde slave: the long process of reconstructing social identity”**

Speaker: **Dr António Correia e Silva**, Sociologist and Historian, Rector of the University of Cape Verde.

**15.10            Debates begin**

**16.00            Coffee break**

**16.20-18.00** Debates continue

**Day 2**            **Thursday 5 April 2007**

**9.00**            **“Public policies for the integration of Cape Verde into ECOWAS, within the Global Strategy for Development”**  
Speaker: Dr José M. dos Reis, Psychologist, former Minister for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs

**9.20**            **“Cape Verde and new regional prospects (Community of Portuguese-speaking countries, African Portuguese-speaking countries, NATO, European Union)”**  
Speaker: Dr António Lima, Former Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador, former Secretary-General of the ECOWAS Fund, Lomé, Diplomatic Adviser to the President of the Republic.

**9.40**            Debates begin

**10.20**            Coffee break

**10.40-12.30** Debates continue

**14.30**            **“The economic dimension of regional integration”**  
Speaker: Dr José Luis Rocha, Director-General of Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**14.50**            **“The issue of free movement of goods and people and the role of Cape Verde in the security of the West Coast and the southern limits of the European Union”**  
Speaker: Manuel Amante da Rosa, Diplomat, former Ambassador

**15.10-16.45** Debates

**16.45**            Coffee break

**17.00**            **Closing session**

- Representative of the Amílcar Cabral Foundation
- **Pierre Sané**, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences
- **Boubacar Barry**, Coordinator of MOST project on regional integration in West Africa
- **Cláudio Furtado**, Sociologist, University Professor and Chairperson FAC Science Commission
- **José Brito**, Minister of the Economy, Development and Competitiveness