

Letter to the President of Seychelles

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To His Excellency Wavel Ramkalawan

President of the Republic of Seychelles

State House, Victoria, Mahé

Your Excellency,

I am writing to you as a citizen observing our unique archipelago in June 2026. While the world often views the Seychelles through the lens of a luxury postcard—a paradise of turquoise waters and granite boulders—those of us who call these 115 islands home live a reality defined by the delicate balance of an oceanic nation. We are a small, vibrant population of roughly 108,000, inhabiting a territory smaller than the city of Hamburg, spread across an expanse that feels vast and lonely. We are a nation that sits on the front lines of climate change and economic fluctuation, where our identity is forged in the isolation of the Indian Ocean.

Life here is a study in island ingenuity. While tourism drives our economy, the daily life of the Seychellois is anchored in the community. Most of our workforce is

employed in the tourism and services sector, but many also rely on artisanal fishing and small-scale agriculture. For our youth, the path is competitive; work often begins in their late teens, and while education is free and mandatory up to the secondary level, the transition to higher education often requires looking toward the mainland or abroad. For the working parent, the structure of child-rearing is deeply rooted in our Creole heritage—where the "nursery" is not a corporate facility, but a collective effort by the extended family, ensuring that no child is left behind while parents provide for the household.

When a citizen falls ill, we have a robust, state-funded healthcare system that is the envy of our region—one of our proudest institutional achievements. However, the limitation of our size means that highly specialized care still requires travel. Our elderly citizens, the guardians of our oral traditions, are supported by a national pension scheme. While it provides a safety net, in these times of global inflation, the purchasing power of these pensions is tightening—it is an amount that, while higher than in some of our neighbors, still feels like a constant race against the rising cost of imported food and fuel.

Our entertainment is not found in the sterile halls of high-end resorts, but in the heart of our culture: the rhythmic pulse of the Moutya dance, the local community festivals, and the simple joy of a weekend on the beach with family and friends. We are a people of high literacy and deep pride, but we are a people who worry about our fragility. We need your administration to ensure that our prosperity is not just seasonal—tied to the whims of tourists—but durable, built on a sustainable economy that values our unique environment while protecting the dignity of every Seychellois worker.

With the hope of a patriot,

A Concerned Citizen of Seychelles

Sovereign Performance Audit: Seychelles (June 2026)

Sector

Score

Summary

Political Stability

4.5

Highly stable, democratic environment with a strong rule of law.

Economic Development

3.5

Successful but overly dependent on the high-end tourism market.

Social Infrastructure

4.0

Excellent state-funded health and education; a regional leader.

Public Trust

3.5

Generally high, though concerns about cost-of-living vs. wage growth persist.

Final Verdict: 3.87 / The Indian Ocean's Stable Star.

Seychelles is a rare success story in terms of social welfare and democratic stability. The challenge for 2026 and beyond is "resilience"—diversifying the economy to reduce vulnerability to external shocks and ensuring that the pension and social benefits keep pace with the real-world costs of an island nation that imports nearly everything it consumes.

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