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Protecting Our Borders against Illegal Substances – Seychelles Customs
Emphasizes its Role

The Seychelles Customs will actively support the initiative taken by CARE, (Campaign for Awareness, Resilience, and Education against substance abuse) for the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Friday June 26, 2009. On this occasion Customs aims to raise awareness on the crucial role it plays in protecting our community from illegal substances.

A group of Customs Officers will take part in the solidarity march tomorrow organized by CARE from 3pm to 4pm.

“We have decided to illustrate our role as we give our support on Friday,” says Kelvin Didon, Customs Manager at the airport, “There is a general lack of awareness on what we do as an organization in protecting our young people and families from drugs, therefore, we will highlight our achievements over the years and what they mean for our society.”

Mr Didon added that they want to draw the attention of the public to the threats posed to society if there was no authority, such as Customs, to protect our borders. Being a pro-active

law enforcement organization, Customs officers are always be on the alert regardless of how intricate and demanding their tasks are.

“Customs’ function is important for Seychelles,” says Mr Didon, “however, we also need the support of everyone in helping us to fulfill our duty to protect our borders.”

Customs administrations which are members of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) are engaged in various initiatives to combat illicit trafficking in drugs and chemical precursors. As a WCO member Seychelles Customs is pulling together with other members in supporting their states to fight the scourge.

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