

PEDS II (Cape Verde)

Good practice: Creating an operational hub for the Information Society through strategic development planning

Relevant DFI commitment: Protect and strengthen the multistakeholder system of Internet governance, including the development, deployment, and management of its main technical protocols and other related standards and protocols.

Type of the initiative: institution

Stakeholder Group: Government

Launch/adoption: 2021 - Now

Goals

Cape Verde's **Plano Estratégico de Desenvolvimento Sustentável (PEDS)** outlines a strategic vision for sustainable national development, focusing on economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental resilience. The primary goal is to foster a diversified, inclusive, and knowledge-driven economy that improves the quality of life for all citizens while addressing structural challenges.

The plan emphasises enhancing infrastructure, education, digital transformation, and innovation to drive economic competitiveness. Social equity is a key objective, with policies designed to reduce poverty, improve access to healthcare and education, and ensure equal opportunities for marginalised communities. Environmental sustainability is another cornerstone, aiming to balance economic growth with the responsible management of natural resources and mitigation of climate change impacts.

Description

Cape Verde's PEDS is a comprehensive framework that sets priorities and initiatives to achieve sustainable development across multiple sectors. The plan integrates social, economic, and environmental dimensions, aligning with global and regional development goals. Key components of the plan include:

1. **Economic Diversification and Competitiveness:** PEDS focuses on transitioning Cape Verde's economy from reliance on traditional sectors to a diversified, knowledge-based economy. Initiatives include investments in tourism, renewable energy, digital infrastructure, and maritime industries to foster innovation and economic resilience.
2. **Social Inclusion and Equity:** The plan prioritises reducing social disparities by expanding access to quality education, healthcare, and housing. Specific policies aim to empower vulnerable groups, including women, youth, and rural populations, to participate fully in national development.
3. **Digital Transformation:** Recognizing the role of technology in development, PEDS includes initiatives to improve digital infrastructure and literacy. These efforts promote e-governance, innovation, and connectivity, driving modernisation and efficiency across sectors.
4. **Environmental Sustainability:** The plan underscores the need for sustainable management of natural resources and proactive responses to climate change. Policies promote renewable energy, coastal protection, and green infrastructure to build resilience and reduce environmental vulnerabilities.
5. **Infrastructure Development:** Investments in transport, energy, and water systems are a core focus, ensuring the infrastructure necessary for economic growth and improved living standards.

6. **Governance and Institutional Strengthening:** PEDS includes measures to enhance transparency, accountability, and institutional capacity, fostering trust and efficiency in public administration.

PEDS provides a roadmap for Cape Verde's sustainable development by addressing social, economic, and environmental priorities. The strategy aims to position the nation as a resilient, inclusive, and globally competitive economy, ensuring long-term prosperity for its citizens.

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