

The Seychelles Blue Economy

A Pathway to Prosperity

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Outline of the presentation

- The Blue Economy of Seychelles
- The road map
- Existing opportunities within the Blue Economy of Seychelles



SEYCHELLES

- Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of 1.37 million km²
- Land area of just 455 km², and,
- Population of only 94, 000 mainly concentrated on 3 islands, Mahe, Praslin and La Digue,

Exclusive Economic Zone 1.37 million sq km
Second largest EEZ in Africa

The Seychelles Blue Economy

All economic activities related to oceans, seas and coasts.



Blue Economy – A Strategic and Policy Roadmap

Seychelles Cabinet approved Blue Economy Roadmap on 31st January 2018

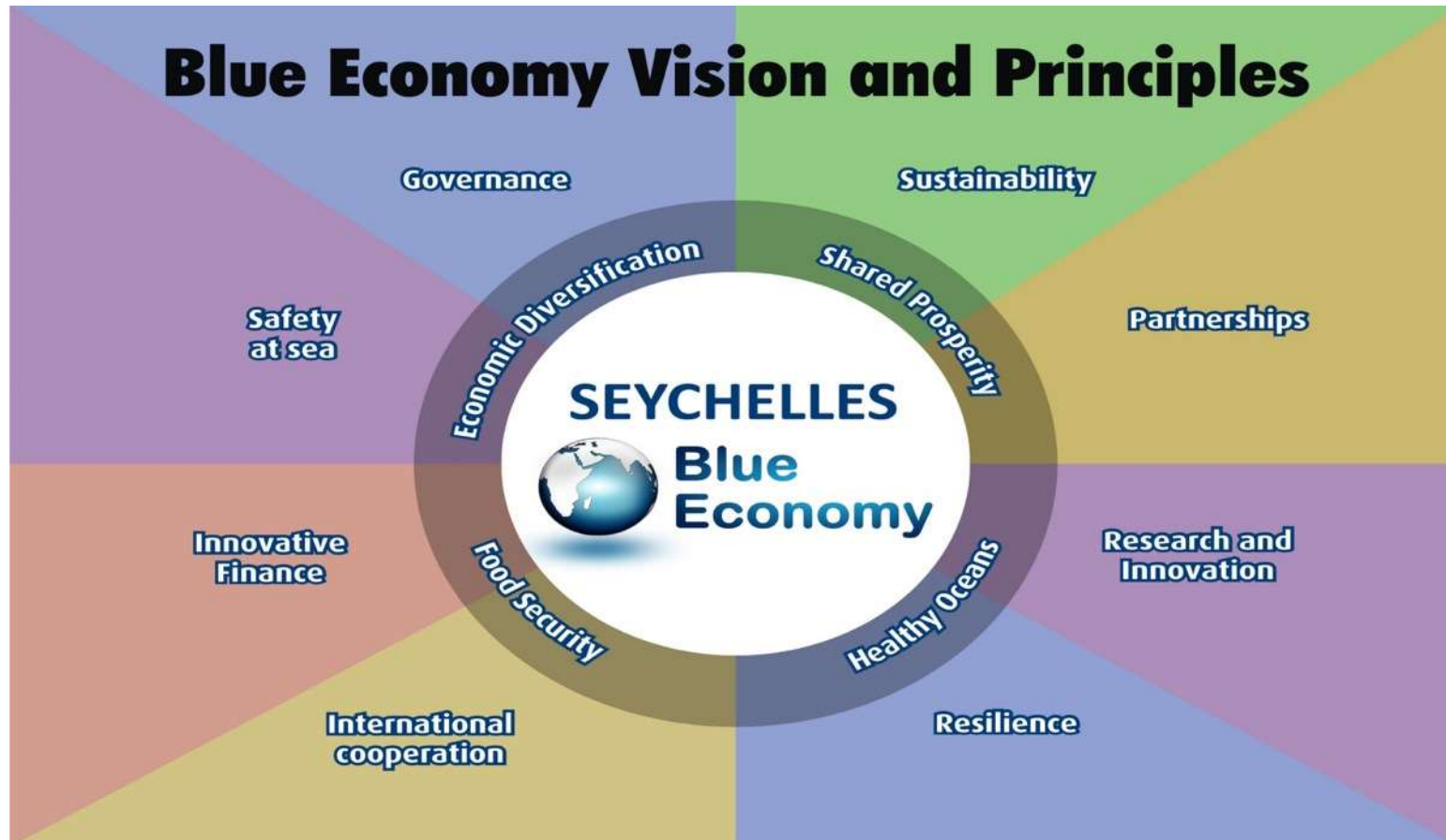
An integrated approach to ocean based sustainable development which brings together economy, environment and society, consistent with the Sustainable Development Agenda (2030).

It builds on Seychelles' laws and policies, which articulates Seychelles “Blue Economy Brand” as a unique comparative advantage, based on sustainability credentials and proposes a prioritized agenda for action and investment to 2030.

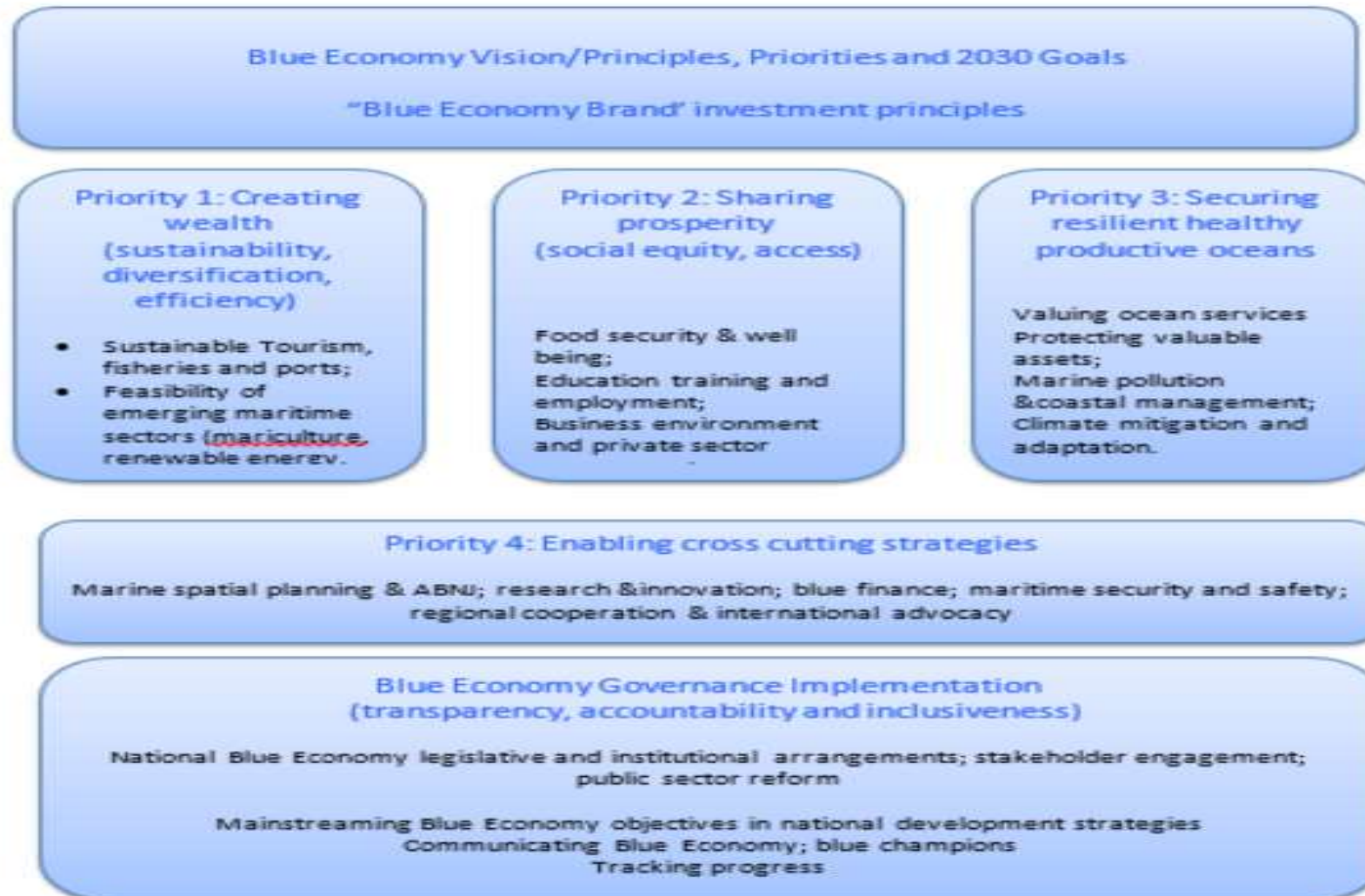


Blue Economy – Vision. Goals. Principles.

“To develop an **ocean based/blue economy** as a means of realizing the national’s **economic, social and cultural potential** through **innovation**, knowledge based approach, being mindful of the need to conserve the **integrity of Seychelles Marine Environment and heritage** for present and **future generations**”



Blue Economy – Conceptual Strategic Policy Framework



Blue Economy – Strategic Opportunities for Investment.

Opportunities for the Youth

- Academia/ Research
- Employment/ Training
- Investment

Blue Economy – Strategic Opportunities for Investment.

Job Opportunities

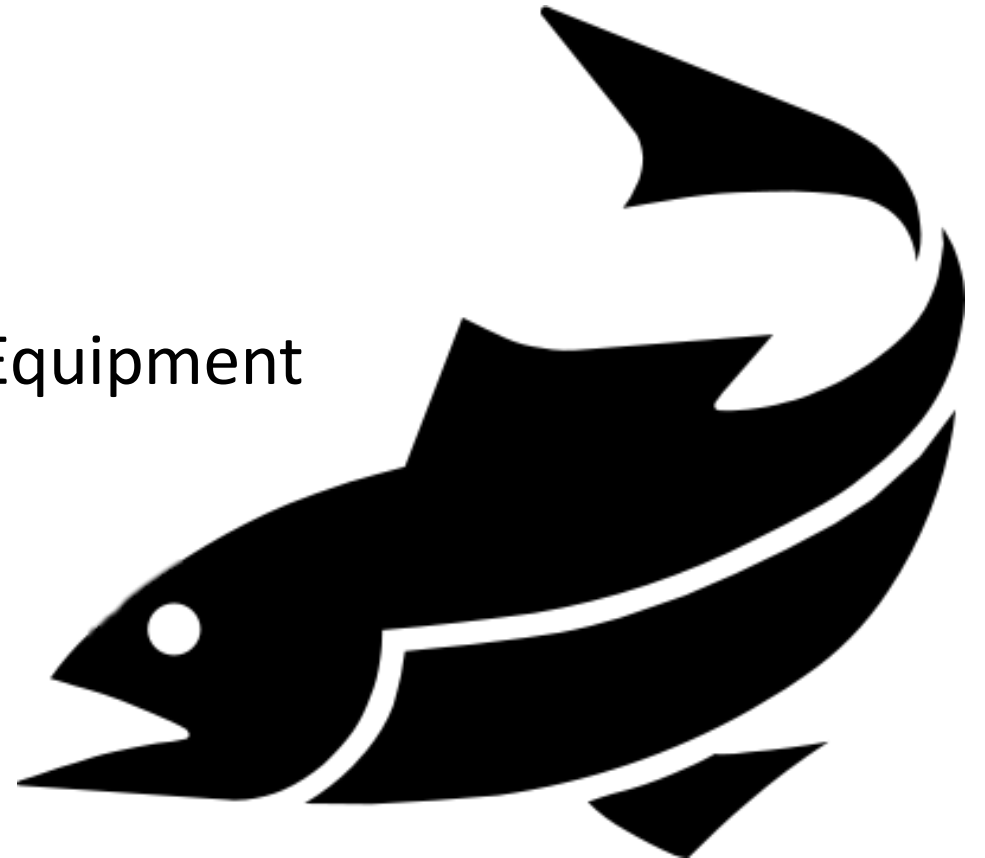
- Various Qualified Professionals on board vessels
- Working on oil/gas offshore drilling units
- Qualified professionals in Maritime Administration, Maritime Training Institution and Port Services
- Marine Surveyors
- Cargo Surveyors
- Lecturers
- Marine Pilots
- Working for Marine insurance



Blue Economy – Strategic Opportunities for Investment.

Fisheries Industry

- Processing/ Value Addition (E.g. Tuna)
- Development of Tuna Fishing fleet
- Retail/ Distribution Centre for Marine Equipment
- Maintenance and Repair
- Aquaculture/Mariculture



Blue Economy – Strategic Opportunities for Investment.

Development of Ports

- Seychelles hopes to develop into a key transshipment port and processing hub over the next few years.
 - Renovation & Expansion of Ile Du Port
 - Development of the Tuna Industry → Regional Tuna Industry

Examples of employment opportunities:

- Port managers
- Pilots
- Engineers

Blue Economy – Strategic Opportunities for Investment.

Research and Academic/ Professional Training Programs

- National Institute of Science, Innovation and Technology
- UNISEY – Blue Economy Research Institute (BERI)
 - Scientists
 - Students (Undergraduates, masters and PhD)
 - Practitioners



Blue Economy – Strategic Opportunities for Investment.

Tourism

- Eco-tourism
- Integrated Tourism Projects
- Niche Hotels
- Fostering cultural/ traditional experiences – e.g. Restaurants, Bazars
- Sports/ Recreational activities e.g. Yacht Marinas, Dive centres

Blue Economy – Strategic Opportunities for Investment.

National Priority areas - ANHRD

Fields of Study

Priority 1	Medicine, Teaching, Accounting & Finance, Tourism & Hospitality Management, Aquaculture, Marine Biology, Microbiology, Zoology, Fish Veterinary, Fisheries Science
Priority 2	Information Technology, Dentistry, Statistics, Law, Social Work, Psychology, Nursing, Structural Engineering, Civil Engineering, Food Science and Food Safety, Transport and Logistics, Environmental Science
Priority 3	Business Administration, Human Resource Management, Marine Engineering, Navigation, Bio-medical Engineering/Science, Agricultural Science, Agronomy
Priority 4	Pharmacy, Telecommunication, Journalism
Priority 5	Architecture, Renewable Energy, Land/Quantity Surveying



Thank you



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