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Foreword by Minister Marie-May Jeremie

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the very first edition of the newsletter of the Ministry of Environment, Climate, Energy and Natural Resources.

This publication marks an important step in strengthening communication and transparency within our Ministry and with the wider public.

Through these pages, we will share key updates on our policies, projects and partnerships, highlight milestones in environmental protection, climate action and energy transition, and celebrate the dedication and achievements of our staff.

Our work is guided by a deep responsibility to safeguard Seychelles' natural heritage while advancing sustainable development for present and future generations.

I encourage you to explore this newsletter, learn more about the important work being undertaken across our departments, and join us in our mission. Together, through collaboration and shared purpose, we can continue to protect and enhance the environment that defines and sustains our islands.

Thank you for your continued support.

Marie-May Jeremie

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About Us

Our Vision

A thriving, resilient environment, driven by clean energy and sustainable local food systems, ensuring prosperity for current and future generations.

Our Mission

Ensure sustainable management of the environment, promote local food production and consumption, and drive a low carbon energy transition for the benefit of healthy ecosystems, to strengthen resilience against climate change.

KEY DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENTS



State Visit to India 5–10 February 2026

Key Outcomes

The visit significantly strengthens bilateral cooperation in:

- Renewable energy transition
- Climate resilience and disaster preparedness
- Marine conservation and blue economy development
- Sustainable infrastructure and green mobility
- International advocacy for climate-vulnerable island states

These commitments directly align with the core mandate of the Ministry of Environment, Climate, Energy and Natural Resources and reinforce Seychelles' sustainability and resilience objectives.



World Governments Summit 3–5 February 2026

The Summit enabled high-level exchanges on strengthening resilience, accelerating clean energy adoption, leveraging emerging technologies for environmental monitoring and governance, and promoting people-centred, sustainable growth. The outcomes support the Ministry of Environment, Climate, Energy and Natural Resources' mandate to advance climate adaptation, energy sustainability, and improved environmental stewardship through enhanced international cooperation and knowledge-sharing.



International Renewable Energy Agency January 2026

Leaders and energy experts gathered at this summit to discuss global progress in renewable energy and strategies to accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels.

The meeting brought together governments, partners, and international institutions to share solutions for expanding clean energy, improving energy security, and supporting climate resilience.

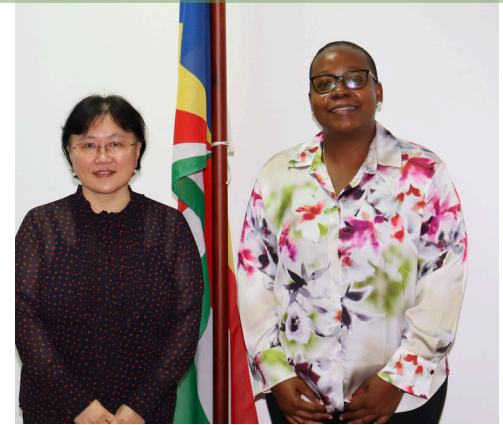
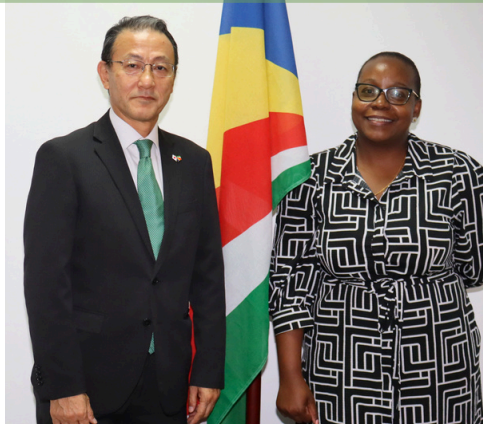
The summit also highlighted opportunities for increased investment, technology transfer, and capacity building—key elements that can help Seychelles accelerate its transition to a more sustainable and resilient energy future.

ADVANCING COOPERATION

In February, Minister of Environment, Climate, Energy and Natural Resources, Marie-May Jeremie, received several diplomatic courtesy visits aimed at strengthening bilateral cooperation in environmental sustainability, climate resilience, and renewable energy.

Discussions focused on enhancing collaboration in climate adaptation, biodiversity conservation, marine protection, renewable energy development, and access to climate finance. These engagements reaffirmed Seychelles' commitment to international partnerships and multilateral cooperation in addressing the impacts of climate change and advancing sustainable development priorities.

Overall, the meetings and dialogues reinforced strategic relationships and opened avenues for technical cooperation, capacity building, and joint initiatives aligned with the Ministry's mandate.



NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIC PLAN

This month, Seychelles officially launched discussions on its National Biodiversity Strategic Plan (NBSAP), an initiative aimed at creating a clear national roadmap to protect the country's remarkable natural heritage. The plan, which will be developed with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), will be developed through a participatory process involving government, the private sector, civil society, partners, and local communities.

To ensure broad input, stakeholders and members of the public are being invited to share their views through questionnaires and consultation forums. The strategy will outline coordinated actions to conserve ecosystems, protect threatened species, and promote the sustainable use of natural resources across the archipelago and surrounding marine areas.

Throughout the month, the public has been encouraged to participate in the online questionnaire, giving everyone the opportunity to contribute their ideas on how best to safeguard this vital national asset. As a globally recognized biodiversity hotspot, Seychelles' new strategy will reaffirm the country's commitment to protecting its unique terrestrial and marine ecosystems for future generations.



➡ Scan the QR code to share your views in a quick and easy questionnaire.

🌿 Open to everyone
🌸 Have your say

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Sabrina Renaud
35 years of service



"I have worked in Government for 31 years and with the Ministry of Environment for 18 years. I started as a Secretary and today I am the Personal Assistant to the Minister.

The personality, passion and commitment towards my works and the good working collaboration with my colleagues made me stay in this field. I also enjoy working as a team."

I thank all those who in one way or another has helped to stay in the Government for that long."

Shirley Joubert
25 years of service



Allen Comettant
25 years of service



Souienne Bibi
25 years of service



Ashley Pothin
15 years of service



Kelfa Belle
15 years of service



Marylin Cupidon
15 years of service



Susan Rapide
5 years of service



Amanda Port-louis
5 years of service



Indira Gamatirs
5 years of service



Shemilia Jeremie
5 years of service



Marie-Helene Furneau
5 years of service



Linda Adelaide
5 years of service



Other special mentions: Natasha Lucas and Jeanine Dufrene. (celebrating 5 years in service)..

WORLD WETLANDS DAY

To commemorate World Wetlands Day (2 February), the Ministry of Environment, Climate, Energy and Natural Resources organised a series of activities highlighting the importance of wetland conservation. Some of the most significant events included a partnership with Avani+ Barbarons Seychelles Resort to formally adopt the Barbarons wetlands at Grand Anse, Mahé. The memorandum of understanding which was signed on the first day of activities organised under the theme, "Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage." An exhibition also showcased the efforts of various NGOs and partners working to protect wetlands in Seychelles.

Other activities during the week included a clean-up at the Anse Boileau Old People's Home, supported by Air Seychelles and Nature Seychelles. The final activity was an educational and tree-planting event on Curieuse Island, engaging participants in hands-on conservation. These activities helped raise awareness about the value of wetlands and encouraged community involvement in protecting these vital ecosystems for future generations.



*Congratulation!
Thank you for
your dedication*

Paula Anacoura (42 years of service), Jossyna Ladouce (13 years of service) and Alexandra Gabriel (8 years of service).



Happy Valentine's Day

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS



Meet and Greet with President Patrick Herminie

Eight long-serving housekeeping staff members from the Ministry met with President Patrick Herminie at State House. These staff have dedicated between 6 to 43 years of service to the ministry. During the meeting, President Herminie commended the staff for their dedication and discipline. The staff expressed appreciation for the recognition and shared both the challenges and rewarding experiences of their work.



Assumption Environment Task Force

This month, we launched a dedicated Environment Task Force for Assumption Island to strengthen environmental oversight and decision-making regarding the proposed hotel development on the island. The first meeting of the task force was convened in February, where members reiterated that investors must comply fully with existing prohibitions and regulatory requirements. This includes undertaking a comprehensive biodiversity assessment and meeting all environmental conditions set by the Ministry before any development proceeds.

Solid Waste Management Project

Following a recent visit from the World Bank, the Project Development and Coordination Section (PDCS) has initiated the recruitment of a consultant to support the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Project. This consultant will also assist the Landscape and Waste Management Agency (LWMA) in developing its Communication Strategy, a key component for strengthening public awareness and engagement. The initiative forms part of a broader national effort to transform how waste is managed in Seychelles. It aims to improve systems across the entire waste management chain, from household waste practices to landfill operations—while promoting more sustainable and responsible waste behaviours nationwide. This work represents an important step toward modernising the sector, enhancing operational efficiency, and supporting Seychelles' long-term environmental sustainability goals in the country's ocean governance efforts.



Flood Mitigation Site Visits on Praslin

Following heavy rainfall, the Inner Islands Unit of the Ministry conducted site visits to flood-affected areas on Praslin. The team assessed damage and proposed mitigation measures, particularly in residential areas such as Côte d'Or and Marie-Jeanne Estate. Officials from partner agencies and representatives from the Ministry for Inner Islands joined the visits, reinforcing coordinated efforts to strengthen climate resilience and protect communities.

Consultations Begin for Seychelles NDC Update

Stakeholder meetings to review and update the NDC have started and will continue throughout March to gather input from different sectors and partners. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are climate action plans that countries developed under the Paris Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change. In Seychelles, the NDC focuses on key sectors such as energy, transport, waste, tourism, and coastal ecosystems to lower emissions and strengthen climate resilience.

Implementation of New Government and Coordination Structure

To strengthen strategic planning and collaboration, the Ministry has introduced a new system of regular meetings between sections and departments. This aims to improve communication, coordination, and transparency, fostering a more efficient and unified working environment.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS



Recipient of Environment Trust Fund Completes Masters Degree

Georgette Cowin, a recipient of the Environment Trust Fund, recently completed her Master's degree with support from the Fund. Her research focused on the impact of rats on island biodiversity, comparing Curieuse Island and North Island. This achievement highlights the Fund's role in supporting research that contributes to the conservation and management of Seychelles' unique ecosystems.



Familiarisation Visit at PUC

As part of an ongoing exercise, this month Minister Jeremie, accompanied by a high-level delegation, visited the Roche Caiman facilities of the Public Utilities Corporation. During the visit, the Minister was briefed on innovative measures being implemented to enhance sustainability and advance the transition toward greener energy solutions. She also took the opportunity to engage with staff members and tour the station, reinforcing the Ministry's commitment to collaboration and sustainable development.

3rd Phase of Collaboration with the Prison Department

This month, the Ministry partnered with the Seychelles Prison Service to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for the third phase of the GEF-funded Ridge to Reef project. Through this initiative, key sites at Caiman, Anse Boileau, and Baie Ternay at Port Launay have been rehabilitated, with over 25 hectares restored through the removal of invasive and non-native plant species and extensive replanting efforts. The third phase will ensure the continued maintenance and sustainability of these rehabilitated sites. Overall, the Ridge to Reef project promotes the integrated management of Seychelles' marine, coastal, and terrestrial ecosystems, strengthening national efforts toward environmental conservation and sustainability.



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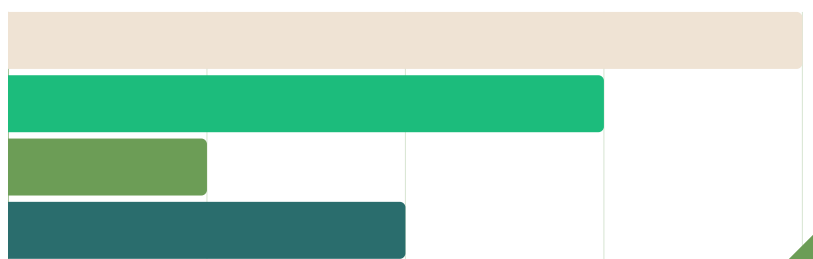
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International day of Action for Rivers

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World Wildlife Day

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Global day of recycling

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World Forestry Day

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World Water Day

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World Meteorological Day

Workshops

Inception Workshop – Second Biennial Transparency Report (BTR2)
Savoy Resort & Spa (4th March 2026)

Hazardous Chemical in trade training
Savoy Resort & Spa (4th March 2026)

CRR Portfolio Monitoring Mission
Different locations (8th - 12th March)

Regional Peer Exchange Mission on Innovative Approaches to the Collection, Management, and Use of Disaster Data (Drone Training) (9 - 13th March)

GHG & MRV Training workshop (end of March)

Upcoming Projects

Flood adaptation projects (Baie Ste Anne, val mer and Takamaka)

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