

CABINET DECISIONS – 09 MARCH 2017

1. Cabinet has agreed to the setting up of an Oracle Centre of Excellence within the National ICT Training Centre Ltd (ICT Academy) at Ebène. The Centre would provide training in Oracle based products under the Oracle Workforce Development Programme, as well as arrange for job placement. The Academy would also work with public tertiary education institutions, including the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development, and eventually the Polytechnics, as well as professionals in ICT.

2. Cabinet has taken note of the status in the implementation of the Government Medical Insurance Scheme in the Civil Service as recommended in PRB Report 2016. The terms and conditions for the Scheme are being worked out by a Steering Committee chaired by the Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, in consultation with the three main Federations of trade unions.

3. Cabinet has agreed to the "*Protocol on Heavy Rainfall for the Public Sector*" that will govern the release of public officers on the issue of Heavy Rainfall Warning by the Mauritius Meteorological Services, and after decision/instruction from the National Crisis Committee. The Protocol aims at providing advice and practical guidelines on work arrangements in times of heavy rainfall/localised heavy rainfall, and ensuring the safety of employees and service continuity.

Cabinet has taken note that Business Mauritius is working on a Protocol for the private sector.

4. Cabinet has taken note that Polytechnics Mauritius and the Waikato Institute of Technology, New Zealand, would sign a Memorandum of Understanding on collaboration in the running of programmes in Tourism and Hospitality at Montagne Blanche Polytechnic. The first enrolment exercise is scheduled for August 2017. The Institute would be the awarding body for the Programmes.

5. Cabinet has taken note that, according to the last monthly report published by the Statistics Unit of the Ministry of Tourism, 105,049 tourists visited Mauritius in the month of February 2017 as compared to 100,706 in February 2016, i.e., an increase of 4.3%. Growth had been registered in arrivals from Germany (+11.9%), United Kingdom (+7.2%), Italy (+9.4%), India (+4.1%), South Africa (+20.3%), Poland (+73.8%), Czech Republic (+47.5%), Switzerland (+24.8%) and Sweden (+3.2%).

6. Cabinet has taken note of the status of the construction of the New Supreme Court Building at Edith Cavell Street, Port Louis, site formerly occupied by the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research. The Government of India would provide a grant assistance to the tune of USD30m for the construction of the building.

7. Cabinet has taken note of the status in the implementation of the integrated development project for the National Coast Guard (NCG) at Fort William. The project would comprise NCG Headquarters, ship repair facilities and a dry dock facility with flotilla services. The cost of the project is estimated at USD70m and would be partly financed by the Government of India.

8. Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Tourism would set up a Coordination Committee on Sea-based Tourism Projects to, *inter alia*, -

- (a) look into the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Master Plan for the Management and Zoning of Lagoon for the Tourism Sector;
- (b) examine sea-based projects from promoters;
- (c) review existing nautical activities to protect the fragile eco-system;
- (d) encourage innovative and eco-friendly nautical activities; and
- (e) advise on measures to enhance safety and security at sea.

9. Cabinet has taken note that the football match between the Under 21 National Team and the Under 21 National Team of Singapore organised in the context of the National Day celebrations would be played on 11 March 2017 at George V Stadium. On the occasion, the Mauritius Blood Donors Association would organise a Blood Donation Campaign.

10. Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, in collaboration with the Centre for Public Service Innovation, South Africa, would host the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN) Workshop in May/June 2017. The objective of the UNPAN portal, an electronic network for the SADC region, is to support the development of effective and efficient public administration systems and competencies especially in developing countries. The Workshop would provide a platform for dialogue, sharing of knowledge, and exchange of innovative practices in public administration and management. Around 40 to 50 delegates from SADC countries would attend the workshop.

11. Cabinet has agreed to the nomination of Hon. Justice Y.K.J. Yeung Sik Yuen, GOSK, former Chief Justice, to stand as candidate for election for a second term of office as Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

12. Cabinet has taken note of the appointment of –

- (a) Mr Anand Babbea as Chairperson of the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd; and
- (b) Mr Darsanand Balgobin (also known as Deepak) as Chairperson of the Mauritius Housing Company Ltd.

13. Cabinet has taken note of the reconstitution of the –

- (a) Board of Directors of the Airports of Mauritius Company Limited (AML) and the Airport Terminal Operations Limited (ATOL) with Mr Johnny Thierry Dieudonne Dumazel as Chairperson;
- (b) Board of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA) with Mr Mahmad Aleem Bocus as Chairperson; and
- (c) Board of Trustees of the Trade Union Trust Fund.
