

# Sustainability for Seychelles

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P.O. Box 900, Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles

## CONSTITUTION

### 1.0 Status

- 1.1 The association will be registered as a non - profit making, voluntary (non - government) organisation, under the laws of the republic of Seychelles. It will be called " Sustainability for Seychelles ".
- 1.2 Membership in this association will be open to anyone interested in working toward sustainable living in Seychelles, the region, and internationally.
- 1.3 The constitution will be published.

### 2.0 Mission

- 2.1 Sustainability for Seychelles is committed to helping Seychelles and other small island states work toward social, ecological and economic sustainability. We aim to inspire, inform and enable people to live, work and play in ways that contribute positively to both human and natural communities.

### 3.0 Objectives

- 3.1 To work in partnership with government, parastatals, the private sector and other NGOs working to promote technological, social, economic and ecological sustainability.
- 3.2 To provide information and develop education and training programs on sustainable energy and water use, agriculture, tourism, housing, construction, land use, education, etc.
- 3.3 To ensure that the most appropriate technology is transferred so as to help mitigate greenhouse emission.
- 3.4 To inspire people to engage in sustainable living by highlighting success stories and demonstrating best practices
- 3.5 To engage in research that documents and promotes social and ecological sustainability in Seychelles and other small island states

### 4.0 Programmes

- 4.1 Sustainable Energy programme – audits on energy use for homes, businesses, hotels, advice on energy conservation measures, promotion of small scale renewable energy technologies.

- 4.2 Education and Awareness programmes for formal and non-formal education settings: website, brochures, posters, development of curriculum materials, collaboration with the media, etc.
- 4.3 Training programmes – workshops to develop skills for sustainable living. To be offered for teachers, youth, private sector (particularly tourism sector), residents, professionals and government staff.
- 4.4 Research programmes to gather information on best practices in Seychelles and other small island states, and to develop and test ecologically sustainable technologies for Seychelles.

## **5.0 Finance**

- 5.1 Sustainability for Seychelles will seek financial support through fund - raising activities and sponsorship.
- 5.2 Membership fees may be set at each AGM or extraordinary meeting .
- 5.3 A bank account will be opened in the name of Sustainability for Seychelles. The chairperson and treasurer will be joint signatories. The secretary will be a signatory in the absence of one or the other.

## **6.0 Staff**

- 6.1 The association may recruit any staff as required, subject to Seychelles law.
- 6.2 Staff may be volunteers or may be paid under project or other financing.
- 6.3 All staff will be responsible to the chairperson of the Association.

## **7.0 Publications**

- 7.1 A website will be developed to provide information about the association and its programs.
- 7.2 A magazine will be published at least once a year.
- 7.3 Occasional leaflets, newsletter and other publications may be published.

## **8.0 Liaison**

- 8.1 In order to fulfil its aims, Sustainability for Seychelles will maintain good relationships with other relevant organisations, while remaining an independent body.
- 8.2 Sustainability for Seychelles will maintain links with schools, libraries, museums, and the media in order to reach a wide public.
- 8.3 Sustainability for Seychelles will maintain links with other socially and ecologically minded organisations in Seychelles and abroad.

## **9.0 Rules**

- 9.1 Members will endeavour to be role models of socio-ecologically sustainable living.
- 9.2 Members will not conduct any activity which is overtly harmful to the natural environment and undermines the credibility of the association.
- 9.3 Sustainability for Seychelles will not be held responsible for activities carried out by members.
- 9.4 Members will abide by the rules of the organisation and work towards its goals.
- 9.5 Rules will be produced by the Executive Committee, adopted by the members, and circulated as and when needed.

## **10.0 Membership**

- 10.1 Membership will be open to anyone interested in sustainable living.
- 10.2 All members will be eligible to:
  - a. Hold office on the committee
  - b. Vote at meetings.
- 10.3 All members will be able to participate fully in association activities and benefit from any resources or funding as appropriate.
- 10.4 Members may withdraw at any time (in writing).
- 10.5 The committee may refuse membership to any applicant who does not meet the agreed criteria. Reasons for this decision will be given in writing.
- 10.6 Members may be suspended / expelled if their conduct is judged to be unprofessional or their activities run contrary to the objectives of the association.
- 10.7 Ex -members or applicants who have been refused membership may not use the name, logo or any of the facilities of Sustainable Seychelles.

## **11.0 Meetings**

- 11.1 The Annual general Meeting (A.G.M) will normally be held in the beginning of each year.
- 11.2 The committee will be elected at the A.G.M.
- 11.3 The accounts will be audited and approved at the A. G. M.
- 11.4 An Annual report will be presented at the A.G.M
- 11.5 A plan for the coming year will be proposed and agreed at the A.G. M.

- 11.6 Any Other Business will be dealt with at the A.G. M.
- 11.7 Extraordinary General Meetings may be held at any time to deal with any relevant matter.
- 11.8 General meetings will take place on a regular basis to discuss plans and activities.
- 11.9 When voting takes place at a meeting and decisions are taken, a quorum must be present. Under Seychelles law this means at least one seventh of the membership must attend.
- 11.10 Voting shall be by show of hands and each member club present has one vote.

## **12.0 Executive Committee**

- 12.1 The Executive Committee will consist of at least five members who are elected at the A. G. M.
- 12.2 The executive Committee will comprise at least the following positions:
  - Chairperson
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - Public Relations Coordinator
  - Member
- 12.4 The Executive Committee may transact business by correspondence with the members instead of a meeting.
- 12.5 The Executive Committee may set sub - committees to manage any particularly project. Sub committees to members and co -opted non - members who can offer help.
- 12.6 At Executive Committee meetings a quorum shall be 3/5 of the committee under Seychelles law.
- 12.7 Voting will be by a show of hands.
- 12.8 All committee members have one equal vote.

## **13.0 Accountability**

- 12.1 The accounts of the association will be audited by an accountant.
- 12.2 Proper accounts and records will be kept.
- 12.3 Records of meetings, membership and accounts shall be open to inspection by the members upon request.
- 12.4 The auditor for each year will be appointed at the A. G. M.

### **13.0 Amendments**

13.1 Amendments to the constitution may be made at any time, subject to Seychelles law, and after a vote by quorum of the members.

### **14.0 Dissolution**

14.1 Sustainable Seychelles can be dissolved at any time, subject to a vote by a quorum of the members.

### **15.0 Use of the Name and Logo**

15.1 The name "Sustainability for Seychelles " and its logo are reserved for this society.

I certify this to be a true copy of the minutes of the constitution of Sustainable Seychelles.

Michele Martin, Secretary  
Sustainability for Seychelles

Date