

“Universal Periodic Review”

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Inputs from the United Nations office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Cape Verde

- 12-16 May 2008 - Cape Verde participated in the Fifth Conference of the Ministers of Justice of Francophone African countries for the implementation of the universal instruments against terrorism. Held in Rabat, Morocco.
- 29-31 October 2007 – National training workshop for senior criminal justice officials on the universal legal instruments against terrorism and related international cooperation.
- 25-27 September 2007 - Cape Verde participated in the Sub-regional Workshop on the preparation of responses to the United Nations Security Council Committee dealing with counter-terrorism, organized in cooperation with CTED, Sanction Committee and 1540 Committee, held in Dakar, Senegal.
- 20-22 March 2007 - Cape Verde participated in the 4th Conference of the Ministers of Justice of Francophone African countries for the implementation of the universal instruments against terrorism held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
- 29 Jan-2 Feb 2007 - Workshop to provide assistance and to launch selected counter-terrorism activities for Cape Verde: Launching of counter-terrorism component of integrated CAVE INTECRIN programme (the Cape Verde Integrated Crime and Narcotics Programme), signed by the Ministry of Justice of Cape Verde and UNODC on 10 November 2005.
- 13-16 November 2006 - The 4th study tour for Portuguese-speaking Countries on the ratification and implementation of the international legal instruments against corruption and terrorism, international cooperation and alternative sentences to prison, held in Maputo, Mozambique.
- 24-26 July 2006 - Participated in the sub-regional Training Seminar for ECOWAS Member States on international legal cooperation against terrorism, held in Abuja, Nigeria.
- 25-27 May 2006 - Participated in the Madrid Ministerial Round Table for West and Central African Countries on Counter-Terrorism Legal Framework.
- 7-9 February 2006 - Attended the Conference of the Ministers of Justice of Francophone African Countries for the Implementation of the Universal Instruments against Terrorism in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. Jointly organised with International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF) and the Government of Egypt.

- 8-10 December 2004 - Held a Regional Expert Workshop on the universal instruments against terrorism, and Counter-Terrorism Committee reports in which 19 African countries participated.
- 25-27 October 2004 - Cape Verde attended Regional Ministerial meeting of Francophone countries on the UN Conventions against corruption, transnational organized crime and the universal instruments against terrorism in Mauritius.
- 31 Oct-4 Nov 2005, 2-6 Nov 2004 - Cape Verde participated in three study tours for Portuguese-speaking countries on the ratification and implementation of United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

UNODC developed a technical assistance programme entitled **Cape Verde Integrated Crime and Narcotics Programme** launched in 2005. In addition to its three components addressing security/border control; prevention-treatment-rehabilitation and research; and money laundering – corruption, a fourth component addressing national anti-terrorism requirements vis-à-vis the 13 international counter-terrorism instruments, was developed.

UNODC, under the auspices of the anti-money laundering and anti-corruption project, prepared a high-level expert team from Interpol Headquarters in Lyon, France and the US Department of Justice which fielded several missions to Praia to install the first-ever RAID (**Real-time Analytical Intelligence Database**) at the Office of the Attorney-General (OAG), the Judicial Police Headquarters, the Central Bank of Cape Verde and other selected law enforcement bodies. Subsequently training was provided to a selected group of agents from the Capeverdean Judicial Police and civil servants from the OAG, the Central Bank of Cape Verde and other designated entities. **The RAID database will assist Cape Verde in fighting terrorism, corruption, and money laundering.** The applications of such database in other countries of the European Union and the United States have proven very effective in well over 500 investigations, including some of the highest profile cases throughout the world.

UNODC coordinated the *First National Anti-Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Workshop*, which was held in Praia from 21-23 May 2007 as well as the *Second Anti-Money Laundering, Asset Recovery and Asset Forfeiture Workshop* which will be held in Praia from 24-27 September 2007. The objectives of these workshops were two-fold: provide state-of-the-art capacity-building and training to selected Capeverdean law enforcement and civil servants; while ensuring partnership-building and information-sharing with selected high-level trainers, namely from the US Federal Bureau of Investigations, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Brazilian Federal Police, Spanish Guardia Civil and UNODC.

For several decades, surveys of general population have been used to collect information on the crime situation. In this context, surveys (*victim* or *victimization* surveys) were carried out in Cape Verde during the second part of 2006 and first part of 2007 placing an emphasis on the experience of respondents rather than on officially recorded crime, in the belief that much crime is not reported by citizens to the authorities.

The Cape Verde surveys were carried out according to the international standard methodologies identified by and included in the UNODC “Data for Africa” initiative. The Crime Victim Survey (CVS) for general population, the Crime and Corruption Business Survey (CCBS) for the private sector, and model surveys for police officers and public employees were adjusted to the local context and implemented at the inception of the projects *Anti-organized crime and counter-narcotics enforcement in Cape Verde* and *Strengthening of the rule of law in Cape Verde*. The

results of the four baseline surveys are currently being used as a benchmark to monitor the results of other technical assistance initiatives implemented by the two projects.

A fully-fledged forensic laboratory is being established at the Judicial Police Headquarters of Cape Verde in Santiago Island.

The implementation of this integrated programme is to end in 2008, and a second phase is being prepared to cover 2 more years, under one UN programme. In this context, beginning 2008, the UNODC Independent Evaluation Unit (IEU) spearheaded a multidisciplinary evaluation team to evaluate the One UN programme in Cape Verde in which the programme served as the best practice to “Delivering as One UN”.

In addition to the above national programme, Cape Verde receives assistance through all UNODC regional programmes for West Africa (through ECOWAS) in the areas of anti-human-trafficking, anti-money laundering and most recently, a regional initiative on smuggling of migrants has just been launched and Cape Verde is one of the beneficiary countries.

UNODC, together with the Ministry of Justice in Cape Verde, has published a “Study on crime and corruption in Cape Verde.” This report can be made available on: <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/Data-for-Africa-publications.html>.

Regional Initiatives

Regional Smuggling of migrants initiatives

UNODC has launched two regional programmes for ECOWAS member states and Mauritania. The two projects aim at containing irregular migration and stamp out smuggling of migrants. Beneficiary countries will receive both the legislative assistance required for criminalizing smuggling of migrants, and the technical assistance empowering law enforcement and national border control agencies with operational capabilities for prosecuting smugglers.

Regional plans - Sahel Band

UNODC have convened an *Informal Ministerial Session* during the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna in April 2008 with a number of West African Ministers to discuss the security situation in the sub-region, with special focus on the *Sahel band*. Technical assessment missions are planned in the region in the second half of 2008. A preliminary study on the transnational trafficking and the rule of law in the sub-region is under preparation. A high-level ministerial meeting with ECOWAS is being planned to take place in October in **Cape Verde**. The meeting will discuss the critical situation in relation to the illicit trafficking and related crimes, response and way forward. The donor community is being informed about UNODC plans and expressed interest in follow-up. The African Development Bank has been offered partnership in this initiative, and the Peace Building Commission has also offered support to ODC plans in the region.

Regional reports that in some way cover certain countries under review

A study was prepared and released in June 2008 entitled “Crime and its impact on the Balkans and affected countries.” The report can be found on the following link:

http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/Balkan_study.pdf.

A joint report by the United Nations office on Drugs and Crime and the Latin America and the Caribbean Region of the World Bank was released in March 2007. This report, "Crime, Violence, and Development: Trends, Costs and Policy Options in the Caribbean," is available on the following link: http://www.unodc.org/pdf/research/Cr_and_Vio_Car_E.pdf

"Crime and Development in Africa," a report published in June 2005 focusing on how crime is undermining development. Such can be found under: http://www.unodc.org/pdf/African_report.pdf

"Transnational Organized Crime in the West African Region," focusing on specific modes of operation of West African criminal groups, highlighting in particular their very loose and networked structures. Such is available on: http://www.unodc.org/pdf/transnational_crime_west-africa-05.pdf

"Organized Crime and Irregular Migration from Africa to Europe," is a rapid assessment to analyze the extent of which irregular migration from Africa to Europe is mediated by organized crime, available on: http://www.unodc.org/pdf/research/Migration_Africa.pdf

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