

Research project at University of Cape Verde

During February and March, Prof. Gabriela Dutrenit and Prof. Alexandre Vera Cruz from UNU-MERIT visited Cape Verde to conduct a research task involving the country's young national University (Uni-CV), which was founded only two years ago. The UNU-MERIT team supported the University in confronting two key challenges related to its role in the country's economic and social development. First, the formation of Human Recourses in Science and Technology (the average age of the population is 17.5 years old) needs to be set in place and second, the creation of knowledge needs to be better connected to the national needs. For more details on their research efforts please follow the link below.

Prof. Gabriela Dutrenit and Prof. Alexandre Vera Cruz were invited to design a program to foster the university-business sector linkages that could strengthen the capacity of the University to play its role for development. They interviewed high level public officers, businessmen from different sectors and the university authorities in order to identify existing linkages, potentialities and visions about the university-business sector linkages. Furthermore, the UNU-MERIT researchers discussed and drew up a short report with the university authorities, which included ideas about the institutional design for the university linkages activities, a list of linkage mechanisms that were classified according to the country's level of development and the level of maturity of the University' scientific capacities and of the firms' innovative capabilities. It also contained a set of recommendations for the University that were drawn from the interview conclusions.