



# Press Release

**THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE:**

## Validation workshop of the National Gender policy Gender Mainstreaming training workshops

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> -Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012

The Ministry of Social Development and Culture in collaboration with SADC (Southern African Development Council) is holding a half day workshop on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January at the International Conference Centre of Seychelles (ICCS) to validate the National Gender Policy. The workshop will bring together representatives from the different government and civil society organisations. This will be followed by a training workshop on gender mainstreaming which will continue until Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January. At the end of the workshop participants will work together to draft the National Gender Action Plan. The action plan will act as national guidelines on how Seychelles can meet international and regional gender targets – including targets of achieving 50% women in the National Assembly and Cabinet of Ministers by 2015 as well as halving levels of Gender Based Violence by 2015.