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# CABO VERDE: COUNTRY GENDER PROFILE

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## ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS *(Portuguese in italics)*

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| <b>ADEI</b>    | <i>Agência para o Desenvolvimento Empresarial e Inovação</i>  |
| <b>ANAS</b>    | <i>Agência Nacional de Água e Saneamento</i>  |
| <b>AOSIS</b>   | Alliance of Small Island States   |
| <b>ARE</b>     | <i>Agência de Regulação Económica</i>   |
| <b>CSP</b>     | Country Strategy Paper  |
| <b>CEDAW</b>   | Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women  |
| <b>CESP</b>    | <i>Cursos de Estudos Superiores Profissionalizantes</i>   |
| <b>CPLP</b>    | <i>Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa</i>   |
| <b>DCRP</b>    | <i>Documento d'Estratégia de Crescimento e de Redução da Pobreza</i>  |
| <b>DNA</b>     | <i>Direcção Nacional do Ambiente</i>  |
| <b>ECA</b>     | <i>Estatuto da Criança e do Adolescente</i>   |
| <b>ESGAS</b>   | <i>Estratégia Social e de Género para o Sector da Água e Saneamento em Cabo Verde</i>   |
| <b>EU</b>      | European Union  |
| <b>FDI</b>     | Foreign Direct Investment   |
| <b>GAISG</b>   | <i>Gabinete Ambiental e de Integração Social e de Género</i>  |
| <b>GBV</b>     | Gender Based Violence   |
| <b>GDP</b>     | Gross Domestic Product  |
| <b>IIAG</b>    | Ibrahim Index of African Governments  |
| <b>ICIEG</b>   | <i>Instituto Cabo-verdiano para a Igualdade do Género</i>   |
| <b>INDP</b>    | <i>Instituto Nacional de Desenvolvimento das Pescas</i>   |
| <b>INE</b>     | <i>Instituto Nacional d'Estatística</i>   |
| <b>INGT</b>    | <i>Instituto Nacional de Gestão do Território</i>   |
| <b>IOM</b>     | International Organization for Migration (United Nations)   |
| <b>Lei VBG</b> | <i>Lei Especial sobre Violência Baseada no Género</i>   |
| <b>MCA</b>     | Millennium Challenge Account  |
| <b>MDGs</b>    | Millennium Development Goals  |
| <b>MOU</b>     | Memorandum of Understanding   |
| <b>MPD</b>     | <i>Movimento para a Democracia</i>  |
| <b>ODA</b>     | Overseas Development Assistance   |
| <b>PAICV</b>   | <i>Partido Africano da Independência de Cabo Verde</i>  |
| <b>PALOP</b>   | <i>Países Africanos de Língua Oficial Portuguesa (Angola, Cabo Verde, Guiné-Bissau, Moçambique, São Tomé and Príncipe; joined by Equatorial Guinea in 2011)</i> |
| <b>PAPTAGT</b> | <i>Plano De Acção para a Transversalização da Abordagem De Género No Turismo</i>  |
| <b>PEDS</b>    | <i>Plano Estratégico para o Desenvolvimento Sustentável (Cabo Verde Government Plan in preparation as of June 2017)</i>   |
| <b>PNIG</b>    | <i>Plano Nacional de Igualdade de Género / Gender Action Plan</i>   |
| <b>PNVBG</b>   | <i>Plano Nacional de Combate à Violência Baseada no Género</i>  |
| <b>SIDS</b>    | Small Island Developing State   |
| <b>UCID</b>    | <i>União Independente e Democrática</i>   |
| <b>UE</b>      | <i>União Europeia</i>   |
| <b>UNDP</b>    | United Nations Development Programme  |
| <b>UNFPA</b>   | United Nations Population Fund  |

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## Preface and Acknowledgments

In July 2016, the Cabo Verde Minister of Finance requested assistance from the African Development Bank (AfDB) for the development of a Country Gender Profile in the context of the Country Strategy Paper (2014-2018) Mid Term Review. The AfDB approached UN Women, its long-time partner with staff in Cabo Verde, for collaboration on the project. The Gender Profile is intended as a guide for the AfDB and UN Women in their support for Government efforts to advance gender equality and inclusive development in Cabo Verde, and as a contribution to the gender equality dialogue of the Government, donor partners, and civil society.

The team to develop the Gender Profile was composed of Koffi Marc Kouakou, Principal Statistician-Economist on Gender and Task Manager of the project on the African Development Bank side; Mamadou Bobo Diallo, Macroeconomics Specialist, and Task Manager of the project on UN Women side; UN Women Cabo Verde Program Coordinator Vanilde Furtado, Program Officer Claudia Rodrigues, and Communications Officer Ekvity Dos Santos; and a gender economist consultant, Kathleen Barnett, Ph.D. The team received support and guidance of Adalbert Nshimyumuremyi, Chief Country Economist, and Basil Jones, Gender Programme & Policy Coordinator of AfDB.

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## Map of Cabo Verde

The Republic of Cabo Verde is composed of 10 islands (nine inhabited) located in the Atlantic Ocean approximately 450 km from Senegal on the west coast of Africa. As shown in the map below, the islands are grouped into the *Barlaventos* (windward northern group): Santo Antão, São Vicente, Santa Luzia (unoccupied),

São Nicolau, Sal, Boa Vista; and the *Sotaventos* (leeward southern group): Maio, Santiago (São Tiago), Fogo, Brava. Principal cities of Praia and Tarrafal are on Santiago, and Mindelo, the country's main port, is on São Vicente. The principal tourism islands are Sal and Boa Vista.



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