

# December 3, 2023, 11:00-1:00 pm

## Seychelles Pavilion

### UAE COP28



## SIDE EVENT

### A QUEST FOR A MORE RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: AN URGENT NEED FOR CLIMATE ACTION AND HEALTHY OCEANS IN SEYCHELLES

#### Moderator:

**Mr Rolph Payet**, the Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

#### Keynote address remarks:

**H.E. Flavien P Joubert**, Minister of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment, Seychelles

#### Panelists:

**Ms Leticia Carvalho**, Head of Marine and Freshwater Branch, Ecosystems Division and the SIDS Focal Point, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

**Ms Preethi Sushil Nair**, Programme Coordinator, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Mauritius and Seychelles

**Mr Joao Sousa**, Senior Programme Manager, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

**Mr Stephen Gaisford**, Head of Advocacy for Oceans, Minderoo Foundation

**Ms Sheena Talma**, Marine Biologist/deep-sea Ecologist, Seychelles

**A cleaner ocean is essential to island communities' well-being, biodiversity, and livelihoods but reducing plastic waste can also play a fundamental role in mitigating climate change.**

This event will discuss climate mitigation and adaptation contributions provided by the environmentally sound management of waste. More specifically, it will focus on actions taken at the national level by the Seychelles and other Small Island Developing countries (SIDs), as well as measures taken at the international and regional levels, under relevant multilateral environmental agreements and intergovernmental organizations.

The issues of the growing plastic materials production and plastic wastes generation, and its trade, will be highlighted.