



GCAP – CPLP Campaign Workshop Luanda, Feb.27 – March 01, 2007

Communiqué

Within the GCAP global campaign against poverty and for development, and as a critical response to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), civil society organizations from the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP) mentioned below, in partnership with *CIVICUS* and *Jubilee 2000 Angola*, met in the city of Luanda, Angola, from February 27th to March 1st, 2007.

The meeting had the following objectives:

- To disseminate the GCAP political platform and mobilization plans;
- To improve the bonds of solidarity among organizations, groups and campaigns within the CPLP;
- To share lessons and activism tips.

This event was an important moment of collective discussion of the poverty issues within CPLP countries. Discussion highlights were the following dominating causes of poverty and inequality within CPLP countries:

In the field of **human capital**:

- Illiteracy
- Diseases

In the field of **social capital**:

- Absent ethic, civic and moral values
- A dependency's mentality
- Gender inequality

In the **economical** field:

- A maladjusted world economy

- Unfair economical policies

In the field of **governance**

- Corruption and bad governance
- Incompatible governance standards
- Excessive bureaucracy
- Institutional weaknesses

At the meeting, experiences by civil society organizations were presented in connection with the combat to the causes of poverty and inequality at the national and international levels. A synthesis of the experiences defined the following CS roles in this fight against poverty and inequality:

- **Strategic partner** in dialogue with the state and other actors in the process of planning and implementing development programs
- **Agent of changes** for the inclusion of new demands
- **Advocacy / pressure** for better public policies
- **Monitoring and evaluation** of public plans and policies

To reinforce national actions, enlarge the fight within the CPLP and foster the continuous promotion of sustainable development, those who took part in the meeting identified the following priorities;

- The need for creating an Action Platform for Portuguese-speaking countries as a space for interaction, exchange of experiences and creation of synergy for promoting development in CPLP countries, and for their international affirmation;
- The creation of an anti-poverty network and alliance for equality within GCAP for Portuguese-speaking countries;
- The creation of a focal point to propagate and harmonize the implementation of activities in the Network.

For the Network, the following messages, slogans and messengers were proposed within the scope of the GCAP – CPLP campaign:

- Message proposals:
 - Education is the key to development
 - Education investments are an efficacious means of combat against poverty and inequality
 - Gender equality is the path to development
 - Good governance is the path for social inclusion
 - Combating poverty and inequality requires that we choose our own development path

- Proposed slogans
 - + Education, - Poverty and inequality
 - United for a common cause
 - + Democracy, + equality, + transparency
 - + Us
 - Always say NO TO POVERTY
 - Our Lusotopy
 - Strengthening democracy, eradicating poverty and inequality

- Proposed messengers:
 - Ronaldinho
 - Cesária Évora
 - Gilberto Gil
 - Lurdes Mutola
 - Bonga
 - Netinho
 - Taíz Araújo
 - Ximenes Belo
 - Gil Semedo

To materialize the anti-poverty network, these follow-up measures below were advanced:

- July 16 to 19, 2007 – A meeting in São Tomé and Príncipe with the theme: “***Women, Inequality, Discrimination and Poverty***”. The following activities were proposed:
 - Filmography / theme films
 - Releasing books / marketing materials (translation)
 - Photographic exhibition
 - Discussions

The event will have the following focal points in each country: Angola (João Gregório), Brazil (Iara Pietricovsky), São Tomé and Príncipe (Dulce F. Gomes), Green Cape (Lourença Tavares and José Maria Simédo), Timor (Pedro M. Soares), Mozambique (Mário J. Carlos) Portugal (Luís Mah) Guinea Bissau (?).

- Nov. 30 – Dec. 5, 2007 – A ***Balance and Perspectives*** meeting in Green Cape;
- Creating a film (30 sec.). Production contacts: Alveno Figueiredo (Green Cape), Kalú Mendes (STP) and IBASE (Brazil);
- Creating a GCAP – CPLP Pamphlet;
- The creation of a GCAP – CPLP focal point with mandate from March 1st to December 5th, 2007, and the following tasks:

- Maintain of the Network
- Disseminate the results of the Luanda GCAP – CPLP meeting;
- Create the proposal of an activities / budgetary plan;
- Support the organization of events as programmed for STP and Green Cape;
- Coordinate the creation of the film; and
- Create the pamphlet and other promotional materials

The Mozambique Debt Group was nominated as a possible focal point and counts with the FDC support for this activity.

Before the end of the event, participants have committed themselves to the following independent and group initiatives:

- Make efforts for the eradication of poverty and inequality within CPLP;
- Take into effect the commitment to being a vector of social cohesion for democratic development and citizenship within the CPLP;
- Mobilize CPLP's CS for the problems of poverty and inequality;
- Fight for the affirmation of the Portuguese language at international events and reference documentation.

Luanda, March 1st, 2007

Participants:

- **Angola** (Liga Jubileu 2000, Associação Cristã da Mocidade – ACM; Acção para o Desenvolvimento Rural e Ambiente – ADRA; Forum das Organizações Não Governamentais Angolanas – FONGA; Associação Kassules do Maculusso – AKM; Organização para o Desenvolvimento Socioeconômico das Famílias - AFAMODSA);
- **Brazil** (Instituto de Estudos Socioeconômicos - INESC);
- **Green Cape** (Associação Crianças Desfavorecidas – ACRIDES); Associação dos Escuteiros de Cabo Verde - AECV);
- **Mozambique** (Grupo Moçambicano da Dívida, Fundação para o Desenvolvimento da Comunidade – FDC)
- **São Tomé and Príncipe** (Federação das Organizações Não Governamentais de São Tomé e Príncipe – FONG-STP)
- **East Timor** (Fórum das Organizações Não Governamentais de Timor Leste – FONGTIL; Fundação para o Desenvolvimento da Agricultura - ETADeP)

Note: Portugal's representative was absent due to visa problems; Guinea Bissau's representative was absent due to not yet identified causes.