



## Launching of Seychelles Water Warriors-A project Initiated by Sustainability for Seychelles Engaging in Partnership with SIT and sponsored by Seychelles Breweries.

This morning of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at 9:00a.m, there was the launching of the Seychelles Water Warriors Project. The launching coincides with the celebration of World Water Day today.

This is a project financially sponsored by Seychelles Breweries (Seybrew) to Sustainability for Seychelles (S4S), a non-Governmental organisation. The project is to be realised in collaboration with students and their lecturers following training in Plumbing at Seychelles Institute of Technology (SIT). The event was held at SIT, Providence.

The Opening ceremony for the launching was done in the presence of the Chairman of the SIT Governing Board, Colonel Andre Ciseau, representatives from Seybrew and Waso as well as the executive Director of S4S, Dr. Michele Martin, Management, staff and Plumbing students to SIT.



The opening ceremony started with an opening remark from Director of SIT Mr. Hubert Barbé, where he welcomed the initiation and launching of the project. He pointed out the importance and benefits such project would bring to SIT and its Plumbing students. Mr. Barbé went to explain that discussion and planning of this project with Sustainability for Seychelles started last year and he is glad that at least this in 2016 it is being realised.

Following the opening statement by Mr. Barbé, Mrs. Ernesta, the representative from Seybrew then delivered her speech, in which she explained how Seybrew has been involved with S4S for initiating the project and actually getting finance to support it. She also reiterated the importance of saving water a due to the fact that water wasting is an issue on the island and in Seychelles in general.

Following, Mrs. Ernesta, the executive director of S4S, Dr. Michele Martin gave further explanation on the development of the project from its inception to date. She explained that the project is in two parts. The first part will involve SIT plumbing students with their lecturers going out to the districts and assisting low income household owners with water leakage problem, identifying the leaks and actually repairing them. The SIT Plumbing team will be provided with tool kits, normal fitting and accessories use in plumbing to perform the tasks. This exercise will go on throughout this year. S4S is targeting about 100 households. SIT plumbing students will be provided with basic customer care training prior to starting.



The other part of the project involves rain water harvesting. In collaboration with Women in Action and Solidarity (WASO) Civil Society, another organisation for women, who are to start one other project on





“Home Gardening” in their back garden, SIT students will be trained on how to install water tank for rain water harvesting so that they can then be able to assist these women to install their own in their homes.

A vote of thanks was then followed, given by one Plumbing student, Dean Ally. He expressed his appreciation on behalf of his colleagues, of the opportunity to do something positive for the community while at the same time, mastering the competencies and skills in identifying water leakages and repairing them.

The launching of the Seychelles Water Warriors was actually activated with a presentation of a set of tool kit, fittings, accessories and t-shirts to be worn by students when they start their work in the community, by Mrs. Ernesta from Seybrew to Mr. Barbé, Director of SIT.



The tools received by Mr. Barbé will remain the properties of SIT.