CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION IN SEYCHELLES ISLANDS

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Seychelles

- Made up of 115 Islands scattered in the Indian Ocean
  - 40 Granitic islands covering a surface of 239 sq.km
  - 75 Coralline islands covering a surface of 214 sq.km
- 1791 French colony
- 1903 British colony
- 1976 Independence
- Population = 81,000
- Land area = 444 sq km
- Economy = Tourism & Fisheries
Why is Climate Change a concern for Seychelles?

- Sea level rise
- Coral Bleaching
- Water Resources
- Severe Natural Disasters
Why is Climate Change Education Important?

ducation is the most powerful tool in changing behaviour and attitudes.

Young people will be tomorrow’s leaders.

In Seychelles school children play an important role in educating their parents on environmental issues.
How is Climate Change Education promoted in Seychelles schools

• Teacher Training – Environmental Education is compulsory in teacher training (both in – service and pre-service)

• In Curriculum

• In Extra - Curricular
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- Upper Primary
- Secondary 2 & 4
- Teacher Training
- Material Productions
In Extra – Curricular activities

• Environmental Education (EE) Unit in Ministry of Education (coordinates EE activities in schools)
• EE Unit works in partnership with other environmental organisations
• EE Unit is represented on NCCC
• Annual EE calendar (competitions, environmental theme days & festivals)
• Eco-School programme
• Experts coming to schools for presentations and accompanying school groups on the field.

• Work in collaboration with other partners, including decision – makers and private sectors

• Introducing staff and students with meteorological equipment

• Establishing small met station in schools, especially on other small islands

• National Science Fair competition where environmental problems dominate the competition

• Public Speaking and Debates
Reaching out Programmes
Marches and rallies for the environment (lead by school children with participation of decision-makers, private sectors and public)
Taking Actions – Primary school children rehabilitating their beaches against beach erosion

UNESCO Sandwatch Project – Beaching monitoring and rehabilitation
Thank You All for your Attention