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Component held on Friday 30th September 2022

PRESS RELEASE

Seychelles at the helm of the APIOI

Top executives and port members of countries from the Association of Indian Ocean Islands Ports (l'Association des Ports des Îles de l'Océan Indien – APIOI) were on a working mission in Seychelles on 29th and 30th September 2022. The highlight of the mission was the Annual General Meeting (AGM), held on Friday 30th September 2022 at the Seychelles Ports Authority's (SPA's) Head Office at the Commercial Port, where Seychelles, represented by SPA's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Sony Payet, was elected as the Chairing member of the Association.

The AGM started with a short ceremony to launch the meeting. In his opening remarks, Mr Payet highlighted the excellent collaboration that exists amongst the Members and how this has helped to address numerous issues almost instantly. However, he pointed out that illegal maritime-based activities remain a challenge. This point was further emphasised by the outgoing APIOI's Chairman, Mr Ramalingum Maistry of Mauritius, who maintained that the APIOI have assigned great importance to maritime security during his tenure and continues to seek new measures to reinforce maritime security.

SPA's Chairman, Mr Gilbert Frichot commended the APIOI for its great work and support, which has been in various forms such as training and implementation of strategies in various shipping activities, sustainable development, the cruise ship industry, promoting best practices, maritime safety and security, green ports initiative, amongst others.

The APIOI was created on May 8, 2007 with the aim of creating a cooperation dynamic between the ports of the region to better defend their common interests and jointly face their challenges and opportunities. It brings together ports from six member countries including Port of Moroni, Port of Mutsamudu and Port of Boingoma in the Republic of Comoros, Port Louis in Mauritius, Port d'Ehoala and Port of Toamasina in Madagascar, Port of Longoni in Mayotte, Le Grand Port Maritime de La Réunion and Port Victoria in Seychelles.