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List of Acronyms

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AFD	Agence française de développement
AFR	Adolescent Fertility Rate
APHI	Association of People with Hearing Impairment
ASFF	Alliance of Solidarity for the Family
ASP	Agency for Social Protection
AWF	African Water Facility
CARE	Campaign for Awareness, Resilience and Education (Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse)
CBD	United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity
CBS	Central Bank of Seychelles
CDCU	Communicable Diseases Control Unit
CEDAW	United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CFC	Chlorofluorocarbon
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
DAC	Drug and Alcohol Council
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EFF	Extended Fund Facility
EFOIS	Entreprendre au Féminin Océan Indien Seychelles Chapter
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIB	European Investment Bank
EMTCT	Eliminate Mother-to-Child Transmission
ERSP	Economic Reform Social Programme
EU	European Union
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GHG	Green House Gasses
GNI	Gross National Income
GOS	Government of Seychelles
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HDI	Human Development Index
HTC	HIV Testing and Counselling
IAS	Invasive Alien Species
IBBS	Integrated Behavioural and Biological Survey
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMR	Infant mortality rate
IPU	Inter-Parliamentary Union
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
KAPB	Knowledge, Attitude, Practices and Behaviour Study
LUNGOS	Liaison Unit for Non-Governmental Organisations of Seychelles
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MDG	Millennium Development Goals

MoF	Ministry of Finance, Trade and Investment
MoH	Ministry of Health
MSM	Men who have sex with men
NAFT	National Aids Trust Fund
NBS	National Bureau of Statistics
NDP	National Development Plan
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
NPPO	National Plant Protection Office
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
PAHS	Plant and Animal Health Services
PC	Personal computer
PMTCT	Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
PUC	Public Utilities Corporation
PWD	People With Disability
PWID	People Who Inject Drugs
RAMSAR	The Convention on Wetlands of International Importance
RAPPICC	Regional Anti-Piracy Prosecutions and Intelligence Coordination Centre
SAA	Seychelles Agricultural Agency
SACOS	State Assurance Company of Seychelles
SAWOP	Seychelles Association of Women Professionals
SCCI	Seychelles Chamber of Commerce and Industry
SDD	Social Development Department
SIDS	Small Island Developing State
SIF	Seychelles Islands Foundation
SME	Small and Medium Enterprises
SPTC	Seychelles Public Transport Corporation
SSA	Seychelles Scouts Association
STC	Seychelles Trading Company
SW	Sex Workers
TFR	Total Fertility Rate
TVET	Technical Vocational Education and Training
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programmes on HIV and AIDS
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
WASO	Women in Action and Solidarity Organisation
WHO AFRO	World Health Organization African Regional Office
WHO	World Health Organization
WHO/POA	World Health Organization / Plan of Action
ZSL	Zoological Society of London

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Foreword by Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Jean Paul Adam

The Republic of Seychelles is proud to present its third Millennium Development Goals Report. First and foremost, I wish to extend my most sincere gratitude to all the stakeholders who have, one way or the other made this report possible. Back in September 2000, Seychelles, along with 189 other UN Member States, endorsed the Millennium Declaration at the UN Summit which embodied eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) defining a common framework for making a difference in people's lives by 2015, the deadline for achieving these goals. It is to be noted though that the Government of Seychelles has for decades now been inspired by the philosophy of people centred development.

The national theme for 2013 calls on all Seychellois to "Strive harder for Seychelles". This is the rallying call for us to move ahead together, along the same path, with one vision. Being a Small Island Developing State (SIDS), with limited resources, Seychelles has emphasised good governance, dynamism, innovativeness, determination, resilience, social coherence, as means of achieving successful implementation of the MDGs. This report clearly indicates that Seychelles' approach to national development has paid off with the achievement of the MDGs. Seychelles was proud to feature for the first time in the 2013 the "Very High Development" category of the UNDP Human Development Report (HDR). This achievement further inspires us to redouble our efforts.

Our MDGs report indicates that Seychelles has achieved almost all the MDGs, especially those relating to education, health and social development. Notable indicators include the provision of ten years of education for free (100% in most years); high literacy rate (94% for both sexes); free basic health care (including universal coverage for essential medicines and anti-retroviral therapy); universal access to safe drinking water, good sanitation and housing provision. The country also has a significantly low infant mortality and high life expectancy at birth (74.2 years for both sexes). Seychelles also has established an advanced social safety net to support the most vulnerable.

This report also looks ahead to the Post 2015 agenda and how as a Small Island Developing States (SIDS) we can ensure the sustainability of development. We feel there is a need to have a convergence with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) process and propose 11 possible goals that are reflective of our concerns in the last chapter of the report.

In the process of working towards the achievement of the MDGs a number of issues came to the fore, the main ones being the need for improved data gathering and dissemination, the capacity to undertake sustained monitoring over time, the country's limited pool of qualified and experienced professionals within a small labour force versus the level socio-economic development, and the importance of addressing human development in terms of sustainable development.

As for the challenges, and issues of concerns, we have found that the increased prevalence of substance abuse and non-communicable diseases linked to lifestyle are seriously impacting on our society. We realise that we need to concentrate on gathering more data and information on their impacts in order to ensure that national development objectives are evidence-informed, allowing for national responses to have programmatic actions that use effective mitigation strategies.

It was during the RIO+20 meeting that an agreement was reached to launch a process of formulating a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which will build on the successes of the Millennium Development Goals and converge with the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

We look forward to sharing the secret behind our success, thus extend an invitation to interested parties, to visit and learn from, Seychelles.

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