

The action will enable the EU and other members of the Team Europe Initiative to accompany this transformative process, as encapsulated in the National Development Strategy 2019-2023. This CF, well integrated and complemented by ongoing and future actions supported by the Team Europe approach, should allow establishing further milestones of the circular economy in the country and a particular attention will be paid to further increase the role of women in the ecological transformation. The support envisages activities such as promotion of circular economy, technical assistance to institutions in the drafting of new environmental legislation, public participation events, drafting of roadmaps and/or studies.

The specific objective of this priority area will be to support the Government in achieving its own targets on renewable energies production, waste management and environment protection (e.g., zero coal plants, ban single use plastics, increased obligation to include Environmental Impact Assessment for large constructions), as formulated in the above mentioned strategies. The EU has a successful long-standing partnership in place with Seychelles in the environment and climate change fields but there is increasing influence from new partners including India, China, Russia and UAE. With these interventions under the NDICI-Global Europe, Seychelles will continue to support the EU in international fora for global climate change commitments.

Outcomes of the EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) screening (relevant for projects and/or specific interventions within a project).

The EIA (Environment Impact Assessment) screening classified the action as Category C (no need for further assessment).

Outcome of the CRA (Climate Risk Assessment) screening (relevant for projects and/or specific interventions within a project)

The Climate Risk Assessment (CRA) screening concluded that this action is no or low risk (no need for further assessment)

Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls

As per OECD Gender DAC codes identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as G1. This implies that gender targets will be mainstreamed in the implementation of this action. The action will contribute specifically to the objective of promoting girls' and women's participation and leadership in environmental protection and climate change adaptation and resilience, as well as good governance; in order to ensure gender-responsive strategies to these two areas.

Human Rights

Addressing green transition and good governance challenges, by improving the policy decision making processes using evidence-based information systems involving concerned stakeholders, promoting partnerships and inclusiveness are guiding principles that will allow a resilient, inclusive and sustainable growth and fight against gender inequality and corruption, respectively.

Disability

As per OECD Disability DAC codes identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as D0. While disability has not been identified as a significant objective, the action will promote an inclusive approach towards people with disabilities in its communication and participatory activities

Democracy

The action will promote good governance, in some of the areas where the EU has developed a constructive dialogue with Seychelles, including for example fiscal transparency, the electoral process, freedom of expression, rights of women, children and persons with disabilities, etc Following the October 2020 Presidential elections which saw the election of the ex-Leader of Opposition to the post of President, this represents a 360 degrees change in Seychelles politics. The ending of more than 40 years of single party regime and its acceptance by both the latter and the population and the smooth transition that enfolded confirm the democratic foundations that are being put in place in Seychelles.

Conflict sensitivity, peace and resilience

The action will support Environmental protection and climate change adaptation and resilience.