

Jorge Carlos Fonseca – Former President of Cape Verde

Jorge Carlos Fonseca is a politician, lawyer, and university professor who has served as the President of Cabo Verde for ten years (2011-2021), and Minister of Foreign Affairs (1991-2003), and General Director of Emigration in Cabo Verde and Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cabo Verde (1975- 1980). He is the mentor and founder of the first law school in Cabo Verde, the Instituto Superior de Ciências Jurídicas e Sociais (2006). He is a distinguished jurist in the fields of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Constitutional Law. He is also the founder and Former Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Law and Justice Foundation, founder and director of the Law and Citizenship magazine, and member of the editorial board of the Journal of Economics and Law, of the Autonomous University of Lisbon and permanent contributor to the Portuguese Journal of Criminal Sciences. He has numerous publications, in more than ten countries, on politics, culture, democracy, human rights, and citizenship, in addition to poetry books. He holds a degree in Law and a Master's degree in Legal Sciences from the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon (1986). He is Doctor Honoris Causa and has received various others Honorary Distinctions from eight foreign universities (Portugal, Brazil, Senegal, Spain, Guinea-Bissau and the Czech Republic) and has the Statute of Combatant of the Fatherland's Freedom (Cabo Verde).