



**EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE  
TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE**

At this very auspicious moment of NACVO's launch, I have the great satisfaction to address all participants in this act.

I welcome all organizations that joined the Alliance and hope others will follow suit.

I also applaud the work done by the Organizing Committee and all the guests who, by their presence, instill special emphasis on this act. This can be considered a milestone in the life of the Cape Verdean community and its organizations in the United States.

The launch of NACVO is the culmination of a long process of sensitization, mobilization, consultation and dialogue. It is also the beginning of a journey towards consolidation and embodiment of the objectives enshrined in the founding acts of NACVO.

NACVO's task is challenging and the way forward will certainly bring about new challenges. To overcome them, action has to be grounded in the principles of unity, cohesion and solidarity among members. It is also necessary to promote synergies and complementarities with organizations pursuing the same goals.

This is the right direction for NACVO to tread, in order to effectively play its unifying role and to champion the Community concerns, aspirations, interests and empowerment goals, as well.

We still face challenges and more will surely ensue along this journey, which we deem to be successful. To surmount these challenges, the union, internal cohesion and solidarity are principles that should guide the actions of NACVO.

It is also necessary to seek synergies and complementarities among the organizations with identical purposes. Only in this manner can the NACVO fulfill its unifying role of spokesperson for the concerns and aspirations of the community, as well as serve as a driving force in promoting, defending its interests and in their empowerment.]

NACVO is not alone in this journey. The kind presence of all guests is a testimony to that. The relentless encouragement and support of the Cape Verdean Government and the diplomatic and consular representations of the state of Cape Verde are safeguards to that. And so is the media collaboration.

It is with this conviction that, on behalf of the Embassy staff and on my own behalf, I wish you great success in your work.

Washington DC, January 19, 2013.

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