

SEYCHELLES NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL ACT

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Short title **1.** This Act may be cited as the Seychelles National Youth Council
and com- Act and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by
mencement notice published in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation **2.** In this Act -

“Council” means the Seychelles National Youth Council established under section 3.

Establishment **3.** There is hereby established the Seychelles National Youth Council which shall be a body corporate.

Membership **4.** The Council shall consist of the following members -
of the Council

(a) youth organisations registered with the Registrar General (full members);

(b) institutions of secondary education (full member); and

(c) other youth organisations admitted to membership by the Council (associate members).

General **5.(1)** The General Assembly of the Council shall consist of delegates
Assembly of of the members referred to in section 4 who shall not be over the age
the Council of 35 years and each such member shall be entitled to appoint three
delegates to the General Assembly.

(2) The General Assembly shall meet at least once a year and one half of the full members of the General Assembly shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Council.

(3) Each full member shall be entitled to one vote for any purpose.

Executive Committee of the Council **6.(1)** The Executive Committee of the Council shall consist of the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and five other persons who shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of two years.

(2) The Executive Committee shall be charged with the administration of the affairs of the Council and shall meet at least once a month for that purpose.

Secretary-General of the Council **7.** The Secretary-General of the Council shall be nominated by the Minister responsible for Youth Affairs, in consultation with the Executive Committee and it shall be the duty of the Secretary-General to coordinate the activities of the Council and to communicate the decisions of the Council to the Minister responsible for Youth Affairs.

Directions from the Minister **8.** The Minister may give special or general directions in writing to the Executive Committee and it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to give effect to those directions.

Functions and powers of

9.(1) The functions of the Council are -

the Council policies; (a) to assist in the formulation and revision of the national youth

(b) to foster among the Seychellois youth a spirit of national consciousness, a sense of unity and discipline, respect, understanding, co-operation and harmony through youth work;

(c) to plan and conduct programmes of activities that would contribute to the moral, cultural, educational, economic, artistic and physical advancement of the Seychellois youth;

(d) to uphold and strengthen the voluntary and democratic principles in the youth movements;

(e) to liaise with national youth organisations of other countries;

(f) to promote international understanding and co-operation;

(g) to provide a medium for a regular dialogue between the youth and Government on matters pertaining to youth.

(2) For the furtherance of the functions of the Council, the Council may-

(a) receive grants or donations;

(b) raise funds in Seychelles or elsewhere.

Funds of the **10.**(1) The funds of the Council shall consist of -

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(a) moneys appropriated by an Appropriation Act paid to the Council;

(b) moneys received or raised under section 9(2).

(2) The funds of the Council may be applied for any purposes in connection with or for the furtherance of the functions of the Council.

Accounts **11.**(1) The Council shall keep proper accounts and records of the funds of the Council and shall prepare for each financial year a statement of accounts.

(2) The accounts and statement of accounts of the Council shall be audited by an auditor qualified for appointment as an auditor under the Companies Act and appointed by the Minister.

(3) As soon as the accounts and statement of accounts of the Council have been audited under subsection (2), the Council shall send to the Minister a copy of the statement of accounts together with a copy of any report made by the auditor on the statement on the accounts of the Council.

Financial **12.** The financial year of the Council shall be a period of 12 months
year ending on the 31st December of any year but the first financial year of the Council shall end on the 31st December next following the date of commencement of this Act.

Regulations **13.** The Minister may make regulations for carrying into effect the purposes and provisions of this Act and for any other matter necessary or convenient to be prescribed by regulations.