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Appointment of the Deputy Director-General (Knowledge)

Curriculum Vitae of Ms Maria Helena M.Q. Semedo

Executive Summary

Pursuant to Rule XL.1 of the General Rules of the Organization, and following the publication of Vacancy Announcement No. DDK/281/13 on 31 January 2013 for the post of Deputy Director-General for Knowledge, the Director-General has selected Ms Maria Helena M.Q. Semedo as the most suitable candidate for the position.

The *Curriculum Vitae* of Ms Maria Helena M.Q. Semedo is enclosed.

Suggested action by the Council

The Council is invited to confirm this appointment.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name:	Maria Helena M.Q. SEMEDO (Ms)
Nationality:	Cape Verde
Date of Birth:	29 May 1959
Marital Status:	Married
Languages:	Portuguese, French, English, Spanish
Education:	1977-82: Master degree in Development Economics- <i>Instituto Superior de Economia e Gestao</i> –Lisbon, Portugal
	1982-83: Post Graduate Studies in Economic Planning- <i>Instituto Superior de Economia e Gestao</i> –Lisbon, Portugal
Experience:	1984-86: Economist/Coordinator, Organization and Methods Department, Bank of Cape Verde
	1986-91: Economist, Planning Department, Ministry of Planning and Cooperation, Praia
	1991-93: Secretary of State for Fisheries
	1993-95: Minister for Fisheries, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, and concurrently Minister Coordinator of Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) – responsible for the re-structuring of CILSS (1993-1997)
	1995-98: Minister for Marine Affairs and concurrently Chairperson of the Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation among African States bordering the Atlantic Ocean (1995-99)
	1998-2001: Minister for Tourism, Transportation and Seas
	2001-2003: Member of Parliament elected for the constituency of Praia (Cape Verde)
FAO:	2003-2008: FAO Representative in Niger
	May-Sept. 2008: Deputy Regional Representative (RAF) a.i., Officer-in-Charge of the Subregional Office for West Africa (SFW), and FAOR Ghana a.i.
	Oct. 2008- Mar. 2009: Deputy Regional Representative (RAF), Subregional Coordinator for West Africa (SFW) and FAOR Ghana
	Mar.- June 2009: Officer-in-Charge, Regional Office for Africa, Deputy Regional Representative (RAF), Subregional Coordinator for West Africa (SFW) and FAOR Ghana
	1 July 2009 to date: Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative, Regional Office for Africa, Accra

Ms Semedo was instrumental in strengthening the cooperation with other governmental and non-governmental organizations operating in the region through specific cooperation agreements, e.g. Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Common Monetary Area (CMA), Arab Maghreb Union (UMA), Economic Community of West African States (UEMOA), African Centre of Meteorological Application for Development (ACMAD) and Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD). She was decorated by the Heads of State of CILSS and awarded a permanent membership in the “*Comité de Parrainage*” of the Foundation for Sahel Development. In May 2008 she has been awarded Niger’s highest award for her distinguished service to the field of agriculture.