ICT Sector as Lever of Cable Development

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For the Cape Verdean Government, Information and Communication Technologies

(ICT) provide an opportunity for economic and social development

of the country. Therefore, the ICT Sector is a fundamental part of the strategy for

innovation, job creation and the attraction and development of talent and

based on the following fundamental objectives for the country:

• Find new sources of production, export, employment and income.

tax in the economy of Cape Verde;

• Promote the economic competitiveness of Cape Verde's business fabric

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• Promote the effective integration of Cape Verde's economy into the global knowledge economy, including the economic approximation of

Diaspora.

The vision for the ICT Sector needs to be aligned with the strategy of

Cape Verde's development and should represent the guiding principle for the

creation of the Technology Park.

Achieving the vision for the sector aims to achieve three

strategic objectives:

• Streamline the creation of an internationally recognized ICT Cluster

as Champion in certain niche markets;

• Position Cape Verde as the International Center for the Provision of

Services; and

Position Cape Verde as Gateway to Africa.

Building on its image of stability and credibility, Cape Verde has

thus the opportunity to position itself as a Gateway to Africa, a secure platform for launching business in West Africa and the Netherlands.

Portuguese Speaking Africans (PALOP), thus attracting companies from mature markets who want to have their base in Africa, while remaining in a country of high political and social stability.

Vision and Strategic Objectives of the Technology Park

The Technology Park fits in with the strategy for the ICT Sector as

promoter of innovation and business development and therefore

as the country's growth lever.

The conception of the Technological Park is based on the path already taken by

Cape Verdean Government and ICT companies and represents an aspirational perspective on what the country can build in the future, given its strengths and market opportunities

This vision will be realized based on five strategic objectives:

• Enhance the development, visibility and commercialization of e-government services, promote mobile services and solutions.

for the various business areas;

• Foster a grassroots innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem

technological;

• Establish partnerships with international players of reference in the sector;

Attract Foreign Direct Investment for Services

ICT-based; and

• Contribute to ICT capacity building of national human resources.

Technology Park Components

The defined strategic objectives will be realized through an infrastructure that has four main components:

data center – The Data Center is one of the anchors of the Technology Park and aims to provide a housing and Data processing safe, with a high level of scalable and redundant service that makes available Administration services Public and other entities nationals; presents a strong guidance for the provision of international services (public organizations and private), exploiting the cloud and hosting

, business space - Business Space aims provide a physical host infrastructure to mature companies in the sector ICT (or other strong technological component), which enable them to share excellent infrastructure at competitive prices in addition high visibility provided by the complex of the Technology Park. Additionally, they seek respond to needs associated with performing national events or meetings and international organizations Park activity, which require spaces properly equipped technologically multipurpose in order to allow the conducting events of diverse typology (congresses, conferences, seminars, training actions, exhibitions, among others

incubator – The Incubator has as its objective to promote and support the creation of new business, foster youth entrepreneurship, mobilize the ICT sector and boost the research and development through the offer at attractive prices and infrastructures of excellence and start-up support services, such as network access experts and networking, accreditation services, mentoring, among others

and training and qualification center, - The Training and Qualification Center is intended to promote the empowerment of human resources, streamline the research and the development and foster innovative projects; at partnerships with global players assume a central role here

each program with a specific role within the scope of the Park.

Governance Model

The challenges and ambition inherent in the development of the Technology Park, combined with the need to agree a global vision with that of the different business of each of the components implies a clarification of the model of governance intended for its future management.

Overall, the Technology Park's governance model provides for two intervention layers - one of a more strategic nature, also focused on integrated coordination of the various components of the Park and including:

• a global management structure (Technology Park Management) - is the Park's central management structure and is responsible for ensuring alignment with the established objectives (integrated perspective: Country, ICT Sector and Technology Park), define the management models of each component, promote the institutional image of the Park nationally and internationally, develop contacts to integrate Park in global networks of innovation and entrepreneurship, coordinate the overall activity of the Park, manage common spaces and infrastructure, monitor performance (against established) and report;

• an Advisory Board - this structure aims to provide a vision of level and external to the operational activity of the Park, supporting the strategic processes, analyzing the results of monitoring (outcomes and impacts) and formulating recommendations and improvement proposals for the Park; Council working sessions

Advisory Committee provide an opportunity for interaction between various stakeholders and integrating different views.