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General Information Note

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Mahé, Republic of Seychelles, 2 – 4 July 2026

and

*The Thematic Conference on
Strengthening Human Capital to
Boost Africa's Tourism Growth*

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The 69th Meeting of the **UN Tourism Regional Commission for Africa, along with the Thematic Conference Strengthening Human Capital to Boost Africa's Tourism Growth** welcomes participation of UN Tourism Member States, Affiliate Members, and key stakeholders across the public and private sectors, offering a strategic platform to advance the management and transformation of tourism in Africa. With a strong focus on **tourism education and human capital development**, the event seeks to address the needs, priorities, and major challenges faced by African Member States in building a skilled and competitive tourism workforce. By strengthening educational frameworks and supporting capacity-building efforts, the conference aims to empower institutions and professionals across the continent to drive sustainable growth and enhance tourism's social and economic impact.

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1. Venue of the 69th Meeting of the UN Tourism Regional Commission for Africa

1. 1. The Conference will be held at: Kempinski Seychelles Resort, **Victoria, Mahé, Republic of Seychelles, 2-4 July 2026**

2. Contact Information of the Organizing Committee

2. 1. Governments and other dignitaries invited by the UN Tourism Secretary-General and the Minister of Tourism and Culture of the Republic of Seychelles are requested to send their replies to the following officials at the latest by **Deadline June 15**, indicating as much as possible, the composition of their delegations.

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3. Registration: 69th meeting of the UN Tourism Regional Commission for Africa

3. 1. The online registration for **69th Meeting of the UN Tourism Regional Commission for Africa, along with the Thematic Conference on Strengthening Human Capital to Boost Africa's Tourism Growth Victoria, Mahé, Republic of Seychelles, 2-4 July 2026** is open and available through the following link: [69th CAF Registration](#) Participants are requested to complete the registration form, available on the [REGISTRATION](#), by **latest Deadline June 15.**
3. 2. At the venue of the **69th meeting of the UN Tourism Regional Commission for Africa, along with the Thematic Conference on Strengthening Human Capital to Boost Africa's Tourism Growth.** A registration desk will be open **one day** before the start of the forum for badge collection.
3. 3. Accreditation and collection of badges will take place at the meeting venue. Delegates are requested to register online before arriving at the venue for accreditation.
- Please note:
- Access to the venue of the event and other designated areas will be strictly limited to delegates with appropriate access cards. Delegates are always reminded to have their identity cards within the premises of events.
 - The same identification details used to register must be presented at the time of accreditation.
 - Badges will only be handed out directly to the entitled personnel.
 - Identity cards are important security credentials; misuse is subject to legal action. Loss of badges must be reported immediately at Registration Desk; and
 - Badges are for personal use only and cannot be transferred.



4. Status of Participants

- 4.1. The Government of the Republic of Seychelles will take the necessary steps to facilitate the arrival and departure of participants invited by the Organization as well as their stay in Seychelles. Throughout their stay, participants will enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations specialized agencies of 1947.

5. Entry Formalities

- 5.1. Exclusive Travel Offer Only for Invited Delegates Attending the 69th UN Tourism Commission for Africa CAF. 02 - 04 July 2026. Mahé, Seychelles
- **Ethiopian Airlines** is delighted to extend an **exclusive 12% discount on both Business and Economy Class fares for delegates traveling for the 69th CAF event in Mahé, Republic of Seychelles.**
 - This special promotion is available if you purchase your tickets online via [Ethiopian Airlines](#) or ticketing offices in Johannesburg and Cape Town. **The Promotion Code: UNT26**.
- 5.2. A valid passport is required for all visitors to Seychelles. Visa is not required for entry into Seychelles. **Seychelles has extended the diplomat option for free of charge ETA to all international delegates who will be attending the CAF meeting. The deadline for application by 20 June at the latest.**
- 5.3. All foreign visitors to Seychelles must apply for a Travel Authorization (TA) before departing from their country of origin. You will not be allowed to board your flight to Seychelles without an approved TA.
Application should be made at least 30 days before arrival and at the latest 24 hours before arrival. Please apply as early as possible.
- You will need the following:
- A. <https://seychelles.govtas.com/en>
 - B. A valid passport (minimum 6 months validity)
 - C. A photo or selfie
 - D. Trip information such as Hotel Name, flight no, arrival date
 - E. Invitation letter
 - F. Contact invitation



6. Transport

- 6.1. The Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of Seychelles will arrange free transport for all participants upon arrival, and departure from the airports, as well as return transport between their hotels and the meeting place. All participants are therefore requested to register on-line giving the details of their arrival and departure. Free shuttles shall also be arranged from the hotels to the meetings' venue and return.

7. Reception at the Airport

- 7.1. A reception and information desk will be open for delegates at the (**Seychelles International Airport**) one day prior to the date of the event at the arrival hall, including VIP arrivals, with enough staff to welcome and assist participants and delegations (immigration formalities, baggage collection, coordinate transport and transfers to their hotels).



8. Accommodation

8. 1. Delegates should contact their preferred hotel directly using the provided phone or email to book a reservation from the list below. They should specify that they will be attending **69th Meeting of the UN Tourism Regional Commission for Africa, along with the Thematic Conference on on Strengthening Human Capital to Boost Africa's Tourism Growth. Victoria, Mahé, Republic of Seychelles, 2-4 July 2026 (Kempinski Seychelles Resort, Baie Lazare)**

We highly recommend that delegates book their hotel accommodation as early as possible due to the peak season in Seychelles and the limited availability of rooms.

8. 2. Please note that medium and large accommodation establishments are subject to the Tourism Environmental Sustainability Levy. For further information, please consult the following link: <https://src.gov.sc/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/SI-90-2025-Environment-Protection-Tourism-Environmental-Sustainability-Levy-Amendment-Regulations-2025-1.pdf>

8. 3. List of hotels proposed by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture

N°	HOTEL	HOTEL TYPE	TYPE ROOM	PRICE IN EUR	DISTANCE FROM THE VENUE	CONTACT/ E-MAIL	LOCATION
1	Kempinski Seychelles Resort	5 Star	Superior Hill Room	350	Venue	Mercy Mutemi Sales Manager T +248 438 6657 • M +248 263 9575 Email: sales.seychelles@kempinski.com	Baie Lazare
			Deluxe Lagoon View Room	380			
			Deluxe Ocean View Room	410			
			Deluxe Ocean View Garden Room	450			
			Plantation suite: EUR 1,000 BB	1000 Single or double occupancy			
			Picault Suite:	1400 Single or double occupancy			
2	Canopy by Hilton Seychelles	4 Star	King Bedroom with Garden or Pool View	340	5.6km	Mandy Omath Cluster MICE Sales Executive M +248 2672239 Email : Mandy.Omath@Hilton.com	Anse La Mouche
3	ValMer Resort	Medium Hotel	Ocean View Suite	240	2.5km	Mrs. Bernice Devoud Holtzhausen Sales & Marketing Manager T: +248 438 1555 E: valmer@seychelles.net	Baie Lazare
			Deluxe Villa	260			
4	(***) Red Palm Villa	Self Catering	Villa	220	1.6km	Mrs Alysén Ha Soon Tel: +248 4423360 Email: admin@redpalmseychelles.com	Baie Lazare
5	(***) Paul’s Residence	Self catering	Standard Room	55	2.5km	Mr. Paul Sinon M: +248 2568885 Email: paulsinon@hotmail.com	Baie Lazare
6	Blue Lagoon	Bed and Breakfast	Garden View	126	4.2km	Mrs Rachel Hoevers M: +248 2568885 Email: info@bluelagoonseychelles.com	Anse La Mouche
			Seaview	157.50			
			Penthouse	199.50			
7	Mokara Holiday Apartment	Self Catering	Apartment (1 pax)	90 (room only)	4.9km	Mrs Lynda Hoareau M: +248 2534168 Email: mokaraholiday2019@gmail.com	Anse La Mouche
			Apartment (1 pax)	105			
8	(***) La Residence Villa	Self Catering	Apartment	72	3.8km	Ms. Mayna Pierre Tel:+248 4371733 villa@seychelles.net	Anse La Mouche

N°	HOTEL	HOTEL TYPE	TYPE ROOM	PRICE IN EUR	DISTANCE FROM THE VENUE	CONTACT/ E-MAIL	LOCATION
9	(***) Kanasuk Self-Catering Apartments	Self Catering	1 Bedroom (1 pax)	75	2.6km	Mrs Marie-Jane Mc Krory M:+248 2718847 Email: kanasukapts@gmail.com	Baie Lazare
			1 bedroom (2pax)	110			
			1 bedroom (3 pax)	135			
			1 bedroom (4 pax)	158			
			2 bedroom (1 pax)	115			
			2 bedroom (2 pax)	120			
			2 bedroom (3 pax)	145			
			2 bedroom(4 pax)	166			
			2 bedroom (5 pax)	191			
10	Grann Kaz	Self Catering	2 bedroom (6 pax)	217	5km	Mrs Mavis Lafortune M:+248 2511005 Email: films@seychelles.net	Anse La Mouche
			Standard Room (1 pax)	90 (room only)			
			Standard room (1 pax)	110			
			Standard Room (2pax)	100 (room only)			
			Standard Room (2 pax)	120			
			Superior Room (1pax)	110 (room only)			
			Superior Room (1 pax)	120			
11	Seaside self Catering Apartment	Self Catering	Apartment	70	4.5km	Ms. Britney Roucou M: +248 2715265 Email: roucoubrit2000@gmail.com	Anse La Mouche
12	Milles Montagne Residence	Self Catering	Apartment	85 (room only)	5.2km	Mrs Jessie Benoit M: +248 2731134 Email: jssiebenoit@gmail.com	Baie Lazare
				100			

- Note:
- a. Please note quoted rates are inclusive of both room accommodation and breakfast except for establishments marked with (***) which offers room-only accommodation
 - b. The hotel rates do not include Environmental levy. For further information, please consult the following link:
<https://src.gov.sc/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/SI-90-2025-Environment-Protection-Tourism-Environmental-Sustainability-Levy-Amendment-Regulations-2025-1.pdf>
 - c. The hotel rates are per person basis.
 - d. Bookings and payment shall be affected directly by guests with the hotels



9. Health Requirements

9. 1. Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is required for participants residing in a yellow fever endemic country and participants transiting for more than 12 hours in a yellow fever endemic country.

10. Working Languages

10. 1. The working languages of **69th Meeting of the UN Tourism Regional Commission for Africa, along with the Thematic Conference on Strengthening Human Capital to Boost Africa's Tourism Growth. Victoria, Mahé, Republic of Seychelles, 2-4 July 2026** shall be English and French. The documents will be prepared in English and French, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French.

11.

Social Programme

11.1.

Official welcome Cocktail, Gala dinner and cultural tour will be offered by the Government of the Republic Seychelles.

Saturday, 4th of July 2026 10:00 – 17:00

OPTION 1 - Cultural Savoir-Faire Experience

An immersive journey into the heart of the Seychelles' Creole heritage, blending culinary artistry, craftsmanship, and local flavours. Guests will take part in hands-on experiences, including the preparation of traditional delicacies at Maison Marengo Restaurant, creative ateliers such as **Weave & Sip** and **Paint & Sip**, and curated tasting moments featuring local highlights, including Takamaka Rum and Zil Kreol craft brews. This experience celebrates the essence of Creole living through interaction, creativity, and authentic connection.

OPTION 2 - Mahé Eco-Cultural Discovery

A curated eco-cultural and scenic journey across the island of Mahé, showcasing its most iconic landscapes, cultural landmarks, and authentic local experiences. This guided tour blends breathtaking viewpoints, heritage sites, and immersive stops, offering visitors a rich and well-balanced introduction to the island's natural beauty and vibrant Creole identity.

OPTION 3 - Tropical Escape – Coastal Cruise

Chill out on a laid-back daytime escape along the northern coastline of Mahé, designed for pure relaxation and effortless enjoyment. Guests will cruise through calm island waters, taking in scenic coastal views while unwinding to a slow island rhythm. A leisurely lunch onboard completes the experience, offering the perfect balance of comfort, discovery, and tropical ease; a true "Another World" moment at sea.

Participants are kindly requested to select their preferred option among the three social activities listed above via the online registration form. Please note that, due to limited capacity, preferences will be allocated on a first come, first served basis



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11. 2.

List of additional Galleries and Museums in the Baie Lazare Area

Additional social activities that delegates may opt to carry out when in Seychelles at their cost

Mr. Andrew Gee

Andrew Gee Art Studio - Maison
Soleil
Anse Soleil - Baie-Lazare

Tel: +248 2712677
Email: maisonsoleil.info@gmail.com

Mr. Joseph Larue

Lazar Souvenir Museum
Tel: +248 2516577
Email: lazare.museum@gmail.com
Website: <https://lazare-souvenir-museum.gallery.koek.sc>

Mr. Gerard Devoud

Valmer Art Gallery (Ex Plantation Club
area)
Baie - Lazare
Tel: +248 4381555
Email: devoud@seychelles.net

Ms. Alyssa Adams

Michael Adams Art Studio
Anse Poule Bleu
Tel: +248 2719976
Email: alyssaadams007@gmail.com

Mr. Alcide Libanotis

Artist
Anse a La Mouche
Tel: +248 2559338
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12.

Currency Regulations

12. 1.

The local currency of Republic of Seychelles. The Unit of currency is the Seychellois rupee. Currently exchange rates as of 12/03/2026 are as below:

- Euro is approximately 1 Euro for **SCR16.46**.
- Dollar is approximately equivalent to **SCR 14.36**
- Sign code: SCR; Kindly note that fluctuations in the exchange rate may occur.





13. Climate

13. 1. In July, Seychelles is in its cooler, drier southeast monsoon season, characterized by refreshing winds, lower humidity, and light, short-lived rainfall. During this period, the average temperatures range from around 26°C in the early mornings and evenings to approximately 28°C during the warmest part of the day. July is typically windy, with the southeast trade winds approaching their peak, and sea conditions can become rough. However, these steady winds help moderate the heat, making conditions generally comfortable for outdoor activities.

14. Local Time

14. 1. Time in Seychelles is UTC+ 4.

15. Business and Shopping Hours

15. 1. **Public offices open from 8.00am to 4.00pm (Monday to Friday).** While businesses are open from 9.00am to 5.00pm (Monday to Friday) and from 9.00am to 1.00pm (Saturday).
15. 2. **Banks are open from 8.30am to 2.00pm (Monday to Friday) and 8.30am to 11.30am (Saturdays).** Most internationally recognized currencies can be exchanged at commercial banks, hotels and international airports. Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops

16. Information on the website

16. 1. To learn more about **the 69th Meeting of the UN Tourism Regional Commission for Africa and the related Thematic Conference on Strengthening Human Capital to Boost Africa's Tourism Growth. Victoria, Mahé, Republic of Seychelles, 2-4 July 2026.** Please kindly refer to UN Tourism website: [UN Tourism 69th CAF](#)





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