

# SEYCHELLES PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT CONSTITUTION



**Seychelles People's  
National Movement**

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## **Part 1: Who we are?**

S.P.N.M is a nationalist, patriotic, populist, conservative and democratic movement.

### **Our core values are:**

1. Righteousness
2. Social Justice
3. Innovative solutions
4. Servant Leadership
5. Law and order

### **Our vision**

To cultivate a thriving nation where the foremost priority is the well-being and advancement of Seychelles and its citizens.

### **Mission**

To diligently pursue the realization of our manifesto by securing victory in both the Presidential and National Assembly elections.

## **1.0 NAME**

1.1 The name of the Movement shall be:

Seychelles People's National Movement or abbreviated as S.P.N.M (hereinafter "the Movement")

1.2 The movement name in creole shall be the "Mouvman Nasyonal Pep Sesel.

1.3 Its official colour shall be yellow.

## **2.0 FOUNDING STATEMENT**

2.1 The Movement believes that Seychelles is a Nation under the Almighty God. As stated in our Constitution preamble "We, the People of Seychelles, GRATEFUL to Almighty God that we inhabit one of the most beautiful countries in the world"

2.2 The Movement represents-

- 2.3 A fresh start for Seychelles. A movement that is unburdened by the past and dedicated to shaping a prosperous future.
- 2.4 A leadership drawn from diverse backgrounds and political affiliations, united by common principles to bring hope to the nation.
- 2.5 A genuine framework of national governance, with constitutional powers vested at the most localized level.
- 2.6 A leadership to spearhead national development through the empowerment of grass roots communities and the individual.
- 2.7 A determination to uphold culturally relevant values and norms, traditional family values, human rights, freedom of religion, National Unity, Reconciliation, Justice, Peace and Security in a national system.
- 2.8 A determination to address the critical issues such as poverty, security, the economy, housing, education, health care and land, etc. based on innovative, policies and solutions. We aim to become an action oriented and problem-solving Government.
- 2.9 A vibrant open market economy, with an ability to create opportunities for all to prosper. However, with the possibility intervention to assure and protect local production and national food security.

### **3.0 PRINCIPLES.**

- 3.1 We believe there is one Creator God, and (We are) GRATEFUL to Almighty God that we inhabit one of the most beautiful countries in the world.
- 3.2 We believe that the civil government is under the authority and control of God and that all civil servants are appointed to serve the citizens with dignity and accountability and that they should be innovative in facilitating the resolution of national concerns of the citizens.
- 3.3 We believe that biblical principles provide the proper foundations for civil government's role to ensure personal freedom, family values, justice, peace, security, national unity and reconciliation for the nation and its citizens.
- 3.4 We believe as per our constitution. "We are ever mindful of the uniqueness and fragility of Seychelles."
- 3.5 We believe that national power is vested in the people of Seychelles, and executive authority shall be exercised through a decentralized governance structure, ensuring active and responsible citizen's participation and consultation in most matters of governance.
- 3.6 We believe that law and order should be maintained in Seychelles to the benefits of everyone's safety.

#### **4.0 AIM OF THE MOVEMENT**

The aim of the Movement is:

- 4.1 To contend for and attain the leadership of the government of the Republic of Seychelles through the continuing democratic process.
- 4.2 To participate in the political arena and government in Seychelles with policies based on the principles set out in clause 3.
- 4.3 To promote, uphold and defend culturally relevant family values.
- 4.4 To provide strong, exemplary leadership to defend, promote and uphold culturally relevant principles in legislation.
- 4.5 To strive for the development of a broad front for peaceful co-operation, relations, joint strategies and alliances with persons, organizations, and countries who are pursuing similar objectives.
- 4.6 To mobilise and engage citizens in the process of national development and good governance.
- 4.7 To strive to address issues which has been affecting the social and national development of Seychelles namely drugs, poverty, primary healthcare, housing, food Security and any emerging challenges.

#### **5.0 LEGAL PERSONALITY AND POWERS**

- 5.1 The Movement shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession.
- 5.2 The Movement may own, purchase, sell, hire, lease, mortgage, pledge or in any other way alienate or deal with both movable and immovable property and, furthermore, perform all such legal activities authorized by this Constitution or such activities as may be necessary for the movement to function effectively.
- 5.3 All moneys received and collected in the name of the Movement shall be vested in the movement itself.

#### **6.0 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Membership of the Movement shall be open to all persons who:

- 6.1 Have attained the age of majority who subscribe to the Constitution of the Movement.
- 6.2 Have applied and signed applications for membership which shall be submitted to the Executive Council for approval or rejection.
- 6.4 All applicants shall be bound by the Movement's procedures and to be subject to the authority of the Movement officials.

- 6.6 The decision of the Executive Council to accept or reject an application shall be final and not be subject to an appeal.
- 6.7 The applicants shall be informed of the outcome of their application by letter or electronic mail.

## **7.0. MEMBERSHIP**

- 7.1 The Secretary-General shall keep a register of the members of the movement.
- 7.2 All members will be required to pay their annual membership fee which will be agreed upon in the National Convention.
- 7.3 Membership fees are payable annually from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- 7.4 A member who fails to pay his annual contribution shall cease to be a member of the Movement. However, defaulting members may recover all their rights as members on paying their contribution and arrears.
- 7.6 A member may resign from the Movement by handing in a written resignation to his/her immediate Chairman. Such resignation will have immediate effect but will not interrupt any processes or operations of the movement.
- 7.7 A member may be expelled from the movement for grave cause by the majority vote of the Executive Council. No member may be expelled unless given written notice of the cause for expulsion and opportunity of appearing before the Executive Council to be heard.

## **8.0 DISCIPLINE, APPEAL AND ARBITRATION**

- 8.1. Grounds for disciplinary action shall be:
- 8.2 Failure to conform to Movement Policies laid down by the National Convention, or contravention of any provision of this Constitution, the rules made under it, or a decision competently taken at any properly constituted meeting of the Movement, at national and at District level.
- 8.3 Making of public statements which conflict with Movement's policies.
- 8.4 Conduct which threatens to bring or is deemed to bring the Movement into disrepute, which conduct shall include, but not be limited to, that is mentioned in the rules.
- 8.5 Any other unlawful conduct relating to the affairs of the Movement.
- 8.6 The National Executive Committee and or the National Convention may appoint a disciplinary committee of no less than 7 mature person of integrity who are active members of the Movement to resolve arising conflicts and issues at any level of the Movement structure. Such Committee may be appointed by two third majority of any specified quorum.

- 8.7 Such disciplinary Committee shall hold office until reconstituted, which reconstitution may be done at any time to be determined by the Movement leader or the relevant Executive Committee and the National Convention at their sole discretion.
- 8.8 In special circumstances the Executive Committee, may appoint an arbitrator to address any serious violation.
- 8.8 Any verdict imposed shall remain in force or until when decided otherwise by the Executive Council in consultation with the Disciplinary Committee.

## **9. GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MOVEMENT**

- 9.1 The National Executive Committee shall monitor the integrity of Movement policies and leaders and shall have the eldership role of the Movement to ensure that the Movement's vision, Mission, principles, and core values are maintained.
- (i) That the policies of the Movement remain biblically sound and are relevant and acceptable to the culture of Seychelles.
- (ii) That Movement office bearers and political leaders should be spiritually mature person of integrity and who agrees to the Christian principles of Government.
- 9.2 The National Executive Committee members may also act as mediators and arbitrators in the event of disputes between parties and shall endeavour, after disciplinary hearings to reconcile parties.

## **10. NATIONAL CONVENTION POWERS**

- 10.1 The National Convention shall be the supreme policy making body of the Movement.
- 10.2 The National Convention explicitly reserves the power to:
- 10.3 Elect the Leader and Deputy Leader, Secretary General, Treasurer of the Movement and other committee members as appropriate.
- 10.4 Ratify or amend the constitution and or policies of the Movement.
- 10.5 Determine the annual membership fee.
- 10.6 Vote on resolutions presented by any structure of the Movement.
- 10.7 Appoint auditors.

## **11.0 CALLING A NATIONAL CONVENTION**

- 11.1 The calling, date, place and time of the Movement's Convention shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee and members shall be informed in any manner that is timely and practical.

11.2 A NATIONAL CONVENTION shall be held at least every two years. The National Convention must decide when the next National Convention will be held.

11.3 The Executive Council may at any time summon an extraordinary convention.

## **12.0 NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES**

12.01 The following Movement members shall be eligible to attend and vote as delegates to the National Convention:

12.02 Members of the Executive, and district level of the Movement.

12.03 Any other person invited by the Executive Committee.

## **13.0 NATIONAL ORGANISATION**

13.1 The National Executive Committee shall be the main leadership body of the Movement.

13.2 The National Executive Committee shall be comprised of:

a. The **Movement Leader** shall have the overall responsibility for running the movement and shall be the Chairperson of the Executive Council and of the Movement Convention.

b. The **Deputy Movement Leader**: The party shall also appoint a Vice party leader when necessary to assist the Party leader and the Secretary – General in performing their duties.

c. The **Secretary-General** shall be responsible for the general administration of the Movement and its publications. The Secretary-General shall oversee the implementation of the decisions of the Movement Convention and shall assist the Party Leader in performing his duties. In the absence of the Party Leader from the country, or because of his inability or incapacity to act, the Secretary-General shall replace him/her.

d. The **Movement Treasurer** shall be responsible for the financial administration of the Movement. This function may also be carried out by any other member(s) appointed by the Executive Committee or the National Convention.

13.3 The National Executive Committee and or the National Convention shall have the power to order the submission of any report, document, material, money, or to call for proper accounting from any member or office bearer of the Movement, or any organ of the Movement, for the purposes of exercising its powers in this Constitution.



- 13.4 The National Executive Committee will be responsible for making nominations for office bearers and Executive Committee members for election at a Movement Convention.
- 13.5 The National Executive Committee shall meet on a regular basis to conduct the business of the Movement.
- 13.6 The National Executive Committee may determine the areas of jurisdiction of the Movement.
- 13.7 The quorum at meetings of the National Executive Committee shall be two thirds majority of its present quorum. In case of a tie for decision making purposes, the person presiding shall have a second or casting vote.
- 13.8 The National Executive Committee shall, subject to the provisions of this Constitution also have the power to engage, to define their duties, dismiss employees of the Movement and to determine their remuneration.
- 13.9 To appoint from time to time such Commissions of Enquiry, mediators and arbitrators and sub-committees as it may deem fit.
- 13.10 To institute or defend legal proceedings by or against the Movement, as the case may be.
- 13.11 To open and operate a banking account in the name of the Movement.
- 13.12. To delegate any duty or power to any person or organ of the Movement in the interests of the Movement.
- 13.13 To formulate rules, and by-laws relating to any matter of the Constitution which it considers necessary to achieve the aims and further the objectives of the Movement. These rules and by-laws may determine and assign functions, duties, and authority, provided that they may be amended to contain further grounds for disciplinary action and further penalties in the event of a transgression.
- 13.14 To elect candidates for elections, having the discretion to finalise National and district level of the Movement.
- 13.15 To ensure that all the structures of the Movement function democratically and effectively.
- 13.16 Generally to do all things necessary to prosper the Movement, yet without violating the federal nature of the Movement.
- 13.17 No member of the Movement shall be elected or appointed to any office in the Movement or at any level, unless approved by the National Executive Committee and or the National convention.

#### **14.0 THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS**

14.1 There shall be a national parliamentary caucus consisting of all members of national parliament. Its main function shall be the discussion of all matters relevant to the Movement's activities at National Parliament.

#### **15.0 DISTRICT ORGANISATION**

15.1 The National Executive Committee, shall authorize the establishment and continued functioning of District Executive Committees at its discretion.

15.2 Members at local level shall be duty bound to hold regular public meetings where Movement principles and policies shall be explained, and members of the public encouraged to join the Movement.

15.3 Regular meetings shall also be held to conduct the general business of the Movement.

15.4 The District Executive Committee shall be comprised of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and, at its discretion any other persons who shall constitute a District Executive Committee)

15.5 The District Executive Committee shall, subject to any by-laws and procedures promulgated by the National Executive Committee (NEC), have the following powers and duties:

15.6 To appoint from time to time such sub-committees as it may deem fit.

15.7 To open and operate bank account in the name of the Movement.

15.8 To forward minutes and financial reports to the Executive Committee after each meeting.

15.9 This committee be responsible for the implementation of the policies and principles of the Movement, and for the conducting of Movement affairs at local level.

#### **16.0 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP POWERS**

16.1 The Leader of the Movement shall be authorized to initiate the formulation of the vision, objectives, strategies, interpreting policies and guiding members of the Movement.

16.2 The National Leader shall be an Executive Leader. Wherever practical, the National Executive Committee shall consult with the National Leader prior to making major decisions other than those of a day-to-day nature.

16.3 The National Leader in consultation with the National Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill any vacancies which may arise on the National Executive Committee.

## **17.0 FINANCES**

- 17.1 The Treasurer(s) of every Committee of the Movement shall be accountable for the receiving of monies and for expenditure incurred by the Movement on behalf of the respective Committee.
- 17.2 The National Treasurer shall have the additional duty to consolidate and oversee the financial reports from the District Committees.
- 17.3 The National Treasurer shall have the authority to lay down such financial policy and procedures as may be necessary for the proper accounting of the Movement's financial transactions.
- 17.4 The National Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing an Annual Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement, which shall be subject to audit. This provision shall not require every set of financial statements for District Committees to be audited, but this may be required at the discretion of the National Treasurer or the auditors of the Movement.
- 17.5 The National Executive Committee, in its discretion shall be empowered from time to time, to conduct Fund Raising Campaigns and may delegate this function to lower structures at its discretion.

## **18.0 PUBLICITIES**

- 18.1 The National Leader or his appointee shall before release, approve all Movement statements and reports on national issues for publication.
- 18.2 All Movement statements to the media by members of the Movement shall conform to Movement Policy as laid down by the members-in-National Convention and or the members-in-National Executive Committee. Members duly authorized to make Movement statements on behalf of the Movement shall be the Media Liaison Officer or the Movement National leader and any such member as may on occasion be specially permitted by authority of the National Executive Committee.

## **19.0 INDEMNITY AGAINST LEGAL CLAIM FOR DAMAGES**

- 19.1 Subject to the provisions set out herein or in the rules, no member shall institute any legal proceedings against the Movement or any member thereof whether to recover any loss or damages (special or general) or otherwise as a result of any acts or neglects of any Movement member, or any other office bearer done by them in good faith on behalf of the Movement, save through a mediation and arbitration process in terms of the rules.
- 19.2 Applying members will have to agree and sign to article 19.0 and 2.0

## **20.0 INDEMNITY FROM LEGAL LIABILITY**

20.1 Only National and District office-bearers shall have the authority to bind the Movement at the appropriate level, in accordance with duties or powers conferred on them by this constitution.

20.2 This clause limits actions against the Movement to recover damages or otherwise where the Movement acts in good faith.

## **21.0 AMENDMENTS OF THIS CONSTITUTION**

21.1 This constitution shall not be amended other than by a two-thirds majority of delegates present and voting at the National Convention. No amendments to this Constitution shall be debated and decided upon unless written notice has been given to the Executive Council at least 21 days of the proposed date of the Convention. In the event of which the National Executive Committee wishes to make any amendments to this constitution. It shall inform the members through the proper procedure of notification of the National Convention.

21.2 This Constitution may be amended at a party Convention upon two thirds majority votes of the movement members.

## **22.0 Dissolution**

22.1 The National Convention may, subject to the laws of Seychelles, dissolve this Movement.

### 23.0 Declaration

We hereby certify that this constitution is the original copy adopted at a duly convened founding members and supporters meeting held both online and onsite on the Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2025.

**Party Leader: Mr. Robert Moumou**

**Secretary General: Mrs Francoise Larue**

**SIGN.....DATED..... SIGN..... DATED.....**

**Treasurer: Mr. Richard Bossy**

**Ordinary member: Mrs Margaret Lefournour**

**SIGN..... DATED..... SIGN..... DATED.....**

**Ordinary member: Mrs Michelle Moumou Ordinary member: Mrs Andrine Bacco**

**SIGN.....DATED..... SIGN.......... DATED.....**