


**PROJETO
DE APOIO À
CONSOLIDAÇÃO
DO ESTADO
DE DIREITO**



**Projeto de Apoio à Consolidação do Estado de Direitos nos PALOP e em Timor-Leste
(PACED)**

Supporting the Consolidation of the Rule of Law of PALOP and Timor-Leste Project

PACED, Portuguese acronym for Supporting the Consolidation of the Rule of Law of PALOP and Timor-Leste Project, join, since 2016 (two thousand and sixteen), the Portuguese speaking African countries (Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, São Tomé e Príncipe) and Timor-Leste, throughout an Indirect Management Delegation Agreement signed between the European Union and the Portuguese Co-Operation Agency (Camões, I. P.) as co-financer of the Project and also responsible for his management.

PACED fundamental objective is to contribute to sustainable improvements in the effectiveness and efficiency of the State institutions directly related to the affirmation of the rule of law in the PALOP countries and Timor-Leste to prevent and effectively combat corruption, money laundering and organised crime, in particular, drug trafficking.



The actions focus on three main results:

- a) Reinforcement and modernisation of the legal framework and administrative organisation in the PALOP-TL countries in the prevention and fight against corruption, money laundering and organised crime, specially, drug trafficking, in line with international best practices;
- b) Strengthening of the skills of the relevant human resources and institutions in the PALOP-TL countries, modernising their operational procedures;
- c) Strengthening cooperation and collaboration between equivalent institutions in PALOP-TL countries, as well as between such institutions and relevant foreign and international organisations, based on common guidelines.

In these six countries PACED involves 28 (twenty-eight) focal points and 32 (thirty-two) public institutions among Ministries of Justice, Courts, Attorney Generals and Public Prosecutors' Offices, Criminal Investigation Police, Central Banks and Financial Information Units.

Just to give a quick overview, PACED, concerning reinforcement and modernisation of the legal framework, is responsible for the adoption of an Legislative harmonized regime in the areas of combating corruption, money laundering and organised crime, in particular, drug trafficking, but also concerning witness protection and asset recovery.

Legislative harmonized regime that is gradually being transposed into the various national laws, *v.g.* Angola recent new regime of witness protection and asset recovery.

But PACED also was responsible for the specific training of almost six hundred national members, among judges, public servants linked with the Ministries of Justice, Central Banks and Financial Information Units, Public Prosecutors and Criminal Investigation Police Officers, allowing the creation of a pool of trainers with more than 43 elements.

Our conferences were attended by more than 1764 (one thousand seven hundred and sixty-four participants) and it was possible to publish two organization and management manuals for the areas of criminal investigation and the judicial system.

Concerning strengthening cooperation and collaboration, in November 2018 (two thousand and eighteen) was signed the Ethical Commitment of Judges of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries, known as| Charter of Porto Alegre, because it was signed in that beautiful city of Brazil, in the local Judicial Training Centre and the Association of Judges of Rio Grande do Sul (AJURIS).

This Charter, aggregating Judges of a linguistic space community with more than three hundred million of citizens spread by three continents, is undoubtedly a milestone concerning Judicial Integrity and result from the international partnership between PACED Project, the Global Network of Judicial Integrity secretariat by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the International Union of Magistrates (IU), the National School of Training and Improvement of Magistrates of Brazil (ENFAM) and the Association of Judges of Rio Grande do Sul (AJURIS).

By this Charter was possible to accomplish a set of fundamental principles and values common to all judicial systems represented relating to judicial ethic, covering independence, impartiality, integrity, fight against corruption, humanism and equality, quality and effectiveness, cooperation, governance and justice organization, guarantees and statute of Judges and Judicial Associations.

But the international partnership between Portuguese Judicial Training Centre (CEJ), the National School of Training and Improvement of Magistrates of Brazil (ENFAM), Judicial Training Centre of Mozambique (CFJJ) and Judicial Training Centre of Timor-Leste (CFJJ) just to refer the ones that have here in Doha representatives, together with the rest of the Judicial Training Centres of this community will be responsible for the creation of a new interactive Platform allowing a new paradigm concerning Judiciary training and also cooperation.

(I hope that in September this year, when we meet in Maputo, where will take place the international reunion of the Portuguese Speaking Judicial Training Centres, we will already see this Platform work!)

Finely, we strongly believe that expanding opportunities for training is the anchor for enforcing judicial integrity and ethics in this post-globalization era and the only way to strengthen international cooperation.

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