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and conservation to build a resilient  
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## The Aldabra Research Station 50th Anniversary Celebration Symposium - Seychelles

Programme - Tuesday 31st May 2022

### ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION - 9:30 AM

#### OPENING - 10:00 AM

**Welcoming remarks & Aldabra video screening**

*Aruna Sunassee*

**Opening of the symposium**

*President Wavel Ramkalawan - Patron of the Seychelles Islands Foundation*

**Short history of scientific research on Aldabra**

*Dr Frauke Fleischer-Dogley - CEO of the Seychelles Islands Foundation*

### TEA BREAK - 10:45 AM

#### SESSION 1: MARINE RESEARCH & CLIMATE CHANGE

11:00 AM

**Aldabra's coastlines: 50 years of change**

*Annabelle Constance*

11:10 AM

**Understanding movement and population dynamics of Aldabra's green turtles**

*Cheryl Sanchez*

11:20 AM

**Managing Aldabra's reefs for resilience**

*Dr Anna Koester*

11:30 AM

**Coral connectivity**

*April Burt*

11:40 AM

**Question & Answer Session**

## LUNCH BREAK - 12:00 PM

### SESSION 2: INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES MANAGEMENT

13:00 PM

**Invasive alien species - Overview of completed eradication projects and remaining IAS threats to Aldabra**  
*Jessica Constance & Julio Agricole*

13:10 PM

**Establishing biosecurity measures to protect Aldabra's biodiversity**  
*Veronique Banane & Cheyenne Chang-Yunn*

13:20 AM

**Aldabra reimagined**  
*Dr Nancy Bunbury*

13:35 AM

**Question & Answer Session**

## TEA BREAK - 14:00 PM

### SESSION 3: MANAGEMENT & PROJECTS

14:30 PM

**Overcoming barriers to island ecosystem management**  
*April Burt*

14:40 PM

**How will climate change impact Aldabra? Results from a snapshot climate vulnerability index**  
*Veronique Banane*

14:50 PM

**Communication Effectiveness Assessment**  
*Mara Rivolta*

15:00 PM

**Sustainable management of Aldabra: current status & future plans**  
*Jude Brice & Christina Quanz*

15:10 PM

**Question & Answer Session**

16:00 PM

**Live link-up and Q&A session with Aldabra**  
*Aldabra team*

#### Concluding remarks

*Hon Bernard Georges - Chairman of the Seychelles Islands Foundation*

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## MEETING CLOSES - 16:30 PM

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