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## Press Release

### Public Call for Questions for the Presidential Debates

The SBC is proceeding with its planned Presidential Debates for the forthcoming Presidential Election in October.

Two live debates between the Presidential Candidates have been planned, after the Nomination Day, when all candidates have been officially confirmed.

The first debate will be on the **9<sup>th</sup> of October** and the second one, a week later, on the **16<sup>th</sup> October**. Both debates are expected to be around 90 minutes long and will start at 7 p.m. on both days.

The format adopted by the SBC is based on the model used by Canada for its Leaders' Debate.

The debate will be opened by a presenter and managed by a moderator.

All candidates will have two minutes to make an opening statement and one minute to respond to any questions that is put to them during the debate. The format also allows for candidates to debate amongst themselves after each has given their responses to a question.

The Deputy Chief Executive of the SBC, Mr Jude Louange has said that the debates “will allow the candidates to put forward their policies, strategies and challenges in achieving them” and will also help “to ensure a more informed and engaged electorate”

To ensure the involvement of the electorate in this democratic exercise, the SBC is inviting members of the public to contribute questions for the debates.

Questions can be submitted in the following manner:

- By email to [debates@sbc.sc](mailto:debates@sbc.sc)
- By post to: Deputy CEO
  - SBC
  - PO Box 321
  - Hermitage
- By SMS: Send your questions to 2520170 (Please insert the word **DEBA** before typing your SMS)
- By the Survey Monkey link available on the SBC Facebook page: **SBC – Seychelles Broadcasting Corporation**
- By the Pop-Up Survey Form available on the Home Page of the SBC website [www.sbc.sc](http://www.sbc.sc)

All the questions submitted will be grouped into 5 or 6 general themes which will be used during each debate.



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The SBC has set up a panel, to receive and collate all the questions submitted into the different themes for the debates.

The deadline for submission of questions is Tuesday **15<sup>th</sup> September**. Questions submitted after that date will not be accepted.

All citizens are encouraged to participate in this first ever exercise to help produce informative debates that will further the democratic progress of Seychelles.