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The Pro PALOP-TL SAI – a EU-funded UNDP project to strengthen economic governance in the ACP Portuguese Speaking Countries

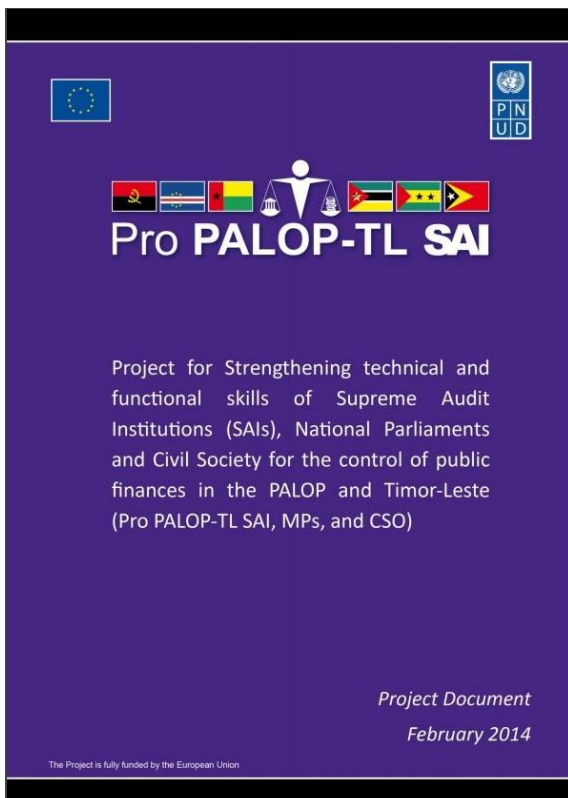


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The **Project for Strengthening technical and functional skills of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs), National Parliaments and Civil Society for the control of public finances in the PALOP and Timor-Leste (Pro PALOP-TL SAI)** is a EU-funded project directly managed by UNDP. The project aims to improve the effectiveness of external political, judicial and civilian control of public finances for a more efficient use of public resources in the ACP Portuguese Speaking Countries – Angola, Cabo Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome e Principe and Timor-Leste. The project is expected to end in December 2017.

The project design is complex, but extremely innovative allowing to deliver effectively a high number of activities in support of SAI, Parliaments, CSO, and Ministries of Finances in order to enhance transparency and accountability in the use of public resources. The project has a holistic approach that puts forward south-south and triangular cooperation and peer learning (involving respectively Brazil and Portugal SAI and Parliament) as the main tools to develop the capacities of the critical actors within the PFMS.



For more information, visit project [website](#)

## Pro PALOP-TL SAI's main products

- ✓ Our newsletters are informative, visible and very friendly. There you will find our main achievements and upcoming events



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- ✓ Our social networks are much more than just networks, they are knowledge platforms and important database. There you will find the handbooks and reports, but also the audiovisual reporting of all our relevant learning events

[The website](#)

[The YouTube Channel](#)



- ✓ Our eLearning platform hosted by AGORA brings together the best in comparative knowledge and the empirical, applied practical know-how deriving directly from the experiences and the daily work of SAI, Parliaments, CSO and Ministries of Finances ensuring healthy PFMS in the ACP Portuguese Speaking Countries. Follow the Pro PALOP-TL SAI parrot in AGORA [Portuguese eLearning Platform](#) and [Portuguese Portal](#).



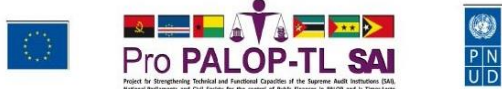
## Project design & formulation: a best practice

The project's assessment in each beneficiary country in order to scope its interventions with regards to **budget transparency and external control of Public Finances** (audit, legislative oversight and public access to fiscal information) was based in very comprehensive and inclusive *in situ* surveys carried out by the project experts. These surveys were complemented with **PEFA reports, Open Budget Survey reports, relevant indicators of UNECA Africa Governance Reports, Mo Ibrahim index and reports, World Bank Governance Reports, World Bank Legislative Budget Oversight Papers and studies**, among others, were used as main baselines.

A very **inclusive and bottom-up formulation process** followed the desk review and allowed to formulate and **approve multi-year (3 years) results based Annual Work Plans (AWP) in 6 countries**. 18 AWP, 172 Activity results, and more than 1,000 actions to be delivered in 6 countries targeting more than 40 institutions. More detailed information on country assessments and AWP can be accessed through the project's [website](#).

## Project reporting: disclosure & accountability

The **annual narrative and financial report** displays the project's main achievements and realisations in greater detail, but also discloses the project delivery and disbursements for the reported period. In addition to the many national activities allowing to respond to very specific needs assessed for each beneficiary country and considered by the specific beneficiary institution as a priority, the report highlights some of the main transversal and multinational learning events. A considerable number of these actions were delivered through south-south and triangular cooperation using Brazil SAI (TCU), Portugal SAI and Parliament.



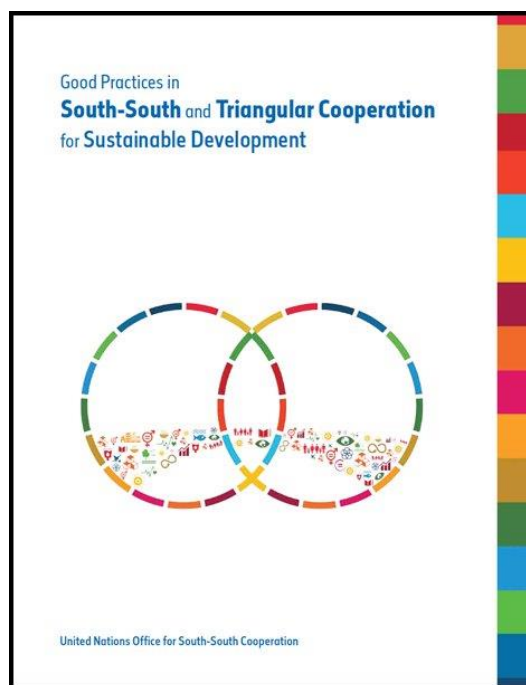
The report can be accessed [here](#)

## Sustainability & exit strategy: south-south and triangular cooperation

The project's strategy allows to strengthen good economic governance and to bolster the effectiveness of external political, judicial and civilian controls of public finances. It does so by strengthening the technical and functional skills of supreme audit institutions, parliaments, parliamentarians, civil society and the media allowing them to better address the prevention of corruption and mismanagement of public funds, and facilitate a more efficient and effective use of public resources.

The project's multi-country intervention logic, grounded in the principles of mutual benefit, sovereignty, national ownership and equality, creates conditions for participating institutions to develop synergies and dynamics through the exchange of experiences, joint learning, South-South and triangular cooperation that involve partners in 8 different countries – the 6 ACP Portuguese Speaking Countries, Brazil and Portugal. The project supports access to good practices and knowledge in the area of external control, legislative oversight and public scrutiny of public funds. While addressing capacity needs in each of the countries, the initiative also develops activities tailored to identify and meet the common needs of these countries.

The project relevance and innovation in promoting south-south and triangular cooperation was captured as **one of the three good practices under SDG 16** in the **UNOSSC Publication on “Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development”**. The publication highlights the activities that illustrate the main characteristics of effective South-South and triangular cooperation; initiatives that involve and benefit a great number of people in two or more countries of the South; solutions that have addressed transnational development challenges that would be difficult to tackle singlehandedly.



The publication can be accessed [here](#)

## Learning & capacity development

The project has been able to fulfil efficiently the **role of knowledge broker** by promoting **access to best practices and up-to-the-edge knowledge** through different types of **learning events** bringing together auditors and judges of the SAI, MPs and parliamentary staff (in particular from budget committees), relevant staff from Ministries of Finances, CSO members. A considerable number of these actions were delivered through **south-south and triangular cooperation involving Brazil SAI (TCU), Portugal SAI and Parliament**.

For each and every learning event designed and delivered by the project there are a **series of related audio-visual resources** (most still in Portuguese, but all undergoing translation into English) in **open source** that can be uploaded in the **project's Website and YouTube Channel**. This material **feeds into [eLearning courses hosted by AGORA](#)** made available in Portuguese and English languages.

In order to deliver these trainings more efficiently and with high standards, the project establishes partnerships with expert institutions in the field of Public Finances. The project partnered, among other, with the following institutions:

The **World Bank** to deliver the [High-Level Seminar on Budget Legislative Oversight & External Control of Public Expenditure in the PALOP and Timor-Leste](#). The seminar's handbook and relevant material are available in the project's [website](#) and the audio-visual resources are available in the project's [YouTube Channel](#).

The **International Budget Partnership** to deliver the [Joint IBP/Pro PALOP-TL SAI Workshop on Transparency and Accountability in Public Finances of Lusophone Countries](#).

The seminar's handbook and relevant material are available in the project's [website](#) and the audio-visual resources are available in the project's [YouTube Channel](#).

The **GIZ programme in Mozambique** to deliver the [SAI Performance Measurement Framework Training for auditors working for SAIs in the ACP Portuguese Speaking Countries](#). The seminar's handbook and relevant material are available in the project's [website](#) and the audio-visual resources are available in the project's [YouTube Channel](#).

In addition to the event-based partnerships, the project's established longer term and more systematic partnerships with organizations such as the OISC|CPLP (organization of SAI in the community of Portuguese speaking countries), Brazil Court of Auditors, Portugal Court of Auditors and Parliament. Finally, access to database such as the [AGORA Portuguese Portal](#) and [LegisPALOP](#) (legislation database for PALOP) in Portuguese Language is secured by the project in a sustainable way.

## Success stories

### Budget Matters: Shaping public finances for inclusive sustainable future

*"It all started when we participate in a study trip to Brazil where we could assess how civil society participates in the formulation and implementation of the State Budget. We came back willing to do the same".* Susete Moniz is an MP in the Budget Committee and a member of Cabo Verde Network of Women MPs (RMP-CV).

Considering the **critical role of Parliament in enacting the state budget and overseeing its implementation, Pro PALOP-TL SAI is strengthening legislative budget oversight capacities of Women MPs to tackle gender inequities in state budget formulation and public expenditures**. MPs' oversight visits to municipalities were led by the RMP-CV and effectively captured budget formulation and public expenditures bias affecting gender balance.

This work was complemented with expert support from a Gender Senior Advisor recruited by the project to strengthen Women MPs and RMP-CV's **capacity to carrying out in-depth results based analysis of 2015 Executive's Budget Proposal focusing on gender gaps**. The approach had a critical impact as the proposed **M&E system for gender dimension within the State Budget** is being setup by the authorities with complementary legal reform expected. The proposal made by RMP-CV is to **link budget gender markers to the expenditures functional classifier in SIGOF (integrated budget and finances management system)** and to **create gender indicators allowing to capture gender inequities in budgetary allocations and expenditure** in Cabo Verde.

**2017 budget process is expected to reflect this innovative methodology** positioning Cabo Verde PFMS in the vanguard of GRB and legislative oversight focusing on gender bias in public policies (no effective policies without funding) and SDG 5 progress.

This experience was first presented in the [Pro PALOP-TL SAI|WB high-level seminar on budget legislative oversight & external control of public expenditure in the PALOP and Timor-Leste](#). The full presentation of this initiative is available on the [Pro PALOP-TL SAI YouTube Channel](#). Find out more in specific interviews on the issue made by [Hon. Graça Sanches](#) and [Hon. Susete Moniz](#).

Later, the RMP-CV shared this extraordinary experience with other network of Women MPs in **Angola, Guinea Bissau and Timor-Leste**. A similar exercise is being launched with Pro PALOP-TL SAI's support in the **Mozambican Parliament** with the lead of the **Women Caucus and the legislative committee responsible for gender matters**.

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