



Environment Sustainability Policy

Vision

To become a leader in environmental performance best practice, and to embed sustainability into the heart of our operations.

Aim

Protect the environment by minimising pollution and resource consumption, and supporting and encouraging biodiversity. Drive continual improvement of our environmental performance in terms of energy consumption and waste minimisation.

Objectives

We will:

- Ensure all Secretariat Staff, Members of the National Assembly and other building users fully understand the contribution they can make to improving our environmental performance;
- Mitigate against climate change by measuring and reducing the National Assembly's carbon footprint;
- Adopt a strategy for managing the energy consumption of the National Assembly incorporating energy efficiency, efficient technology and on site renewables.
- Manage water efficiently;
- Safe guard resources by minimizing waste and identifying ways to reduce, reuse, repair and recycle materials;
- Purchase in an environmentally conscious and responsible manner

- Support and encourage biodiversity within the parliamentary grounds
- Comply with environmental legislations, regulations and policies of Seychelles
- Address climate change through promoting legislations that encourage good practice pertaining to sustainability.
- Implement an annual environmental sustainability improvement plan.

The sustainability performance of all departments and the effectiveness of their improvement plans will be regularly monitored and reviewed. Independent assessments of annual environmental performance will be carried out. An annual management review will be provided to the National Assembly **Environmental Policy Implementation Committee** and performance information will be made publicly available. Revisions to the policy statement will be submitted to the Clerk of the National Assembly for approval.

All National Assembly managers are responsible for environmental management in their areas of responsibility. It is expected that all staff will follow the principles of the policy statement to assist in meeting the sustainability commitments made in the policy statement.