

## Action Strategy for a Global Challenge – *Rolph Payet, Seychelles*

### Humble beginnings

- Seychelles & the International Coral Reef Initiative (2002-2004)
- Engagement in WSSD (2002) and BPOA+10 (2004)
- Significant weaknesses in SIDS Strategy
- Too little focus on biodiversity issues
- SIDS needed leadership from within
- GLISPA gestation using ICRI platform

### Birth of a global mandate for action

- In Mauritius, President Michel (Seychelles) and President Remengesau (Palau) invite Kofi Annan to make a statement on coral reefs and both call for a Global Island Partnership (GLISPA)
- GLISPA grows with buy-in from SIDS leaders and global leaders ( SG UN, CEO GEF, ED UNEP, CEO TNC, CEO WFF, etc. and many developed countries – EU, Italy, UK, France, New Zealand
- Development of CBD Island Biodiversity Programme of Work
- High Level event to Launch GLISPA at CBD COP8 (2006)



### Our Global achievements (2004-2007)

So far, leadership from within has advanced the following achievements:

- Micronesia Challenge
- Caribbean OECS MPA initiative
- Indian Ocean MPA Network
- Coral Triangle Initiative
- GEF – SIDS & Private Sector Portfolio
- Strategy for Oceans - GFOCI
- Sea Level Rise Foundation

All in all – We are now 20 countries, 25 agencies, with \$33 Million focused on our joint work



### Partnership – a means to an end?

- What is the future of GLISPA ?
- Will there be sustained commitments (organisation & political) to sustain GLISPA?
- How do we bring the partners together?
- What is our role once a GLISPA commitment is made?
- How do we tackle emerging issues such as climate change and invasive species?
- How can we as a partnership provide value and strategic orientation to global governance mechanisms?
- How do we increase financing and engage participation by the private sector?

### Fraternizing with globalization

- We must move from inward-looking to outward-looking
- Growing markets, in particularly tourism can help leverage the billions of dollars needed for Protected Areas Systems and Sustainable Development

- Threatened markets – fisheries
- Global threats - climate change & invasives
- Sailing or sinking
- Migration or refugees
- The advantages of being small and beautiful

**Over and Beyond: Vision & future perspectives for GLISPA**

- Harnessing the power of being small
- Leveraging tourism for positive change
- Mechanisms for fast-tracking climate change solutions and proofing
- Linkages of biodiversity conservation with climate change
- Improving governance
- Knowledge-based societies & education: Capacity and resilience
- Global leadership
- Sustainable development – the big picture