



## The Speaker

*The National Assembly of Seychelles*

### **MESSAGE OF THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR DEMOCRACY DAY 2023**

For the occasion of Democracy Day, September 15, I wish to express a tribute and the commitment of the National Assembly of Seychelles to this principle on which our institution and the government of our country rests.

Democracy, as we have come to realise, is not a perfect system but it is certainly the best that mankind has devised to manage human affairs. Rule of the people, if not by the people but at least by its chosen representatives whose decisions and actions remain under scrutiny and subject to the judgement of those they represent. Through the rule of law, representative government, a free press, it is our best hope to assure equal rights, freedom, justice and opportunity. Let it thrive.

Our country has earned the distinction of being foremost on our continent in adhering to its rules and practices. Of this we are proud. Our Assembly has adopted the motto 'Serving a Modern Democracy' and it is my privilege to call for us to honour this declaration and the commitment it contains.

I pay tribute to the Members of this Assembly, present and past, who have chosen to be in the service of democracy alongside our other citizens engaged in its institutions. I pray that we will all have the courage to be faithful to our responsibilities and hope that it will bring fulfillment in the knowledge that we have served a noble cause.

**SPEAKER**