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Launching of Women In Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) Seychelles
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Event: Succession Ceremony and Seminar

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Estelle Alexis Takes Chairmanship of WiLAT Seychelles

In a ceremony that was held recently at the Seychelles Ports Authority (SPA), chairmanship of the Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) Seychelles was passed on to Mrs Estelle Alexis. Mrs Alexis succeeded Ms Emilie Mousbé, who has been the Chairperson of WiLAT Seychelles since its inception. During the succession ceremony, Mrs Alexis was presented with the WiLAT's badge.

While addressing the invitees, she pointed out that as the new chairperson her main aim is to improve on external communications so as to make the association known to the wider public, thus attracting more professionals to join. Thereafter, a working committee will be formed to work on a strategic plan for the association so they can initiate more activities at all levels that will benefit Seychellois women in the logistics and transport industry.

Present to witness this auspicious moment was the Minister for Transport, Mr Antony Derjacques, the Minister for Youth, Sports and Family, Mrs Marie-Celine Zialor, the Minister for Investment, Entrepreneurship and Industry, Mrs Devika Vidot, the Principal Secretary for Civil Aviation, Ports and Marine, Mr Alan Renaud, Senior management of the SPA, WiLAT's Global Vice Chairperson of the Indian Ocean Islands, Mrs Nazeema Seelarbokus, as well other invited guests, mainly women, who work in the logistics and transport industry.

In their remarks both Minister Derjacques and the Chief Executive of the SPA, Mr Sony Payet, commended the women who are working in this industry for their hard work and devotion towards a sector which has always been male dominated. They also urged them to keep pushing ahead and to follow their dreams. On her side, Minister Zialor emphasises on the importance to value the women, their roles and contributions in society.

The seminar was also an opportune time to promote the association and encourage women professionals in the domain to join. Apart from a series of presentations by international guest speakers on WiLAT and its perks, two Seychellois women who have worked for many years in the logistics and transport industry shared the story of their inspiring journey with those present. The first one was Ms Cecile Vidot who has worked in logistics for 25 years. She is currently employed with Seaward Co. Ltd. The other testimony was shared by Ms Marlene Boniface. She has been employed at the Seychelles Public Transport Corporation (SPTC), a government entity, for numerous years.

Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) was launched in June 2013 to promote the Logistics and Transport industry to female members and to encourage and support their career development. WiLAT now has over 3200 members in 38 countries and it's still growing.

Its mission is to promote the status of women in Logistics and Transport, to bring together those who aid the career development of women, and to provide a support network for women in the sector. WiLAT has a vision of being the most sought after organisation for advocacy and empowerment of women in the Logistics and Transport industry.

The new chairperson of WiLAT Seychelles, Mrs Alexis, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law and a Master's Degree in Maritime Law. She is currently employed as the Legal Advisor at the Seychelles Ports Authority.

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