



*For the Community & by the Community
The Process....*

“Turning Possibilities into Realities”

The Year of Togetherness....

Newsletter No.1 of 2009 by TESS in accordance to Article 7 Section 3 of its Constitution.

SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL.....



Indonesian Wax Ginger

On the occasion of the 1st Anniversary of TESS, I have the honour to release herewith TESS Strategic Plan for 2008-2013 and beyond.

Over the past year TESS with the assistance of the partners and authorities concerned TESS has been able to achieve many strides in our quest to bring direct benefits to the Seychellois Community through various Ecotourism Processes that have been completed and are ongoing.

Yes, much more could have been registered if the Stages in the Development of a Community, namely Awareness, Understanding and Action had been taken into consideration more effectively both internally and above all by the Community at large.

On the other hand we can rejoice that we have been able to establish a number of the necessary principles in enabling TESS to fulfil its long term Mission.

Indeed 2009 will be another challenging year for TESS, but since we are a forward looking entity, able, ready and willing to work with all parties concerned while maintaining and preserving our independence as per our Constitution,...WE SHALL OVERCOME....especially now that due recognition has started to be given to the IMPARATIVE AND NECESSARY Role of Civil Society in ensuring the Sustainable Development of our beloved Motherland...

THE ONE...THE ONLY SEYCHELLES, which we all love so very much.....!

Indeed ONE of our main area of focus for 2009 will be to work in close collaboration with STB and all parties concerned for the implementation of Ecotourism Pilot Projects in the Anse Royale District as per the Set of Recommendations made by the UNWTO Expert...DR Anna Spenceley who effected a Mission in Seychelles February 2008.

We are particularly eager to get going on 1st January now there is clear evidence of the need to work in UNISON in finding long lasting solutions to our many prevailing problems as a Small Island Developing State (SIDS)...In this vein, WE look forward for the assistance both moral and financial by one and all concerned in instilling confidence and hope within ourselves and not least the Community at large for a better future for our country, its beautiful people and our beloved children.

THUS TOGETHER LET US TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO START "TURNING POSSIBILITIES INTO REALITIES"
for the benefit of ALL.....

WE take this opportunity to wish the Local Community a Holiday Season full of love and happiness.

YES THE TIME TO GIVE MORE THAN WE TAKE IS NOW....thus let us ALL continue to give from the HEART ...without FEAR or FAVOR for SUCCESS sooner rather than later.....

Sincerely yours

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PS. Since TESS Strategic Plan is not engraved in stone, constructive contributions are most welcome.