

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **3<sup>rd</sup> African University on Youth and Development commemorates Citizenship Day with community service activities**

*SANTA MARIA-CAPE VERDE 14/May/11.-* The Cape-Verdean Youth Federation (FCVJ) organizes, in the framework of the 3<sup>rd</sup> African University on Youth and Development, the "Citizenship and Social Action Day", 19<sup>th</sup> May at Sal island.

With the aim to commemorate this day, several volunteer community service activities are scheduled in the health, environmental and social dimensions. These include awareness campaigns on Dengue, Malaria and HIV/AIDS, wall paintings and turtle conservation and children challenged projects visits.

For one week, Sal Island hosts the third edition of this event that brings together leaders of the main world youth movements with the aim of promoting youth participation in decision-making processes and to strengthen cooperation policies for Global Development.

The main objectives of the AUJD are to create a political space where youth can affirm and receive recognition for their role in Euro-African co-operation, particularly in implementing the Strategic Partnership EU-Africa; to provide a space for raising awareness on development issues and global education, training, non-formal education and intercultural dialogue for youth leaders; To facilitate the process of defining and implementing youth projects within the Euro-Africa co-operation and Global Youth cooperation and promoting youth policies.

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> AUJD is organised by the FCVJ, the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and the Portuguese National Youth Council in partnership with the Governments of Cape Verde and Angola, the Pan-African Youth Union, the European Youth Forum, the Community of Portuguese speaking countries, the Portuguese Institute for Aid Development, the Youth in Action Programme of the European Commission and the Joint Management Agreement between EuropeAid and the North-South Centre.*

**NB:** Program of the Citizenship Day is attached

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