



The Prime Minister of the Republic of Cape Verde signs ISWA's #CloseDumpsites Declaration.

## #CloseDumpsites Initiative Gathers Momentum in Cape Verde

**T**he Prime Minister of the Republic of Cape Verde, Dr. José Ulisses Correia e Silva, has become the latest high-profile politician to declare support for ISWA's initiative to close the world's biggest dumpsites.

The Prime Minister was joined on 11 June by high ranking diplomats and Dr Fernando Leite, Vice President of ISWA's National Member in Portugal, APESB. More than just a declaration, this is a clear statement of intent from Cape Verde, signalling their desire to work with ISWA and APESB, to close dumpsites. They made clear that they will give all the support necessary for the closing of dumpsites in the region.

Dr Leite said "Beyond the signatures, we are taking further action, developing a strategy to support the initiative.

Firstly, we are establishing a work plan which incorporates the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (SPLP)... Once we have mapped the dumpsites, we will push the governments to mark them as emergency and risk zones for priority intervention." An approach very much connected to that outlined in ISWA's Roadmap for Closing Waste Dumpsites.

Such high-profile signatories are testament to the gathering of momentum of ISWA's #CloseDumpsites campaign, and we would like to congratulate APESB, our National Member in Portugal, on their efforts.

Over 2500 people have now signed ISWA's #CloseDumpsites Declaration - you, too, can do so at [closedumpsites.iswa.org!](http://closedumpsites.iswa.org!) —

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Amsterdam, Netherlands

### 11-14 SEP

Practitioner Training Course on Bio-Waste Management  
Vienna, Austria

### 25-27 SEP

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