

Mozambique: Financial Governance of Social Security Seminar brings together 4 countries

In the context of the ILO project 'Quatrain Africa', the City of Maputo recently hosted a training course on the Financial Governance of Social Security Systems, from 20 to 24 September. The seminar, attended by 47 participants from national social security institutions from Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Angola, Cape Verde and from the Cape Verdean National Social Pension Centre, was organized by the National Social Security Institute of Mozambique and the ILO International Training Center in partnership with the STEP Portugal project.



The five days of study facilitated debate and discussion on a broader vision of social security, exploring and developing concepts of social security, its financial flows, the design of social security schemes and their governance, as well as acknowledging the specific situation of the countries represents in respect to the structure and legal framework of their organizations, their attributions, objectives and statistical data. Alongside ILO specialists, the seminar also featured representatives from IGFISS of Portugal, presenting topics such as "treasury management" and "practices of governance in Portugal". Other themes, notably on investment governance, social security financing, actuarial valuations, the planning and financial control of social protection, and the specificities of contributory and non-contributory systems were also presented to the attendants; participants were furthermore able to perform a financial exercise and analyze various governance scenarios.

Cape Verde: country singled out as an example during the Second African Decent Work Symposium



During the Second African Decent Work Symposium which took place in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 6 to 8 October, the Cape Verdean experience in social protection was highlighted as a positive demonstration of achieving progress and improvements in this field. On this occasion, Madalena Neves, Minister of Family and Social Solidarity, announced that Cape Verde has already achieved approximately 36% social coverage of workers in the formal and informal sectors; the ongoing awareness and mobilization campaigns continue to spread the information around the country encouraging workers to register in the system. The Minister further added that the promotion of universal social security is the political will of the Cape Verdean Government in its struggle against poverty and is supported by a specific law which has already been voted.

Assane Diop, Executive Director of ILO's Social Protection Sector, emphasised that Cape Verde offers a tangible example, which demonstrates that nothing is impossible. He reminded participants that for a very long time African States had believed that they were not developed enough to allow themselves the luxury of having social security. This is a myth that clearly needs to be put to rest from now on.

Cape Verde renders technical assistance on social security to Guinea Bissau



A team from the Cape Verdean National Social Security Institute travelled to Guinea Bissau on 20 September for a ten-day mission aimed at improving and reinforcing the processes of registration, the payment of contributions and beneficiary control in the Guinea Bissau social security system.

This technical assistance mission took place in the context of the on-going

Angola: Social Security provides pensions to over 300 thousand former soldiers

Over three hundred ex-military and their families will receive pensions from the Social Security Institute of Angolan Armed Forces (FAA).

The information was announced by the General Chief of Staff of FAA, General Sachipengo Nunda, who added that beyond these pensions, beneficiaries will also have access to medical care and drugs.

According to him the initiative is part of government efforts to promote an improved quality of life for populations of different socio-economic levels.



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