

## CPLP: XI CPLP Meeting of Ministers of Labour and Social Affairs

The XI Meeting of Ministers of Labour and Social Affairs of the CPLP was held on March 29 and 30 in Luanda, Angola, preceded by a technical meeting on the 28th. Under the slogan "The challenges of vocational training and social integration in the CPLP" several representatives of the eight CPLP countries, as well as the International Labour Organisation (ILO), attended the meeting.



The Countries signed the Luanda Declaration, where there are various commitments and decisions on social protection, in order to promote social integration in the Countries: to strengthen the public systems of social security thus improving the efficiency of social protection; to promote synergies between different policies of social protection, employment and development, under the framework of the ILO's Decent Work Agenda; to provide comprehensive social protection systems that meet people's basic needs in terms of social security and promote the adoption of initiatives and public policies that contribute to it; to promote the extension of social protection coverage for migrant workers in the CPLP countries. The Declaration also recognized CIPS as a reference tool on social protection, both at national and international level.

## East Timor: Government approves transitional Social Security scheme



The Government of East Timor has adopted on April 13 the transitional arrangements for a social security scheme. The draft law approving the new scheme aims to ensure basic social protection to State employees and their families. For now, state workers are entitled to old-age pension, invalidity pension and survivor's pension for family members - in case of death of the worker. Although transient, the approval of this scheme represents a first step in creating a universal social security system in East Timor.

It has been prepared based on the proposal of the Interministerial Working Group, approved by the Council of Ministers in December 2010. The draft law now proposed has determined that the transitional social security scheme should follow the model of a unified and redistributive system."

## Cape Verde: INPS signs cooperation protocol with INE



The National Institute of Social Security (INPS) signed on March 10 a Cooperation Protocol with the National Statistics Institute (INE) to build a statistical system on social security that will generate important information for decision makers, draw up the Statistical Yearbook, produce data for actuarial valuations and feed the National Statistical System (SEN). This protocol will also contribute to the development of qualitative studies to monitor on a regular basis the level of satisfaction of INPS users.

## Mozambique: Government approves regulation of social facilities for vulnerable children

The Government of Mozambique has approved new regulations on kindergartens, nurseries and other care centers for children in vulnerable situations, providing social protection coverage to particular target groups: children in preschool age, abandoned, lost or orphaned children, and children without protection in a overall difficult situation.



The adoption of these instruments is meant to ensure an organized intervention and improve the mechanisms for the institutional care of these children. «The child care centers should not be seen as a means of generating income but should be a place that promotes tomorrow's human beings, ensuring good health, education, guidance and monitoring that assures them a full and harmonious development». This call was made recently by the Minister for Women and Social Action (MMAS), Iolanda Cintura, to managers and owners of the child care centers. It is the MMAS hope that these tools will help improve the intervention made by the Government and its partners in this area, creating enhanced conditions for better psychological and social development of children.