

PRAIA DECLARATION - CAPE VERDE

The Foundation of the Lusophone Network for Capacity Building in Integrated Water Resources – RELUSA

On the 29th of July of 2010, in the city of Praia, on the Island of Santiago, in Cape Verde, at the Workshop on Capacity-Building of Integrated Water Resources Management, organized in the realm of the Lusophone Water Partnership, with support from the Brazilian Network for Capacity-building in Water Resources – Cap-Net Brasil, sponsored by Cap-Net/PNUD, in cooperation with the National Water Partnership of Cape Verde – PNA-CV and with institutional support from the Ministry of Environment, Rural Development and Marine Resources and the National Institute for Water Resources Management in Cape Verde, the signatories of this statement, who belong to the Community of Portuguese Speaking Peoples, in the realm of the Lusophone Water Partnership, created in 2006, with support from Cap-Net/PNUD and the Global Water Partnership - GWP in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding, and as a result of studies, assessments, outputs and recommendations made by Cap-Net Brasil under Cap-Net/PNUD, in terms of proposed strategies and procedures to consolidate and implement cooperation activities for capacity-building in integrated water resources, in consideration of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Cap-Net Brasil and the WaterNet - *Building Capacity for Water Resources Management in Southern Africa* and the activities, outputs and proposals that have been agreed upon in this workshop, which was held from July 26-30 of 2010, agree to contribute to the development of a Lusophone Network for Capacity Building of Water Resources – RELUSA, which has the following goals, objectives, references and governance structure:

1. The goals of RELUSA (Lusophone Network for Capacity Building of Water Resources) are to promote and consolidate capacity building activities in integrated water resources management, its relationship with climate issues and associated socio-cultural and environmental aspects, to promote, cooperate with and support capacity building and the exchange of experiences between the community of Lusophone countries;
2. The purpose of RELUSA is to train water resources managers in the countries of this community, whether they represent government, water users or civil society, while including a gender perspective and pursuing the Millennium Development Goals, in particular those concerning water access and sanitation, by promoting courses, workshops, studies, and production and translation of education resources into Portuguese, as well as other activities related to its goals;
3. To meet its goals and objectives, RELUSA may work in partnership with international, national and regional institutions and networks, participate in joint endeavors and promote synergy, to maximize efforts and human, technical and financial resources, using appropriate methodologies and educational tools, for various formal and informal education levels, including the use of distance education;
4. RELUSA is a network of professionals, organizations and networks that operate at a regional, national, and international level in Portuguese-speaking countries that are committed or agree to the goals of this network;
5. The network will be governed by the Management Committee which is composed of a main and alternate representative from each country, nominated by its country members. The

Management Committee will serve a three year mandate, which may be extended for an equal term.

6. The chairs of countries that weren't present at the constitution of RELUSA will be filled once the main and alternate representative of each respective country have been nominated.
7. The RELUSA Management Committee will have the following responsibilities:
 - a) Establish a multi-annual plan and annual program for the network;
 - b) Identify the needs and opportunities for RELUSA, in the countries, regions, and jointly managed river basins and aquifers;
 - c) Identify partners in each respective country and regions, such as international institutions and countries committed to the development of its programs and funding.
 - d) The Management Committee will have a provisional secretariat which will be located in Rio de Janeiro, at Cap-Net Brasil.
8. To implement RELUSA, the parties present agree on the selection of a temporary Management Committee, which will serve a 24-month mandate; each country's seat will be filled by nominating present representatives or posterior nominations.
9. The temporary Management Committee will elect its president whose respective organization will act as secretariat for the duration of the mandate of the Management Committee.

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