

**SEYCHELLES
ATHLETICS FEDERATION
(SAF)**

*Summary Report on the
eleventh Indian Ocean Island
Games*

*(25th August to 3rd September
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Acknowledgement

The Seychelles Athletics Federation (SAF) owes much of its accomplishments at the Tenth Indian Ocean Games to the collective efforts of a number of organizations and individuals internationally, regionally and nationally.

At the international level, the Federation would like to acknowledge and appreciate the assistance and support of the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF).

At the regional level the Federation's acknowledgement and appreciation goes towards the management of the Eldoret High Performance Centre in Kenya, the Kenyan Athletics Federation, the Mauritius Athletics Federation, the management of the CONFEJES Programme, the management of Southern Region Athletics and coach Stephan Buckland of Mauritius.

At the local level, the Federation would like to acknowledge and appreciate the collaboration and assistance of the Games Commission, the National Sports Council (NSC), the Seychelles Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA), the management of athletics clubs, the different sponsors, employing agencies and friends of Athletics Seychelles.

Expression of appreciation also goes to all locally based coaches, officials and athletes who sincerely dedicated themselves to their responsibilities and acted as exemplary models to others during the preparatory stages of the games and throughout the games. Expression of appreciation also goes to the parents and relatives of members of the Athletes team.

As Chairperson of the Federation, I also wish to avail of this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to members of the National Committee who voluntarily agreed to perform delegated responsibilities vis-à-vis the Athletics delegation and all members for their collaboration and support throughout the different stages of the preparation and staging of the tenth Indian Ocean Islands Games.

Mr. Selby Dora
Chairperson – Seychelles Athletics Federation

A. Head of Delegation

The Athletics delegation was composed of the following sub-delegations each under the responsibility of a delegated person.

- A Coaching Team of five (5) Coaches under the delegated responsibility of Coach Mr. Joseph Volcy
- An Athlete Team of thirty (31) athletes (21 men/10 women) under the responsibility of a Manager, Mrs Monica Samson and the head of delegation Mr. Fabien Belle

As per the decision of the Federation Management;

- The Manager was to also assume welfare-related responsibilities for the both male and female athletes.
- The Head of the delegation would have overall responsibility whilst those with delegated responsibility for the different sub-delegations will be responsible for the day-to-day technical issues related to members of their sub-delegations.

B. Team Management

- **Organization and Management**

As agreed at the level of the National Committee, the Management of Athletes was under the responsibility of a Manager, Mrs Monica Samson and Mr Fabien Belle.

The Athletes Management Team worked in collaboration with the Coaches Team and the Head of the Delegation

- **Handi-sport**

The Athletes' Management Team participated in their Technical Meetings and confirmed the athletes for competition. Most of the competition related support was provided by the Team Manager.

C. Coaching Team

The coaches who formed part of the 11th Indian Ocean Island Games coaching team were as follows.

Sprinting Events: Giovanni Fanny (part time)
Joseph Adem (part time)
Lynda Jeanne (part time)
Gerish Rachel (part time)
Joseph Volcy (full time)

Middle/Long distance Events: Joseph Volcy (full time)
Joseph Adem (part time)
Giovani Fanny (part time)

Throwing Events: Joseph Volcy (full time)

Jumps: Joseph Volcy (full time)

Relevant information on athletes' participation, projected and actual performance for the 11th Indian Ocean Island Games are summarized at tables 2 and 3.

D. Officials participation

The delegation included one Technical Official, Mrs Ernest on the invitation by the Official's Committee of Madagascar, officiated as a field judge throughout the competitions.

E. Overseas Preparation for Athletes

In 2023 Iven Moise spent 3 and a half (3.5) months at the J C Eten training Centre in Kenya. Denzel Adem and Caleb Vadivello attended 6 weeks preparation in South Africa. Sharry Dodin attended training in Europe and Kenya. **Athlete's expenses ???**
Janosh Moncherry attended training in Kenya at his own cost

F. Participation in International competitions prior to the Games

2023 – Four (4) competitions in Mauritius

G. Financial support from Government

For the final year of preparation, the Seychelles Athletics Federation received around **RS 980 000.00** as financial support from the National Sports Council from the Games preparation budget, placing the Federation in the 8th position on the Funds to Federation list from NSC.

H. Incentives for medal winners and PBs

SAF rewarded Iven Moise for the 2 gold medals and for establishing a new national record in the 10 000m, with financial incentives.

I. Overall performance

In terms of gold medals, the athletics team won 2 gold, that was 4 medals less than what was achieved in 2019. It is worth noting that 3 athletes who were medals contenders were not able to defend their gold medals won in 2019. The athletes were Ned Azemia, Silly Gaylord and Natacha Chetty, Denzel Adem and Dyland Sicobo who were also a strong contender for medals. They did not make the team due to injuries.

J. Recommendations for improvement

Despite some minor challenges, the Seychelles Athletics Federation is of the opinion that the 11th Indian Ocean Island Games was successfully organized. From the performances registered, the experienced gained the necessary platform for improved performances in the coming Games have been laid.

However, this will only happen with advanced planning and preparation, clear direction and targets and necessary support and collaboration from the key partners within and outside the Department of Sports

Table 1: Summary Comments on the Main Areas of the Games

Issues	Rating			Additional Supporting Comments
	G	S	NS	
1. Level of Related Information Received Prior to Departure	√			
2. Administrative Arrangements For Departure	√			
3. Transport Arrangement for Departure		√		NSC provided transport for those who requested, otherwise each made his/her own arrangement
4. Reception on Arrival to Madagascar	√			
5. Transport Arrangement to Accommodation points	√			
6. Quality of Accommodation And Services	√			
7. Transport Arrangement to and From Competition /Training/Official Ceremony Venues	√			
8. Guidelines & Their Implementation with Regards to alcohol				
9. Technical Committee Meeting	√			
10. Availability of Competition Results	√			
11. Arrangements for and Organization of the Opening Ceremony	√			
12. Arrangements for and Organization of the Closing Ceremony	√			
13. Medal Award Ceremony	√			
14. Assistance from the Seychelles Secretariat	√			
15. Presence of Members of Seychelles Delegation at Athletics Competitions		√		
16. Distribution of Souvenirs to Delegation			√	
17. State of Health of Members of the Delegation	√			
18. General Comportment of Members of the Different Sub-delegations		√		
19. General comportment of Heads of the different Sub-delegations		√		
20. General Comportment of Members of Team Seychelles		√		
21. Administrative Arrangements of Return	√			
22. Transport Arrangement for Return	√			
23. Reception on Arrival	√			
24. Access to medical assistance	√			
25. Communication/meetings during the games	√			

Note: G: Good S: Satisfactory, NS: Not Satisfactory

Table 2: A Summary of the Athletes' Team, the Proposed and Actual events they Competed In

Category of Events	Proposed		Actual	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Sprints and Hurdles				
100 m	Dylan Sicobo Sharry Dodin Janosh Moncherry	Amelie Charles Naomi Toussaint Immanuella Larue	Sharry Dodin Leeroy Henriette Janosh Moncherry	Amelie Charles Naomi Toussaint Immanuella Larue
200 m	Dylan Sicobo Sharry Dodin Leeroy Henriette	Amelie Charles Naomi Toussaint Imanuella Larue	Sharry Dodin Gerold Alexis Caleb Vadivello	Amelie Charles Imanuella Larue Lea Pool
400 m	Caleb Vadivello Shean Fred Neil Azemia	Dora Samson Lea Pool Mary Dubel	Caleb Vadivello Shean Fred Neil Azemia	Dora Samson Lea Pool Mary Dubel
110mh	Shahim Mondon		Shahim Mondon	
	Ricardo Suzette		Ricardo Suzette	
4 x 100 m relay	Dylan Sicobo Sharry Dodin Leeroy Henriette Janosh Moncherry Jerrold Alexis	Amelie Charles Naomi Toussaint Lea Pool Dora Samson Jamillia Gonzalves Angela Calva	Sharry Dodin Caleb Vadivello Janosh Moncherry Jerrold Alexis	Amelie Charles Naomi Toussaint Lea Pool Jamillia Gonzalves
4 x 400 m relay	Caleb Vadivello Neil Azemia Shean Fred Leeroy Henriette Ned Azemia	Lea Pool Chloe Joubert Dora Samson Jamilia Gonzalves StepMary Dubel	Caleb Vadivello Neil Azemia Shean Fred Paolo Beaudoin	Chloe Joubert Dora Samson Jamilia Gonzalves Mary Dubel
Mixed Relay			Tiphano Uranie Paolo Beaudoin	Jamillia Gonzalves Chloe Joubert
Middle and Long Distance				
800 m	Yannick Magnan		Yannick Magnan	
	Tiphano Uranie		Tiphano Uranie	
	Paolo Beaudoin		Paolo Beaudoin	
1500 m	Yannick Magnan		Yannick Magnan	
	Shaun Magnan		Shaun Magnan	
3000 m steeple chase	Silly Gaylord			
5000 m	Iven Moise		Iven Moise	
10000 m	Iven Moise		Iven Moise	
Semi Marathon	Geno Belle		Geno Belle	
Throws and Jumps				
Javelin				
Shot Put	Michel Evenor		Michel Evenor	
Hammer	Don Wittz		Don Wittz	
Long Jump	Clinth Stravens	Geesha Capricieuse	Clinth Stravens	Geesha Capricieuse
Triple Jump	Menjel Kilindo			
High Jump	Norris Brioche	Emisha Victorin	Norris Brioche	Emisha Victorin
High Jump	Joshua Onezime		Joshua Onezime	

Note: (i)

Table 3: PROGNOSTIC

The following athletes were targeted as potential medal winners

Name	Event	Personal Best	Medal Targeted	Medal Received
Dylan Sicobo	100m	10.33	Silver	Did not make the team
	200m	21.26	silver	
	4x100m		Silver	
Sharry Dodin	100m	10.47	Bronze	None
	200m	21.38	Silver	
	4x100m		Silver	
Leeroy Henriette	4x100m		Silver	None
Denzel Adem	4x100m		Silver	Did not make the team
Ned Azemia	400mh	49.82	Gold	Did not make the team
	4x400m		Silver	
Caleb Vadivello	4x400m		Silver	5 th in finals
Janosh Moncherie	4x100m		Silver	5 th in finals
Iven Moise	5000m		Gold	Gold
	10 000 m		Silver	Gold
Gaylord Silly	1500 m		Bronze	Did not make the team
	3000m		Bronze	Did not make the team
Norris Brioche	High Jump	2.12m	Silver	Bronze
Joshua Onezime	High Jump	2.06m	Gold	Silver
Natacha Chetty	High Jump	1.77m	Gold	Did not make the team
Natacha Chetty	Long Jump	5.44m	Gold	Did not make the team

Table 4: Athletes who met the qualifying standards

Name	Event	Remarks	Comment
Dylan Sicobo	100m	Senior	
Sharry Dodin	100m	Senior	

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Sharry Dodin	200m	Senior	
Norris Brioché	High Jump	Senior	
Joshua Onezime	High Jump	Senior	
Caleb Vadivello	200m	Senior	
Jerrold Alexis	200m	Junior	
Iven Moise	10 000	Senior	
Silly Gaylord	800m	Senior	
Natacha Chetty	High Jump	Senior	

Table 6: Categories and Number of Medals Won

Year	Venue	Number of Medals			Total
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	
1979	Reunion	4	3	6	13
1985	Mauritius	2	3	3	8
1990	Madagascar	0	3	3	6
1993	Seychelles	6	3	5	7
1998	Reunion	1	5	6	12
2003	Mauritius	4* ¹	11* ²	10* ³	25 (5)
2007	Madagascar	2+1	2	3	8
2011	Seychelles	4	6	3	13 (1)
2015	Reunion	3	4	2	9
2019	Mauritius	6	6	5	17
2023	Madagascar	2	1	1	4

Note: * Special Olympics participants

Table 7: Number of Athletes who trained Overseas for three months or more before the Games

Year	Games Venue	Number of Athletes/Training Venue
1979	Reunion	None
1985	Mauritius	None
1990	Madagascar	1 France
1993	Seychelles	3 (1 France, 2 Atlanta USA)
1998	Reunion	3 Zimbabwe
2003	Mauritius	8 (4 in South Africa, 3 in Kenya, 1 in France)
2007	Madagascar	4 (1 in France, 1 in Kenya, 1 in Mauritius, 1 in Germany)
2011	Seychelles	6 (1 in France, 1 in Germany and 4 in Kenya) *a group of 21 athletes also attended a 25-day intensive training camp in Kenya just before the Games
2015	Reunion	Three (3) in Kenya and one (1) France
2019	Mauritius	Three (3) in Kenya, three (3) in USA, one (1) in France and one (1) Mauritius
2023	Madagascar	One (1) JC Eten, Kenya, (1) (Sharry) Kenya ???

Table 8: Number of Officials who Performed Officiating Duties at Games Held Outside of Seychelles with Some Federation Assistance

Year	Games Venue	Number of Officials who Performed Officiating Duties
1979	Reunion	None
1985	Mauritius	None
1990	Madagascar	None
1993	Seychelles	Not Applicable
1998	Reunion	One (1)
2003	Mauritius	Thirteen (13)
2007	Madagascar	One (1)
2011	Seychelles	Not Applicable
2015	Reunion	None
2019	Mauritius	One (1)
2023	Madagascar	One (1)

Table 9: Events in which Athletics Won Medals at the IOIG

Events/Category											
Sprints & Hurdles	'79	'85	'90	'93	'98	'03	'07	'11	'15	'19	23
1. 100 m (men)	G							S		S & B	
2. 100 m (men handicapped)						B S					B
3. 100 m (women)						S					
4. 100 m (women Handi-Sport)						G B	G	S			
5. 200 m (men)	G S	G S						S		S	
6. 200 m (men handi-sport)						G					B
7. 200 m (women)						S					
8. 200 m (women handicapped)											
9. 110 m hurdles (men)											
10. 110 m hurdles (women)				B		S					
11. 400 m (men)	G			G					S	B	
12. 400 m (women)											
13. 400 m (hurdles men)	S	S							B	G	
14. 400 m (hurdles women)											
15. 4 x 100 m relay (men)	B	B			B	B		S		S	
16. 4 x 100 m relay (women)	B	B				B					
17. 4 x 400 relay (men)	G	B	B	B				B	S		
18. 4 x 400 relay (women)	B					B					
Subtotal	9	6	1	3	2	11 (5)	1	5 (1)	3	6	2

Events/Category											
Middle Long Distance	'79	'85	'90	'93	'98	'03	'07	'11	'15	'19	23
19. 800 m (men)					S						
20. 800 m (women)	B										
21. 1500 m (men)					B	S					
22. 1500 m (women)	B										
23. 3000 m/sc (men)	S	S			S	G B			S	G	
24. 5000 m (men)						B				G	G
25. 5000 m (women)											
26. 10000 m (men)	B									B	G
27. 10000 m (women)				B					S		
28. Marathon (men)											
29. Marathon (women)											
30. 1500m Wheel Chair											B
Subtotal	4	1	0	1	3	4	0		2	3	2

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Events/Category	IOIG										
	'79	'85	'90	'93	'98	'03	'07	'11	'15	'19	'23
30. Javelin (men)											
31. Javelin (women)						S	G	G			
32. Shot Put (men)				B		B	S	B		B	
33. Shot Put (Handi-sport) men											S
34. Shot Put (women)			B				B				
35. Shot Put (Handi-sport) women											S
34. Discus (men)						S					
35. Discus (women)						S	S				
36. Hammer (men)				B		B	B			B	
37. Hammer (women)											
38. High Jump (men)				S	S	S B	G S	G	G B	G	S B
39. High Jump (women)				G	B	S		G	G	G	
40. Long Jump (men)		G	S B	G B	G					G	
41. Long Jump Women											
42. Long Jump(Handi-sport) (women)				G	S B	G		S B		G S	B
43. Long Jump (Handi-sport)											B
44. Triple Jump (men)			S	S	S	S					
45. Triple Jump (women)				S				S			
46. Pole Vault (men)											
47. Pole Vault (women)											
48. Combined Events (men)			S								
49. Combined Events (women)				G				G			
Subtotal	0	1	5	10	7	10	7	8	4	7	6
Grand Total	13	8	6	14	12	25 (5)	7				11

Table 10: Medals Per Category of Events

Events/Category	'79	'85	'90	'93	'98	'03	'07	'11	'15	'19	'23
	Sprints and Hurdles	9	6	1	3	2	11 (5)	0	5	3	6
Middle and Long Distance	4	1	0	1	3	4	0	0	2	3	3
Throws and Jumps	0	1	4	9	7	10	7	7	4	7	6
Combined Events	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1		0	
Total	13	8	6	14	12	25 (5)	7		9	16	11

Table 11: Medal Won by Gender and Category of Events

Events/Category	Number of Medals by Gender													
	1979		1985		1990		1993		1998		2003		2007	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Sprints and Hurdles	7	2	6	1	1		2	1	1	-	4*1	7*1	-	1*
Middle and Long Distance	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	4	-	-	-
Throws and Jumps	-	-	-	-	3	1	7	3	4	4	6	4	4	3
Combine Events	-		-	-	1	1		1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	9		7	1	5	1	9	6	8	4	14	11	4	4
	13		8		6		15		12		25 (5)		8 (1)	

Note: *1: from Special Olympics participants

Events/Category	Number of Medals by Gender													
	2011		2015		2019		2023		2027		2031		2035	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Sprints and Hurdles	3	0			6	0	2	0						
Middle and Long Distance	0	0			3	0	3	0						
Throws and Jumps	1	5			3	3	4	2						
Combine Events	0	1			0	0	0	0						
Total	4	5			12	3	9	2						

Table 12: Size of Athletes Delegation for IOIG

Year	Games	No. of Athletes			No. of Medals	
		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
1979	Reunion	12	7	19	9	4
1985	Mauritius	17	5	22	7	1
1990	Madagascar	11	4	15	5	1
1993	Seychelles	41	25	66	9	6
1998	Reunion	14	8	22	8	4
2003	Mauritius	15	7	22	14	11
2007	Madagascar	16	14	30	4	3
2011	Seychelles				4	5
2015	Reunion					
2019	Mauritius	22	10	32	12	3
2023	Madagascar	21	10	31	9	2

Table 13: Coaches Delegation by Gender and Nationality

Year	Games	Gender		Nationality		
		Men	Women	Seychellois	Non-Seychellois	Total
1979	Reunion	02	00	00	02	02
1985	Mauritius	01	00	00	01	01
1990	Madagascar	02	00	01	01	02
1993	Seychelles	03	01	01	02	03
1998	Reunion	04	01	02	02	04
2003	Mauritius	04	01	04	01	05
2007	Madagascar	05	-	04	01	05
2011	Seychelles	07	01	06	02	08
2015	Reunion	05	01	04	02	06
2019	Mauritius	06	01	05	02	07
2023	Madagascar	04	01	05	0	05

***Note:** Only one full time coach working with the athletics federation*