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“Turning Waste into Opportunity: Inspiring Circular Innovation in Farming” *(2nd Edition)*

A collaboration between **Sustainability for Seychelles, Africa Circular and Moutok Seychelles**

Workshop Held

Tuesday 3rd March 2026, 8.30 - 12.45 HRS, L’Escale Resort

WORKSHOP REPORT

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BACKGROUND

Seychelles faces increasing environmental and climate-related pressures linked to the management of biodegradable waste.

The Solid Waste Master Plan for Seychelles (2020 – 2035) has identified biodegradable waste, which represents approximately 50% of total waste generated in the country as a "priority waste stream".

Organic waste from tourism establishments, households, fish and vegetable markets, fisheries and agricultural activities represents both a challenge and an untapped resource. Poorly managed biodegradable waste contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, landfill pressure, and lost economic value.

Under the project “Tackling Climate Change through Better Management of Biodegradable Waste”, Sustainability for Seychelles (S4S) is working to promote improved systems for organic waste reduction, diversion, and recovery, while encouraging a circular economy that links all sectors in the supply chain.

Building on the success of the first edition last year, this second workshop continues the conversation on transforming organic waste into economic and environmental opportunities with a focus on Black Soldier Fly technology.

In partnership with Africa Circular and Moutok Seychelles, participants were introduced to Black Soldier Fly technology.

OBJECTIVES

- Showcase the results and outputs of the main project ***“Tackling Climate Change through Better Management of Organic Waste”***
- Promote **circular economy solutions** for organic waste
- Introduce Black Soldier Fly (BSF) technology as an innovative approach to organic waste treatment
- Facilitate discussion on the way forward for scaling sustainable organic waste solutions in Seychelles
- Strengthen linkages between tourism, agriculture, and waste management sectors
- Foster dialogue on scalable, climate-friendly organic waste solutions for Seychelles

AGENDA

Time	Activity	Speaker	Duration
08:30	Arrival and registration	Organisers	15'
08:45	Welcome by Vice Chair Sustainability for Seychelles	Marie Therese Purvis	10'
08:55	Introduction to the workshop and facilitators by Moderator/MC	Moderator	5'
09:00	Ice-breaker / tour de table	Moderator	30'
09:30	Presentation of project outputs and impacts “Tackling Climate Change Through Better Management of Biodegradable Waste” highlight the new collaboration with Africa Circular	Iris Carolus, Rosetta Alcindor	30'
10:00	TEA BREAK	40 minutes	
10:40	Africa Circular - Introduction of the BUGS-Africa project, Summary of the BUGS projects learning materials and tools.	Piotr Barczak	15'
10:55	Climate and Clean Air Coalition / Prevent Waste Alliance	Camille Tahon Martin Kerres	15' (online)
11:10	Introduction to BSF topic: general overview of the BSF solution and operational aspects, policy development and GHG emissions mitigation potential.	Piotr Barczak and dr Stefan Diener, Herwig Ragossnig	40' (online)
11:50	Testimony - BSF pilot project by a farmer in Seychelles	Shahid Melanie	10'

12:00	Questions, feedback and remarks	Moderator	30'
12:30	Discuss itinerary for site visits and next steps	Iris Carolus and Piotr Barczak	5'
12:35	Closing remarks by Vice Chair	MT Purvis	5'
12:40	Lunch	60 minutes	
13:40 - 16:30	Farm visit (BSF Project) Grande Anse Mahe		

FACILITATORS AND PRESENTERS

Facilitators and presenters were:

S4S - Marie Therese Purvis delivered welcoming remarks
S4S - Iris Carolus, Johan Mendez and Rossetta Alcindor presenting an update on the S4S SGP Waste project
S4S - Shannon Surman as moderator
Africa Circular - Piotr Barczak as facilitator presenting the BUGS project and a context of BSF intervention
ECLOSE - Dr Stefan Dierner as speaker presenting the basics of the BSF technology
PREVENT Waste Alliance - Martin Kerres as a speaker introducing the PREVENT platform and its Organic Waste Working Group

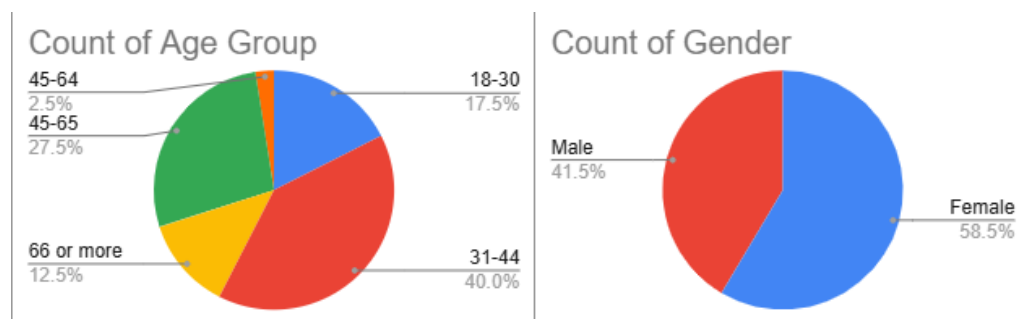
CARBON TURNAROUND - Herwig A. Ragossnig as speaker presenting about the BSF policy roadmap as a measure to approach SDGs and climate goals

PARTICIPANTS

Invitations for the session were sent via email, WhatsApp, and in person two weeks before the session.

A sample of the infographic accompanying the invitation can be [here](#)

There was diversity in age, gender and sector in attendance of the workshop.



A total of 37 participants were present; farmers, governmental research institutions, academia, waste management entities, professional training institutions, conservation organizations, tourism associations, tourism establishments, environmental consultants, entrepreneurs, and animal feed producers.

List of participants [here](#)

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

[S4S](#) in partnership with [Africa Circular](#) and Moutok Seychelles, organised a workshop and farm visit as part of the “Turning Waste into Opportunity: Inspiring Circular Innovation in Farming” took place on 3 March 2026 at L’Escale Resort, Mahé.

S4S and Africa Circular joined physically, while experts from PREVENT Waste Alliance, Carbon TURNAROUND and ECLOSE joined virtually. The event brought together a diverse group of stakeholders to explore practical solutions for organic waste management in farming. After arrival, registration and opening remarks by the Mrs Marie Therese Purvis, Vice Chair of S4S, the moderator introduced the programme and facilitators, followed by an interactive ice-breaker in which participants each wrote one word describing what organic waste meant to them a selection of words was discussed in plenary, creating an engaging space to surface perceptions, challenges and opportunities.

S4S then presented progress on the UNDP SGP GEF-funded project, sharing updates on organic waste auditing tools developed and training carried out with government offices, tailored food waste management trainings for hotel staff, the support provided to farmers through improved landing platforms to receive organic waste from hotels, and new collaboration and upcoming contracts between hotels and farmers for organic waste management.

Building on hands on in Africa experience, Mr Piotr Barczak from Africa Circular highlighted achievements of the BUGS Africa project in Ethiopia, Côte d'Ivoire and Uganda including advances with governments to prioritise Black Soldier Fly (BSF) for organic waste management and methane reduction, the allocation of land for BSF farming at several sites, and the equipping of farmers with tools and knowledge.

Mr Herwig A. Ragosnigg further introduced Carbon Turnaround and the BUGS project, outlined the aims and objectives of the BSF policy guide, and addressed the global methane mitigation challenge, organic waste management solutions, BSF opportunities and barriers, and a step-by-step roadmap and policy recommendations for a flourishing BSF sector in Africa.

Dr Stefane Diener from ECLOSE complemented this with a scientific overview of BSF technology, explaining the different life stages of BSF, the treatment options it offers for biowaste, possible facility set-ups, how to start a BSF business, and the BSF value chain.

During the technical sessions, many questions arose about BSF technology itself, including the costs of setting up, the viability of the end products and their efficiency compared to traditional animal feed, their role in organic waste management and as a soil enhancer, and the potential biosecurity threats, demonstrating strong interest in both opportunities and risks.

Presentations made during the session can be viewed [here](#)

MEDIA COVERAGE

All media houses were invited via email to attend the session. See the invitation and press release [here](#)

Telesesel and Today covered the event, and photos of the workshop were taken by facilitators, participants and media they can be viewed [here](#)

EVALUATION BY PARTICIPANTS

Participants were asked to complete a simple evaluation form at the end of the session. 6 participants responded and the feedback can be viewed [here](#)