

CABINET DECISIONS – 5 MAY 2017

1. Cabinet has taken note of the formulation of a National Drug Control Master Plan for Mauritius with the assistance of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to have an integrated approach to effectively address the drug problem.

2. Cabinet has taken note of arrangements being made for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the National Export Strategy Document that charts the direction for export consolidation and diversification to turn Mauritius into a strategic hub for international trade.

3. Cabinet has taken note of the status in the implementation of the New Modern Terminal Project at Victoria Bus Station. The Project aims at providing, *inter alia*, a modern bus terminal, a commercial complex, a dedicated place to house some 1200 vendors, a parking space, and a green area.

4. Cabinet has taken note of the status regarding the enlistment and training of Pre-Registration House Officers and that the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life is making arrangements to enlist another batch of 135 Officers. The Pre-Registration Entry Examinations would be held in June 2017.

5. Cabinet has taken note of the Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement that sets out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Mauritius for the period 2017-2020.

Cabinet has also taken note that the European Union has agreed to finance the acquisition of an electronic catch reporting system that would enable Mauritius to obtain accurate information on the catch of each vessel.

6. Cabinet has taken note that the World Health Organisation (WHO) Regional Office for Africa would organise a Sub-Regional Meeting on Graphic Health Warnings in Mauritius in June 2017. The purpose of the Meeting is to bring national partners to share their experience, and discuss the way forward and how support can be provided to countries aiming at sensitising their population with large graphic health warnings. The WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control provides for parties to the Convention to implement large rotating health warnings on all tobacco product packaging and labelling. Some 40 participants, as well as regional and international experts, would attend the Meeting.

7. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent mission of the Minister of Health and Quality of Life to South Africa where he attended the China-Africa Conference on Health Cooperation. The theme of the Conference was *China-Africa Cooperation in Health: From Commitment to Action*. The aim of the Conference was to summarise progress achieved and discuss how to reinforce efforts to implement the health-related commitments announced during the Second Ministerial Forum on China-Africa Health Cooperation held in 2015.

In the margins of the Conference, the Minister of Health and Quality of Life had meetings with Mr Michel Sidebe, UN Under Secretary General and Executive Director of UNAIDS, the Minister of Health of the Comoros, and the Minister of Health of Cabo Verde on bilateral cooperation.

8. Cabinet has taken note that the Hon Shri Kalraj Mishra, Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) of the Republic of India, would be on official visit to Mauritius from 11 to 15 May 2017. The Hon Shri Kalraj Mishra would attend the Second Joint Committee Meeting on Cooperation in the field of MSME, and the Opening Ceremony of the SME International Innovation and Technology Fair 2017, organised by the SMEDA in collaboration with the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives. He would also pay courtesy calls, among others, on the President of the Republic and the Prime Minister.

9. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent mission of the Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment to the People's Republic of China. During his visit, the Minister had meetings, among others, with HE Mr Liu Yongfu, Minister, State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development, and HE Mr Li Gang, Minister, Overseas Chinese Office of the State Council, on poverty alleviation and new empowerment schemes.

10. Cabinet has taken note that, during his recent visit to Rodrigues, the Minister of Health and Quality of Life took stock of the prevailing health situation, and had discussions with the Commissioner for Health on issues, such as treatment of Rodriguan patients in Mauritius, reinforcement of personnel, upgrading of infrastructure, and the enhancement of primary health care. The findings of the Rodrigues NCD Survey 2016 carried out by the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life, in collaboration with Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute, was also disseminated, and the campaign for '*Prévention Nationale pour les Maladies Non-transmissibles*' launched.

11. Cabinet has taken note that Mr Raj Makoond, Chief Executive Officer of Business Mauritius, would be Chairperson of the Panel of Jury for the Public Service Excellence Award 2016 Edition. The Public Service Excellence Award is an annual event that aims at inspiring innovation and excellence in the delivery of public services. The theme was "**Excellence – Doing Ordinary Things Extraordinarily Well.**"
