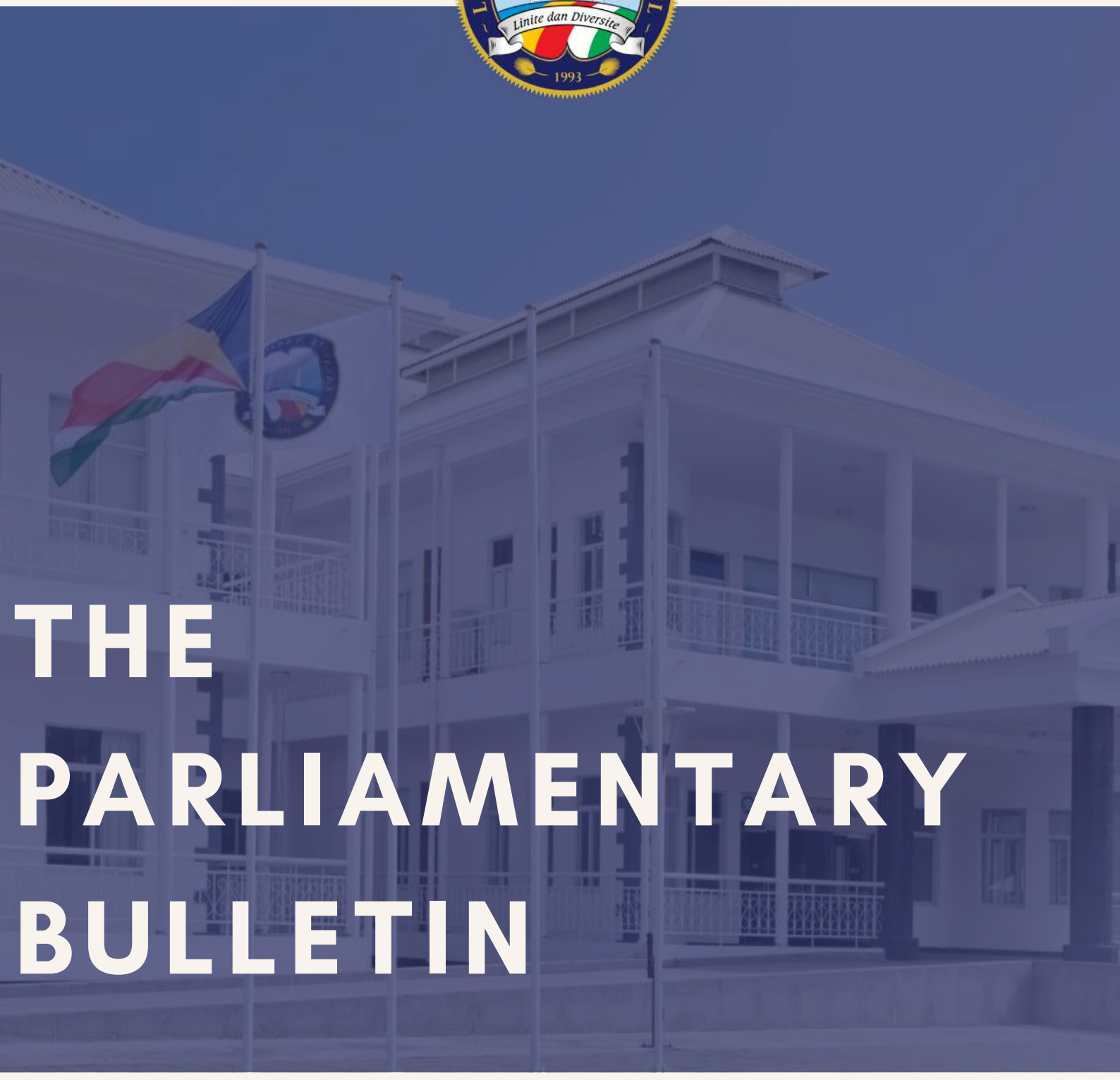
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Message from the Speaker

I am pleased to welcome you to the Parliamentary Bulletin, Quarter 2, 2026, which highlights the key activities, achievements, and developments of the National Assembly. Throughout this quarter, Parliament continued to fulfil its constitutional responsibilities through legislative scrutiny, oversight of government policies and programmes, and representation of the people of Seychelles. A major highlight of this edition is the feature "A Parliament for All," which reflects our commitment to accessibility, inclusion, and equal participation. I encourage you to take the time to read this edition and reflect on the breadth of work undertaken. The Bulletin not only documents parliamentary activities and achievements, but also serves as a testament to our collective efforts to build a stronger, more accessible, and more effective Parliament for the people of Seychelles. I extend my sincere appreciation to all those who contributed to the accomplishments highlighted in this publication and thank you for your continued commitment to serving our nation.



Speaker, Hon. Azarel Ernesta

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Events and Highlights

A look back at the most significant parliamentary events and institutional milestones of the quarter.

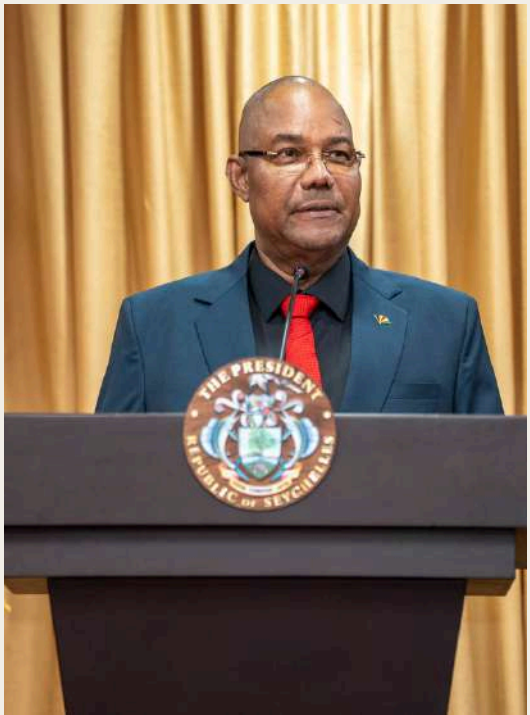
Presidential Address

On 10 April 2026, President H.E. Dr. Patrick Herminie delivered a Presidential Address to the National Assembly of Seychelles. In his address, the President highlighted prevailing global conflicts and their consequential impact on the national economy and the long-term development of Seychelles. It was indicated that the public service will be instructed to exercise prudent management of resources, with citizens encouraged to moderate travel, exercise financial responsibility, and limit non-essential imports.

The President concluded the Address by calling upon the nation to remain calm in the face of the prevailing conflicts, and to rely on solidarity and national unity as the cornerstone for overcoming present and future challenges.

In line with accessibility measures, the Address was interpreted live in *Lalang Siny Seselwa*.







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Ergonomics Seminar

On 7 May 2026, the National Assembly of Seychelles hosted an ergonomics training session that brought together staff and Honourable Members to explore how intentional posture, proper support, and everyday habits play a critical role in protecting the body.

By embedding ergonomic awareness into daily routines and workplace culture, organisations can create environments where people can thrive and sustain their wellbeing over the long term.









"Guiding the Blind Training"

On 14 May 2026, the National Assembly of Seychelles initiated a special training focused on "Guiding the Blind and Visually impaired" for Parliamentary Service staff. The training was organised in collaboration with the Seychelles Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired (SABVI) as an initiative that aims to cultivate a more accessible, safe, and professional Parliamentary environment. Mr. Edward Mullen provided the group with hands on experience and highlighted that blindness, and serious visual impairment affects around 300 Seychellois.

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Session on Seychelles Nationally Determined Contribution Report

On 15 May 2026, UNDP and the Department of Climate Change and Energy held a session on the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) report. The session aimed to educate Honourable Members about the NDC process, its significance, and their role in implementing Seychelles' climate commitments, focusing on mitigation, adaptation, and climate finance.





PRJIO Plenary Sessions

From 18 to 20 May 2026, the *Parlement Régional des Jeunes de l'Indianocéanie* (PRJIO) held its third Plenary Session in Madagascar. Representing Seychelles were members of the Seychelles PRJIO, Ms. Camilla Cupidon, Mr. Fredo Dubel, Ms. Elgin Crea and Mr. Fabien Jeanne. The programme included exchanges with representatives of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Madagascar and UNESCO, focusing on youth-related priorities, regional cooperation, and the role of young people in contributing to policy discussions.



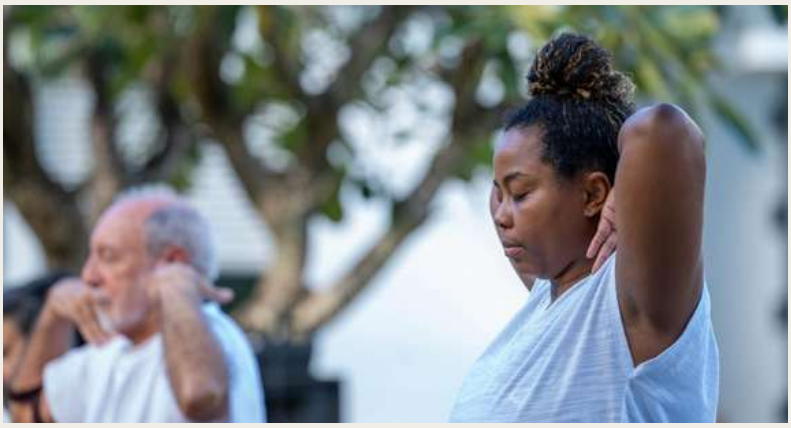
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Commemoration of the International Yoga Day

On 23 May 2026, the National Assembly of Seychelles in collaboration with the High Commission of India to Seychelles, hosted a yoga session on the National Assembly precinct in commemoration of International Yoga Day. The activity formed part of a broader initiative by the High Commission of India to promote the importance and benefits of yoga across Seychelles.





Parliamentary Green Investment Dialogue

From 28 to 29 May 2026, the Parliamentary Green Investment Dialogue and National Capacity Building was hosted, with the aim of reinforcing Seychelles' leadership as a Small Island Developing State (SIDS) pursuing innovative and investment-oriented climate solutions. The high-level event brought together parliamentarians, policymakers, investors, project developers, members of the private sector, financial institutions, representatives of MDAs, and technical experts.



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President Assents To The National Assembly Administration Act, 2026

On 11 June 2026, a historic milestone was achieved as the President of the Republic of Seychelles H.E. Dr. Patrick Herminie assented to the National Assembly Administration Act, 2026. The National Assembly Administration Act, 2026, establishes a legal framework to support the administrative and operational independence of the National Assembly and strengthen the institution's governance and management structures.



In her remarks, Speaker Hon. Azarel Ernesta described the occasion as a historic moment for the institution and expressed gratitude to all those who contributed to the development of the legislation over the years.



She paid tribute to President Herminie for his longstanding support of parliamentary autonomy and acknowledged the contributions of the Honourable Members of the National Assembly, government officials, and officers of the Parliamentary Service in bringing the Act to fruition.



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Address of the Prime Minister of the Republic of India

On 28 June 2026, Prime Minister of the Republic of India H.E. Shri Narendra Modi delivered an Address to the National Assembly of Seychelles in an Extraordinary Sitting. In his address, the Prime Minister emphasised that, "*The Indian Ocean does not separate India and Seychelles, it connects us. It makes us old friends.*" He urged Seychelles to adopt a forward-looking perspective toward the next fifty years, emphasizing the importance of sustained investment in future generations who will uphold and advance the nation's continued prosperity.



The Leader of the Opposition Hon. Bernard Georges, and the Leader of Government Business Hon. Sylvanne Lemiel, had the honour of delivering remarks on behalf of their respective caucuses.

In her closing remarks, the Speaker Hon. Azarel Ernesta expressed her gratitude for the wisdom shared by the Prime Minister, noting that India stands as a beacon of excellence and the mother of democracy. She highlighted that Seychelles looks to India as a role model, exemplifying the highest standards of good governance. With final thanks, the Sitting was thereafter concluded, and the Assembly adjourned.





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A Feature On: A Parliament for All

What does it mean for a Parliament to be truly accessible? As the National Assembly continues its efforts to make Parliament more accessible and inclusive, a new project titled "**A Parliament for All**" is helping to ensure that both visitors and staff are supported in an environment that values diversity and inclusivity. This project is being implemented with the support of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) through the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities (CPwD) network.





The initiative builds on existing efforts to improve accessibility for the deaf community and other differently-abled groups, including the continuation of Seychellois Sign Language classes for parliamentary staff and Members. More broadly, it seeks to strengthen the capacity of Parliament to support persons with disabilities and neurodivergent individuals, both within the workplace and during public engagements.

Speaking on the project, Deputy Clerk Ms. Alexandria Faure remarked that, "We are grateful for the ongoing support of the CPA. The team spearheading the project at the National Assembly comprise of staff from different divisions who are dedicated, and we aim to equip parliamentary staff and Members with the knowledge and skills to better support persons with disabilities on our parliament precinct and in every day life through trainings and awareness sessions.

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The support of our stakeholders and partners has been unwavering! We hope that this project will continue to deliver on its ultimate aim to foster the effective and full participation of persons with disabilities by strengthening the capacity of the National Assembly to operate in an inclusive and accessible manner".

The first component of the project focuses on disability awareness and sensitivity training for Members and staff. These sessions are designed to equip those involved in parliamentary outreach, tours, and public facing services with the skills needed to provide appropriate support to individuals with varying needs. Training for managers and supervisors will also focus on inclusive leadership, effective communication, and practical approaches to supporting colleagues with disabilities.

The second component centres on neurodiversity and staff wellbeing. Through a series of workshops and awareness sessions, staff will explore ways to create a more supportive and inclusive working environment. Activities focused on stress management and wellbeing will complement discussions on neurodivergence, helping to foster greater understanding and awareness across the institution.



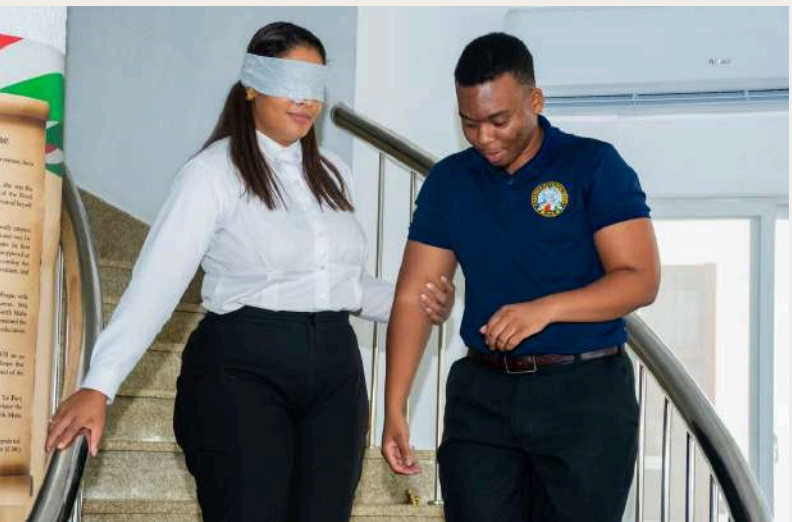
A key objective of the project is to ensure that the lessons learned translate into long-term institutional improvements.

This includes reviewing onboarding practices, strengthening workplace policies, and developing clearer procedures for providing reasonable accommodations to staff when required.

This project is being delivered in partnership with several organisations, including the Deaf Association of Seychelles, the Seychelles Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired (SABVI), Autism Seychelles Association, the You and Me Foundation, amongst others. Their expertise will help guide training activities and support the Assembly's broader inclusion objectives. Earlier this year, parliamentary staff participated in a specialised training session facilitated by SABVI on guiding persons who are blind or visually impaired, which provided staff with practical skills to safely and confidently assist visitors within parliamentary spaces.

Lead coordinator of the 'Guiding the Blind' training, Mr. Rashid Valmont, remarked that "**this CPwD initiative has been a meaningful step forward. It has helped staff gain a better appreciation of diversity within society and the importance of promoting wellness. It is contributing to a stronger and more positive working atmosphere in Parliament.**"

Ultimately, A Parliament for All reflects the National Assembly's commitment to ensuring that Parliament is accessible not only in its physical spaces, but also in its culture, practices, and services. Through the CPwD network, Commonwealth Parliaments are encouraged to create institutions that enable the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities at all levels. By investing in awareness, training, and inclusive workplace development, the Assembly is taking meaningful steps towards creating a Parliament where everyone can participate fully and with dignity.





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Parliamentary Diplomacy and Missions Abroad

From 15 to 19 April 2026, the Speaker of the National Assembly Hon. Azarel Ernesta, led a delegation to the **152nd Assembly Of The Inter-Parliamentary Union** in Istanbul, Türkiye. The delegation comprised of Hon. Sathya Naidu, Hon. Claudette Louise, Director in the Office of the Speaker Mr. Nickey Antat, and IPU Desk Officer Ms. Emma Didon. The Assembly marked a significant achievement for Seychelles, as the Speaker Hon. Ernesta, was elected Chair of the Small Island Developing States Parliamentary Group (SIDS-PG).

From 27 to 29 April 2026, Hon. Cecile Larsen and Hon. Georges Romain attended the **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Small Branches Workshop on Strong and Independent Parliaments in Small Jurisdictions**, held in Malé, Republic of Maldives. The workshop brought together parliamentarians from small jurisdictions across the Commonwealth to exchange experiences and best practices on strengthening parliamentary independence, accountability and oversight.







On 28 April 2026, Hon. Conrad Gabriel, Hon. Sandy Arissol, Hon. Sandra Sultan, Hon. Gerry Sopha, and Hon. Francois Adelaide were officially sworn-in during the **1st Extraordinary Session of the 7th Legislature of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP)**, in Midrand, South Africa. Members of the Seychelles delegation were selected to serve on various Standing Committees of the Pan-African Parliament, in accordance with their areas of expertise and national priorities. Providing support was Desk Officer Ms. Georgina Balette.

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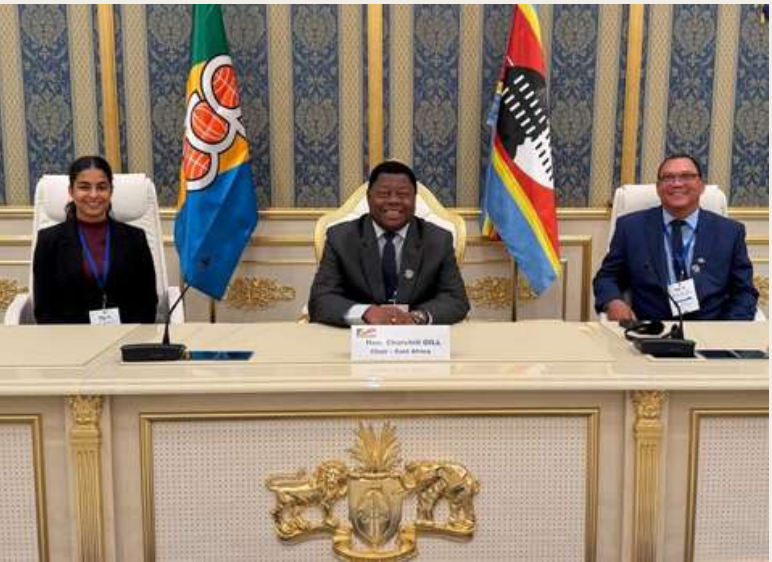
From 15 to 18 May 2026, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Steering Committee for the Parliamentarians for Climate Finance Project Hon. Cecile Larsen, Hon. Francois Adelaide, and Committee Clerk to the Committee on Environment, Fisheries and Tourism (CEFT), Ms. Samia Lebon, participated in a regional workshop on Methane and Climate Action hosted in Nairobi, Kenya. The sessions provided practical frameworks and real-world examples for integrating methane abatement into legislation, budgeting, and parliamentary oversight mechanisms.



From 4 to 7 May 2026, Hon. Sathya Naidu attended the **Regional Parliamentary Dialogue on Political Party and Campaign Financing Transparency**, held in Cape Town, South Africa. Convened under the African Young Parliamentarians Network (AYPN) together with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Anti-Corruption and Financial Crime Hub for Africa, the dialogue brought together young Members of Parliament from across Africa. Participants worked on national action plans and regional recommendations aimed at advancing transparency and integrity within their respective parliaments.







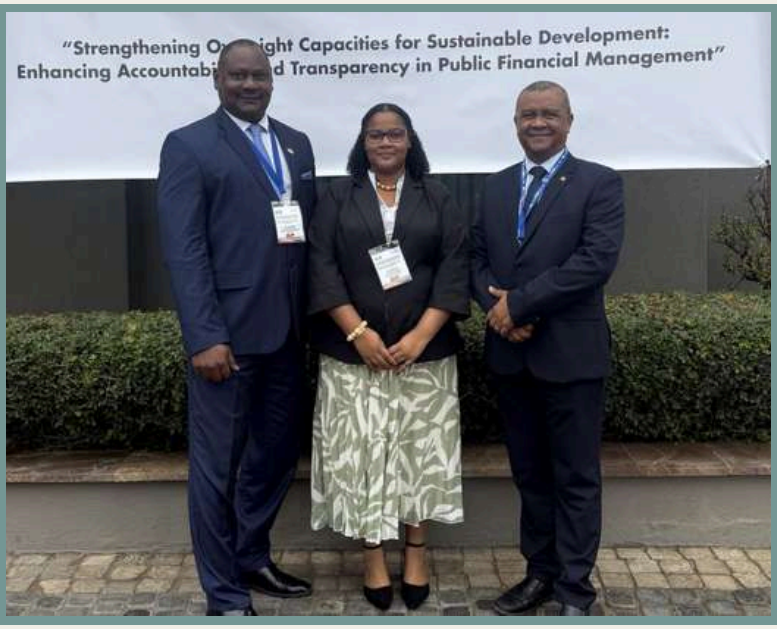
From 7 to 15 May 2026, Hon. Churchill Gill, Hon. John Hoareau, and Desk Officer Ms. Haley Payet attended the **Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States African Region Parliamentary Group (OACPS ARPG) and the Africa-EU Parliamentary Assembly** in Ezulwini, Eswatini. Hon. Gill chaired the East Africa Region Parliamentary Group meeting and represented the East African region for the meetings of the Bureau.

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From 11 to 22 May 2026, Public Relations and Protocol Manager Ms. Angelique Hill, and Information Centre Manager Ms. Thelma Joseph participated in the **First Capacity Building Programme for the Civil Servants of Seychelles**, held in Mussoorie and New Delhi, India. The two-week programme, coordinated by NCGG Coordinators Dr. B.S. Bisht and Dr. Sanjeev Sharma, brought together senior public officials to strengthen competencies in governance, public administration, and service delivery, while fostering deeper bilateral cooperation.





From 18 to 23 May 2026, Hon. Sandy Arissol, Hon. Conrad Gabriel, and Committee Clerk Ms. Ranishaa Chetty participated in the **SADCOPAC Sub-Committee Meetings and Regional Training Programme** held in Swakopmund, Namibia. The delegation participated in a three-day training workshop, during which Hon. Arissol delivered a presentation under the theme 'Strengthening Oversight Capacities for sustainable development'.

From 19 to 22 May 2026, Hon. Denise Clarisse, Hon. Claudette Louise, Hon. Keneth Athanase and Hon. Gervais Henrie attended the **Joint Sessions of the Standing Committees of the SADC-PF** in Johannesburg, South Africa. The sessions brought together parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, civil society representatives, researchers, cooperating partners, and governance experts from across the SADC states.



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From 20 to 22 May 2026, Hon. Philip Monthy, Hon. Nelsia Balisa-Lepathy, and Research Officer Ms. Emma Didon attended the **Plenary Meeting of 'l'Association des Parlements des Etat members de la COI' (AP-COI)** and a thematic seminar on the challenges of Artificial Intelligence in Governance, in Antananarivo, Madagascar. Hon. Monthy chaired the AP-COI Plenary as interim President of the Association representing the Speaker Hon. Azarel Ernesta. Hon. Balisa-Lepathy highlighted the valuable insights gained, stating "*It was a truly rewarding experience that marked an important step in my journey as a member*".





From 20 to 26 May 2026, Clerk of the National Assembly of Seychelles Mrs. Tania Isaac participated in the **Inter-Parliamentary Study Program (IPSP)** in Canberra, hosted by the Parliament of Australia. The program is designed to enhance the understanding of parliamentary processes, structures, and operations among parliamentary staff, using the Parliament of Australia as a benchmark, while encouraging the exchange of best practices among participants. The National Assembly extends its appreciation to the Parliament of Australia for facilitating this important professional development initiative and for its continued commitment to inter-parliamentary cooperation.





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Committee Updates

From 27 to 30 April 2026, the **Committee on Environment, Fisheries & Tourism** participated in a high-level workshop on 'Strengthening capacities to Develop a Robust and Coordinated Nationally Sustainable Enhanced Transparency Framework in Seychelles'.



On 28 May 2026, Right Hon. Barry Gardiner of the UK House of Commons met with the Speaker Hon. Azarel Ernesta and Members of the **Committee on Environment, Fisheries & Tourism** ahead of the Seychelles' Green Investment Dialogue and Capacity Building Workshop to discuss the importance of climate legislation in Seychelles.





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From 4 to 11 May 2026, **Finance & Public Accounts Committee** chaired by the Leader of the Opposition Hon. Bernard Georges conducted its scheduled Public Hearings on the audit findings in the Auditor General's Report for the Year 2024, with a total of 15 hearings.



The Auditor General Mr. Gamini Herath was present to provide the Committee with comments and additional support. Having a strong partnership with the Auditor General's Office is crucial for the success of Public Hearings and the work of the Committee in promoting transparency and efficient financial governance across Government.



The FPAC provides independent scrutiny that strengthens financial integrity and reinforces public confidence in government financial administration. The Committee remains firmly committed to promoting good governance, transparency, and accountability in the management of public resources through sustained and robust oversight.



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On 13 May 2026, the Vice-Chairperson of the **Women's Parliamentary Caucus**, Hon. Denise Clarisse, participated in the SADC Parliamentary Forum Regional Women's Parliamentary Caucus virtual session. The session focused on the theme, 'Women Parliamentarians' Leadership on Climate Change and the Blue Economy: An Ocean of Opportunity.' Hon. Clarisse described the session as both enriching and inspiring, noting that the discussions reinforced the importance of women parliamentarians in shaping inclusive climate and blue economy policies.



On 12 June 2026, the **International Affairs Committee** led by Chairperson Hon. Egbert Aglae, met with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Diaspora Ambassador Barry Faure, to discuss various matters relating to the ongoing work of the IAC. Hon. Aglae explained that the meeting forms part of the Committee's bi-annual engagement with the Ministry, with a focus on ongoing work and areas of collaboration between both parties. The meeting also encompassed matters relating to treaties signed by Seychelles, and methods of better facilitating the availability of such information to the National Assembly moving forward.



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EPIC's Green Corner!

April, May, and June served to be very busy months for the Environmental Policy Implementation Committee (EPIC)! The team ensured to complete the necessary reporting to the Seychelles Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust's (SEYCCAT) Blue Grants Fund 8 on the progress of the "A Climate Resilient Parliament Raising Awareness and Advocating for the Protection of Mangrove Ecosystems" project. The Committee met with the founder of Montano Conservation Ms. Laura Montano to explore collaborative avenues and to obtain an overview of conservation linked tourism in Seychelles, especially in areas of Mangrove planting and restoration.

A highlight of this Quarter was a Mangrove Mapping exercise in collaboration with Mr. Terence Vel and UniSey environmental science students. The mangrove mapping was part of a wider Feasibility study being undertaken by Mr. Vel, which is one of the key outcomes of the SEYCCAT funded project. The activity involved the participation of Hon. Gerry Sopha, EPIC Members, students with a recent completion of a BSc in Environmental Science with UniSey, and volunteers from Parley Seychelles and SALS Green Footprints.









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EPIC Member, Ms. Savrina Pirame, commented that **"The mangrove mapping was a fascinating experience, as we learned so much about the importance of protecting mangroves. We measured tree heights and distances, identified the types of mangroves in the area, mostly red mangroves, and carried out GPS tracking. I am proud to be part of a team dedicated to safeguarding the environment, and I look forward to engaging in more of the committee's upcoming initiatives, such as mangrove planting. I also hope to see greater awareness and understanding of mangrove conservation among our staff and the people of Seychelles."**





The National Assembly continues to advance its commitment to environmental sustainability through the project **"A Climate-Resilient Parliament: Raising Awareness and Advocating for the Protection of Mangrove Ecosystems"**, funded through the Blue Grants Fund (BGF8) by the Seychelles Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust (SEYCCAT). Implemented through the National Assembly's Environmental Policy Implementation Committee (EPIC), the project seeks to strengthen Parliament's role in climate action while promoting the protection and restoration of mangrove ecosystems.

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Since adopting the mangrove area surrounding the precinct at Ile du Port in 2022, the National Assembly has undertaken regular clean-up activities and mangrove planting initiatives. The area is home to red mangroves and a variety of wildlife, and plays an important role in supporting biodiversity and climate resilience. Significant progress has already been made under the project. A feasibility study on mangrove rehabilitation and propagation has commenced, a carbon footprint assessment of the National Assembly is underway, and mangrove clean-up activities have continued. As the project enters its next phase, attention will turn towards legislative advocacy and public sensitisation.

A key objective is to build the capacity of EPIC members and parliamentarians to become informed advocates on climate resilience, mangrove management, and environmental sustainability. In parallel, the carbon footprint assessment will help guide future actions aimed at reducing and offsetting Parliament's emissions. The project forms part of the National Assembly's broader vision of becoming a greener and more climate-resilient institution. Guided by recommendations from Sustainability for Seychelles (S4S), our Parliament has already implemented a range of sustainable initiatives, including rainwater harvesting systems, reduced single-use plastic consumption, and increased digitalisation.



Despite hitting a few bumps in the first phase, the project remains on track and is the top priority for EPIC and NAS. We look forward to engaging both Members and staff in the months to come on the conservation and importance of mangrove exosystems to our islands.

Vice-Chairperson of EPIC
Ms. Emma Didon

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Updates from the Parliamentary Service



Effective 7 April 2026, **Ms. Milena Albert** joined the Parliamentary Service as an **Assistant Hansard Reporter.** Ms. Albert brings with her a wealth of experience in office administration and valuable professional knowledge. We look forward to her contribution to the team!



Effective 4 May 2026, **Mr. Nelson Joseph** joined the Parliamentary Service as **Senior Driver to the Honourable Deputy Speaker.** Mr. Joseph is responsible for providing transportation services and logistical support to the office of the Deputy Speaker. We wish him the very best!



Effective 18 May 2026, **Mr. Valdano Parcou** joined the Parliamentary Service as **Senior Driver.** Mr. Parcou is responsible for providing transportation support for the operations and activities of the National Assembly. We look forward to working with him!



Effective 22 June 2026, **Mr. Asad Labonte** joined the Parliamentary Service as an **IT Officer.** Mr. Labonte brings extensive experience in information technology, and is responsible for providing support to Honourable Members and the Parliamentary Service.

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In June 2026, **Mr. Enzo Ernesta** was promoted to the post of **IT Officer.** This promotion is a testament to his hard work, dedication, and the positive impact he continues to make within Parliament. Mr. Ernesta has been an integral part of the team, consistently demonstrating excellence in managing complex IT systems and ensuring that the digital infrastructure of Parliament operates smoothly and efficiently.



As IT Officer, Mr. Ernesta is expected to spearhead new initiatives that will further modernize the Parliament's digital landscape, ensuring it remains robust and secure in an ever-evolving technological environment. His promotion reflects Parliament's commitment to nurturing talent and recognizing the impactful contributions of its team members. We wish him all the best!



Effective July 2026, **Ms. Chloe Louis** joined the Parliamentary Service as a **Media Operations Officer**. We warmly welcome Ms. Louis to the team and look forward to her contributions to the dynamic and responsive media team.



Effective July 2026, **Ms. Maginette Mambe** joined the Parliamentary Service as **the Senior Private Secretary of the Honourable Deputy Speaker.** We are excited to have Ms. Mambe on board with confidence that her expertise will benefit the Parliamentary Service.



Effective July 2026, **Mr. Darius Padayachy** joined the Parliamentary Service as the **Director of People and Culture**. He will be instrumental in leading initiatives that champion employee well-being, and a positive and productive work environment.

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Key meetings and engagements

On 15 April 2026, a **delegation of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature (GPL)**, led by Chairperson of the GPL Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs Committee Hon. Mzikayifane Khumalo, conducted a Study Visit to the National Assembly of Seychelles. The highlight of the working visit was an interactive session with the Committee on Government Assurances (COGA), led by Chairperson Hon. Philip Monthy. The benchmarking discussions outlined the roles and responsibilities of both Committees, and explored ways in which their respective oversight processes could complement and strengthen one another.





From 20 April to 24 April 2026, a **second delegation of the GPL**, led by Chairperson of the Committee on Scrutiny of Subordinate Legislation (CSSL) Hon. Matshidiso Mfikoe, undertook a parliamentary benchmarking exchange to the National Assembly of Seychelles. The CSSL met with the Scrutiny of Bills Committee, during which the exchange highlighted the differing processes followed in the consideration of primary legislation and statutory instruments, and the lessons learned in both parliamentary systems. Further key engagements during the visit included meetings with a range of strategic stakeholders to deepen understanding of the interrelationship between institutions involved in the legislative process.

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From 28 May to 5 June 2026, **a delegation from the Parliament of Uganda**, comprised of Senior Librarian Ms. Mildred Assimwe and Records Officer Ms. Judith Akello, undertook a parliamentary benchmarking exchange to the National Assembly of Seychelles. As part of the benchmarking exchange, the Parliamentary Education and Information Office, led by Information Centre Manager Ms. Thelma Joseph and supported by Documentation Assistant Ms. Petra Tirant, shared an overview of its mandate alongside the broader functions of Parliament. The discussions allowed both counterparts to compare operational approaches and identify lessons that could benefit each institution, fostering a productive dialogue on public outreach, civic education, and information services.







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The Speaker of the National Assembly received a number of Courtesy Calls from national, diplomatic and international partners, reflecting the National Assembly's continued engagement with the wider diplomatic community and key national stakeholders.



Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to the Seychelles H.E. Mr. Subutay Yüksel



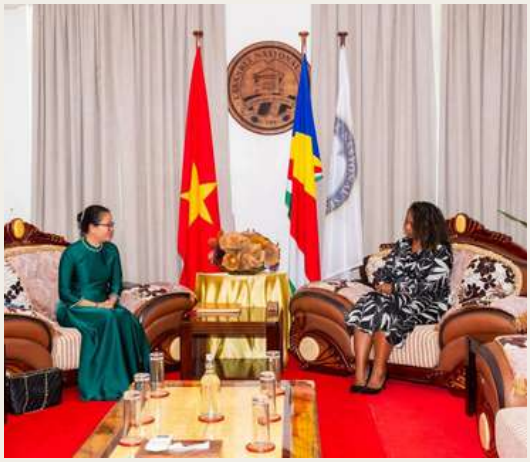
Deputy Managing Director of H. Savy Insurance Co. Ltd. Mr. Francis Lebon



Chairperson of the Seychelles Human Rights Commission Justice Bernardin Renaud



Ambassador of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta to Seychelles H.E. Mr. Alessandro Azaïs Tatistcheff



Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Seychelles H.E. Mrs. Tran Thi Thu Thin



Governor of the Central Bank of Seychelles Ms. Caroline Abel

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Visits to Parliament

The National Assembly welcomes you to explore the wonders of the Parliamentary Precinct! Discover the rich history and vibrant culture that make our Parliament a cornerstone of democracy. From guided tours of the parliamentary museum showcasing pivotal moments in our legislative journey, to experiencing lawmaking in action during live Sittings, there's truly something for everyone!

Curious? Check out the National Assembly website for more info!













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The Legal Lens

Parliament in democratic countries generally performs three key roles namely:

1. **Representation of the people.**
2. **Passing of legislation.**
3. **Oversight of government.**

Parlman dan en pei demokratik i zeneralman annan trwa rol kle, e sa i konm swivan:

1. ***Reprezantasyon tou sitwayen Seselwa.***
2. ***Pas lalwa.***
3. ***Asire ki gouvernman i rann kont lo tou aksyon ki i pran ouswa fer dan pei.***



To '**represent**' means to act for and on behalf of some other person. As elected officials, Members of the National Assembly are expected to speak for and air the views of those who elected them to power or office. They are expected to represent the aspirations of the electorate and engage in debates that give prominence to the wishes and will of the citizens. However, the role of Members of the National Assembly extends far beyond debating motions and proposed Bills. Members also take part in Committee work, which is an integral part of the Assembly's mandate. Committees are important because they are able to consider various matters in-depth, allowing more time for the passage and scrutiny of Bills while strengthening the Assembly's oversight role.

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Lasanble i plis ki zis en landwar kot nou bann Manm elekte pour bann Distrik ouswa bann Manm ki'n ganny proporsyonelman elekte i reprezant Seselwa ki'n elekte zot, e i osi plis ki debat avek pasyon lo bann size pertinan dan nou pei, me Lasanble i osi sa pwen fokal, kot ou kapab fer ou lavwa ganny tande par sa Manm ki ou'n elekte pour ou distrik. Bann Manm Lasanble Nasyonal zot osi annan lezot responsabilite an deor lasal lasanble kot zot prensipalman debat lo bann size Nasyonal parey nou souvan vwar lo nou kre televizyon.

Zot osi asiz koman bann manm lo plizyer komite. Bann Komite i osi egalman enportan, viki bann Manm antraver sa Komite ki zot lo la, zot kapab konsider plizyer topik nasyonal pli profon. An plis, Komite i donn sans en lalwa ki'n ganny propoze par Gouverdman, pour byen ganny analize e byen ganny depouye avek plis letan ki i ganyen dan Lasanble Nasyonal ler i pas devan sa Komite ki annan sa manda pour analiz en lalwa e osi plis letan pour bann Manm egzers zot rol 'oversight' lo fonksyon, demars e louvraz Gouverdman ki fer an traver sa bann Komite.

Koman en legzanp, i annan en Komite ki apel Finance and Public Accounts Committee, kot sa bann Manm sa komite i annnan en responsabilite vreman enportan kot zot manda i pour egzaminn kont ki apartyen a Gouverdman ki tou bann sekter Gouverdman i tir zot larzan pour fonksyon zot departman sak lanen ladan, e sa i pli mye ganny koni koman 'Consolidated Fund' ki ganny trouve anba Lartik 158(3) nou Konstitisyon. Sa manda i vreman enportan akoz sa komite i fer siy ki sak departman kinn ganny alokasyon sa larzan kinn ganny tire dan sa 'Consolidated Fund' inn byen zer sa larzan, e pour asire ki mandan sa Komite i byen ganny egzerse san okenn lenflians politik 'Chairperson' sa Komite i toultan sorti dan Parti Lopozisyon.



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I osi annan en nouvo Komite kin'n ganny kre'e apele 'Committee on Environment, Fisheries and Tourism' ki zot manda i pour etablir en regar lo bann Polisi, Lalwa e Regilasyon ki gouvern lanvironnman, Lapes e Tourizm e osi fer siy ki Sesel pe onor son langazman pour enplimant bann 'Agenda' Nasyon Ini 2030 pour 'Sustainable Development' e osi 'Sustainable Development Goals'.

Lartik 85 dan nou Konstitisyon i donn pourvwar lezislativ Lasanble Nasyonal Sesel, ki vedir Lasanble Nasyonal i sel Lasanble Sesel ki kapab fonksyonn koman en lasanble. Enn bann rol Lasanble Nasyonel i pour fer bann revi lo bann propo-de-lwa, pour fer siy ki sa lalwa ki pe ganny propoze i pa kont nou Konstitisyon e ki i pe swiv bann norm enternasyonal e ki sa bann lalwa i osi legalman korek. Apre ki en lalwa inn fini pas dan tou son staz dan lasanble, si inn ganny vote pour vin en Lalwa, la i al lo sa deryen leta kot Prezidan la Repiblik Sesel i 'Assent' ki vedir, i ofisyelman donn son konsantman koman sef Leta, pour ofisyelman fer sa propo-de-lwa vin formelman en Lalwa.

Lasanble Nasyonal in osi resaman pas en nouvo lalwa, ki pour ed Lasanble annan plis lendepandans finansyer pour akonplir son manda. E sa i konm swivan, pour etablir e agrandir departman ki pour responsab pour drafte nouvo lalwa, donn sipor bann Manm Lasanble osi pour drafte Lalwa e pour komans enplimant plis bann revi lo bann Lalwa ki'n ganny pase par Lasanble Nasyonal.



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A central role of Parliament is to make new laws as well as amend existing legislation. Article 85 of the Constitution vests the legislative power of Seychelles in the National Assembly, and this power is exercised, subject to and in accordance with the Constitution, through Bills passed by the Assembly and assented to, or deemed to have been assented to, by the President.





Oversight is another fundamental function of the National Assembly. It entails the watchful, strategic and structured scrutiny exercised by the Legislature in respect of the implementation of laws, the application of the budget and the strict observance of statutes and the Constitution. Oversight extends to monitoring the performance of Government departments by establishing compliance with rules, regulations and documented policies and procedures. Through its committee system, the National Assembly scrutinises Government policies, programmes and expenditure plans to ensure the efficient use of finite and scarce national resources and that Government actions remain consistent with legislative intent.

Members also exercise oversight through parliamentary proceedings. During Question Time, Members may raise questions on matters of public policy, while motions may be moved requiring a response from the relevant Minister or the Vice President. Article 93 of the Constitution provides for the attendance of Ministers at meetings of the National Assembly, enabling the Vice President or Ministers to explain matters falling within their responsibilities or answer questions from Members.

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Lasanble Nasyonal i osi annan en mandan enportan, kot zot desers zot mandan pour kot zot fer siy ki Gouvernman in rann kont lo tou sa ki zot fer, par egzanp, Lasanble i debat lo bann lalwa ki ganny propoze par gouvernman, fer siy ki tou lalwa i legalman korek e ki pa vyol bnann dwa ki ganny trouve dan Konstitisyon Sesel. Lasanble i osi get standar performans bann departman dan Gouvernman. Dan 'Question Time' bann Manm Lasanble Nasyonal kapab demand bann Minis ouswa Vis Prezidan Kestyon lo okenn topik Nasyonal, ouswa demand zot kestyon lo size ki tonm anba zot responsabilite. E sa i osi en lot fason kot Lasanble i fer siy ki i gard en regar lo bann aksyon, polisi e Regilasyon.

An plis, Lartik 93 anba Konstitisyon i osi etablir ki bann Minis i oblize raport dan bann Meeting Lasanble Nasyonal. Kontitisyon i osi donn pouvwar Lasanble Nasyonal pour donn zot konsantman lo bann lapwentman kle dan gouvernman, tel ki, bann Minis, Lanbasader, Omboudsman, Komisyoner Lapolis e osi Chairperson lo Komisyon Dwa Imen.

En Parlman i plis ki en landwar kot Lalwa i ganny pase. I en lenstitisyon demokratik kot reprezantasyon, rann kont, e depouyman lo polisi gouverdman e bann lalwa i vinn ansanm, kot louvraz bann Komite Lasanble Nasyonal i primordyal sa louvraz Konstitisyonel.

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The Constitution also empowers the Legislature to approve appointments to key constitutional offices, including Cabinet Ministers, Ambassadors, the Ombudsman, the Commissioner of Police and the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission.

With the passing of the National Assembly Administration Act, the Legislature will be able to function at its full potential. Through financial autonomy, the National Assembly will have the ability to create and expand staff capacity, establish a drafting unit to support Members in tabling new Private Members' Bills, and introduce post-legislative scrutiny of legislation passed by the Assembly.

These reforms will further strengthen the Assembly's legislative, representative and oversight functions, enabling it to serve the people of Seychelles more effectively.





The Legislature is more than a chamber for passing laws. It is the democratic forum where representation, accountability and meaningful scrutiny come together, with Parliamentary Committees serving at the heart of that Constitutional work.

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Business of the House

During the second quarter, the National Assembly considered several Bills, Statutory Instruments and reports tabled before the House as part of its legislative programme.

Reports Tabled

Anti-Corruption Commission Seychelles, Annual Report 2025

Information Commission Seychelles Annual Report 2025

Overview of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st December 2026, Annual Performance Report 2026

Special Audit of the Cold Storage Facility project by the Seychelles Trading Company Limited (STCL)

Seychelles Fisheries Authority Directors Reports & Audited Financial Statement for the year ended December 31st 2025

Air Seychelles, Annual Report 2024

Annual Report for Financial Year 2025 for the Asset Management Unit (Seized Asset)

Seychelles Financial Intelligence Unit, Annual Report 2025

Statutory Instruments

S.I. 20 to S.I. 49 of 2026

Readers may consult the official publications here.

Bills

National Awards (Repeal) Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 6 of 2026)

National Assembly Administration Bill 2026 (Private Member's Bill No.1 of 2026)

Seychelles Culture the Arts and National Heritage Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 7 of 2026)



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Parliamentary Calendar Ahead

2026 . JULY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

*Commencement of Parliamentary Service Week

*33rd Anniversary of the National Assembly of Seychelles and first commemoration of the National Assembly Administration Act, 2026

2026 . AUGUST

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
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Sitting Adjourns:
Wednesday 5th August 2026

Recess Begins: Thursday 6th August 2026

Environmental Youth Talk
*Deep Sea Sensitization Session for MNAs
*2-day First Aid Training for MNAs
*S4S Presentation on Policy Recommendations on SUPs & Plastic Packaging

2026 . SEPTEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

Recess Concludes:
Monday 7 September 2026

Sitting Commences:
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