



# **BLUE ECONOMY SEYCHELLES**

## **NOTES FOR BLUEPRINTING**

### **BLUE ECONOMY IS NOT: “BUSINESS AS USUAL”**

#### **The Business as Usual scenario includes:**

- 1. Unsustainable use - fully exploited & depleted stocks**
- 2. Increasing distant water fleets; aid linked to fishing (extractive industry)**
- 3. Unequal distribution of burdens and benefits of Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs)**
- 4. Ocean and Land Grabs**
- 5. Civil society and resource users not seen as having common but differentiated responsibilities vis-à-vis government**
- 6. Pollution, damage to biodiversity & ecosystem services**

#### **NINE PRINCIPLES TO BUILD THE BLUE ECONOMY**

- 1. The Sustainable Principle. Delivers sustainable development (Blue Economy does not replace Sustainable Development)**
- 2. The Justice Principle. Respects human rights, opportunity for all and equal application of law**
- 3. The Dignity Principle. Creates genuine prosperity and wellbeing for all**
- 4. Ecology Principle. Restores lost biodiversity, invests in conservation of natural systems and ecosystem services and rehabilitates those that are degraded**
- 5. The Inclusion Principle. Inclusive and participatory in decision-making**

- 6. The Good Governance and Accountability Principle. Maintains accountability**
- 7. The Resilience Principle. Contributes to economic, social and environmental resilience**
- 8. The Efficiency and Sufficiency Principle. Delivers sustainable consumption and production**
- 9. Intergenerational Principle. Invests for the present and the future**

### **TRANSITING TO BUSINESS UN-USUAL - BLUE ECONOMY**

**Question: What kind of delivery mechanism?**

**Answer: a) Multi-disciplinary/multi-sectoral; b) Through teams; c) For the long term**

**Problem 1: Lack of capacity**

**Answer: Build Capacity**

**Problem 2: Not enough people in government to build capacity**

**Answer: Widen pool of expertise/talent by building PARTNERSHIPS with:**

- **NGOs**
- **Private sector**
- **International/Regional Organisations**
- **Academia**

### **NEEDS**

- **New Funding**
- **Strong political will**
- **Strong civil society/private sector/stakeholder support**
- **Long term vision**
- **Strategy that encompasses the 9 Principles**
- **Clear execution and delivery mechanisms**
- **Continual Research, Monitoring and Evaluation**
- **Sharing of decision making & implementation**