



GENERAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR

SADC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

59TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION

HOSTED BY

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES

KEMPINSKI SEYCHELLES RESORT

MAHÉ, SEYCHELLES

4TH TO 11TH JULY 2026

THEME: "DIGITAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN POLITICS"

1. INTRODUCTION

The Parliament of Seychelles is honoured to host the 59th Plenary Assembly Meeting of the Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC-PF) from 04th to 11th July 2026, at Kempinski Resort, in the Baie Lazare constituency. The Parliament of Seychelles, therefore, wishes to extend a very warm welcome to all delegates and guests attending the meetings.

This Information Circular is meant to guide all delegates and guests participating in the 59th Plenary Assembly Meeting of the SADC PF.

2. METHODOLOGY

The 59th Plenary Assembly will be held **in-person only**.

3. Entry into the Republic of Seychelles

Each foreign delegate must be in possession of a valid passport for entry into Seychelles.

All passports must be valid for at least 30 days and have at least two empty pages.

3.1 Visa

There is no visa requirement for all nationals entering Seychelles. However, delegates transiting through other countries should comply with any visa requirements of those countries.

Note: Please carry your invitation letter with you as this may be required on arrival.

3.2 TRAVEL AUTHORISATION / TRAVIZORY (TA)

All visitors must complete a digital Travel Authorisation through the Travel Authorisation (TA) platform at *seychelles.govtas.com* and can be done from 10

days before arrival. After accessing “**Start your trip to Seychelles,**” log in to “**Diplomats, Foreign Delegates & Fee Exempted Travellers**”.

Visitors must submit the following with their application.

1. Passport copy
2. Selfie / head to shoulder photo
2. Return airfare
3. Confirmed accommodation bookings for their entire stay.

Note that the TA document is essential for travel and will be required at check-in counters. Visitors failing to provide the TA document will not be allowed by the airline company to board for Seychelles.

A valid travel insurance is an advantage.

4. VENUE, ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

The Official Opening Ceremony, Symposium and Plenary Assembly Session will all take place at the Kempinski Resort from Sunday 05th to 09th July 2026.

Delegates will meet their own accommodation costs and travel expenses as well as the cost of the international health/travel insurances and other incidentals. Booking arrangements with hotels must be done prior to the date of arrival. Delegates are requested to book via the National Assembly SADC PF 59th Plenary Info Hub <https://nationalassemblyofseychelles.my.canva.site/59th-plenary-assembly> and copy to plenarycorestaff@nationalassembly.sc when making reservations.

The list of approved hotels and guesthouses can be accessed on the National Assembly SADC PF 59th Plenary Info Hub link provided below:

<https://nationalassemblyofseychelles.my.canva.site/59th-plenary-assembly>

It is highly recommended that delegates are accommodated at the recommended hotels since these are closer to where the meeting will be held and are less affected by peak hour traffic.

The National Assembly of Seychelles will cater for mid-morning and afternoon health breaks and lunches for the duration of the meetings. **Any special dietary requirements must be communicated in advance.**

5. AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND GROUND TRANSPORT

The National Assembly of Seychelles will be responsible for ground transportation arrangements for the delegates' airport transfers. Participants arriving at the Seychelles International Airport will be received by Protocol Officers, who will transfer them to their respective hotels, guestrooms or apartments. Accordingly, delegates are advised to submit their travel details to the National Assembly of Seychelles via the National Assembly SADC PF 59th Plenary Info Hub

<https://nationalassemblyofseychelles.my.canva.site/59th-plenary-assembly> and the SADC PF Secretariat by **Monday 08th June 2026**.

VIP lounge will be organised for **Heads of delegations plus two (2) only per delegation**.

A desk will be set up inside of the airport to facilitate delegates coming in through normal procedures.

Ground transport to the Conference venue will be available to all participants **booked in official accommodations only**. Any transport requirements outside of the Meeting Programme will be regarded as private and delegates will be expected to meet the cost of such services.

6. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

The Government of the Republic of Seychelles, through its Security Agencies, will provide security to Heads of delegations for the duration of the Assembly (04th to 11th July 2026). Furthermore, delegates will be given accreditation badges upon registration. Delegates are expected to wear these badges throughout the period of the Assembly for purposes of security, ease of identification and to facilitate access into the meeting venue.

7. WORKING LANGUAGES

The working language for the conference will be English. However, translation services will be available in Portuguese and French.

8. HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

Delegates are strongly encouraged to secure appropriate Overseas Travel Insurance (OTI). Medical services will be available on-site during the Conference for minor primary health care. Emergency cases will be transferred to either the Anse Royale Health Centre or the Seychelles Hospital for further treatment at the cost of the delegate. **Delegates on chronic medication should pack adequate supplies for the conference duration.**

9. VACCINATIONS

Entry into Seychelles does not require any specific vaccination, however, if you are between the age of 1 to 59 years old, you will be expected to upload a yellow fever vaccination certificate only if you are traveling from a country or region where the disease is endemic. Travellers who are 60 years and older will not be required to submit a vaccination certificate.

If you are transiting through an airport in a yellow fever endemic region for less than 12 hours, you will not need the yellow fever certificate to travel to Seychelles.

10. SPECIAL NEEDS

Delegates with special needs or physical impairments are kindly requested to notify the National Assembly in advance.

11. CLIMATE AND PACKING RECOMMENDATIONS

In **July 2026**, the weather in **Seychelles** is expected to be **hot and dry**. The month is characterized by **7 hours of sunshine per day**, making it a good time for outdoor activities. Overall, July is a pleasant time to visit Seychelles, with comfortable temperatures and minimal rainfall.

It is advisable to wear light, breathable clothing for both daytime and nighttime. Additionally, comfortable footwear for outdoor activities / excursions is essential. These recommendations will help ensure that you remain comfortable as you adapt to hot and humid climate.

12. LOCAL CURRENCY

Foreign exchange facilities are available through bureau de exchange services on weekdays and weekends. Most internationally recognized currencies and travellers' cheques can be exchanged at commercial banks, hotels and international airports.

As at June 2026

The local currency (Seychelles Rupee) is as follows:

1 USD = SRC 14.41

1 Euro = SCR 16.54

1 ZAR = SCR 14.41

13. CREDIT CARDS

The following credit cards are acceptable in Seychelles banks and in all hotels and restaurants: **American Express, Diners, Master Card and Visa Card.**

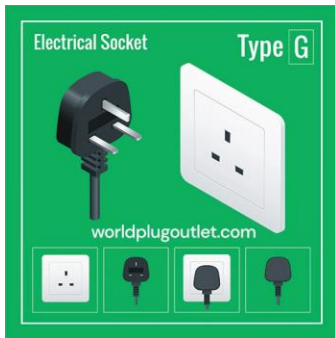
14. BUSINESS AND SHOPPING HOURS

Offices and businesses are generally open from 08:00hrs to 16:00hrs, Monday to Friday. Shopping hours vary but most shops are open from 09:00hrs to 17:00hrs Monday to Friday and from 09:00hrs to 12:00hrs on Saturdays.

15. ELECTRICITY

The main electricity supply in Seychelles operate at 220 – 230V, 50-60Hz, square pin plugs.

The **standard electrical voltage used in Seychelles is 240 volts**, with a frequency of **50 Hz**. The country uses **Type G plugs** for its electrical outlets.



16. TIME DIFFERENCE

Seychelles is 4 hours ahead of GMT.

17. SECURITY

Seychelles is widely considered as one of the safest destinations in Africa, with violent crimes being extremely rare, although petty theft such as bag snatching on beaches or opportunistic theft in other areas can occur. Visitors are advised to:

- Keep valuables in hotel safes and avoid leaving items unattended on beaches
- Be cautious in poorly lit areas, particularly in the capital, Victoria, after dark.
- Stick to tourist areas or travel with a guide when exploring remote locations.
- Avoid carrying luggage or items for others through customs to prevent legal issues
- Most hotels are monitored by CCTV.

18. REGISTRATION FORM, TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION FORM, OTHERS

National Assembly SADC PF 59th Plenary Info Hub link provided below:
<https://nationalassemblyofseychelles.my.canva.site/59th-plenary-assembly>

19. EMERGENCY SERVICES (TEL NUMBERS)

Police, & Fire Brigade 999

Ambulance 151

Seychelles Hospital: (+248) 438 8000

Central Police station (+248 288000)

International Airport: (+248) 438 4000

20. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Wishing you all a pleasant stay in the land of perpetual summer