

CABINET DECISIONS – 1 JUNE 2018

1. Cabinet has agreed to the proposed Migration and Development Policy, prepared by a team of experts deputed by the European Union Delegation to Mauritius and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development. The Migration and Development Policy purports at setting out the strategic vision of Government in dealing with challenges and opportunities related to migration in a holistic and proactive manner. In line with the Government Programme 2015-2019, the overall goal is to maximize the positive outcomes and impact of migration for the socio-economic development of the Republic of Mauritius. The formulation of the Policy framework has been driven by the current and future imperatives generated by globalisation, rapid transformation of economies and societies, external and internal factors, challenges and opportunities as well as international commitments taken to promote universal respect and observance of human rights and freedom for all.

2. Cabinet has agreed to Mauritius acceding to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products to the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. The objective of the Protocol is to eliminate all forms of illicit trade in tobacco products. The Protocol was developed in response to the growing illicit trade in tobacco products which bypasses legal control procedures and contributes to the spread of the tobacco epidemic by making tobacco products cheaper and easily available. Illicit trade in tobacco products also causes substantial losses in Government revenues and contributes to funding of transnational criminal activities.

3. Cabinet has taken note that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of Mauritius and the *Principauté de Monaco* on the “*Programme d’Echange dans le Domaine de l’Hôtellerie et de la Restauration*” would be renewed for the period 2018-2020. The aim of the Memorandum of Understanding is to improve and promote the competencies of young students in the field of “*l’Hôtellerie et de la Restauration*”. The main areas of cooperation include –

- (a) the visit of Mauritian students from the *Ecole Hôtelière Sir Gaëtan Duval* of the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development (MITD) to the *Lycée Technique et Hôtelier de Monaco*;
- (b) capacity building for MITD trainers of the *Ecole Hôtelière Sir Gaëtan Duval*; and
- (c) exchange of pedagogical know-how and logistics support.

4. Cabinet has taken note of the main recommendations emanating from the Consultative Workshop organised by the Tourism Authority with the participation of stakeholders in the pleasure craft sector. The Workshop was organised to obtain the views and suggestions of the pleasure craft operators on the measures being implemented by the Ministry of Tourism and the Tourism Authority for the safe and orderly conduct of nautical activities. The main themes discussed were -

- (a) embarkation points for commercial pleasure craft;
- (b) dolphin and whale watching and swimming with dolphin activities;
- (c) zoning of lagoon project; and
- (d) safety and security at sea.

5. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent mission of the Minister of Health and Quality of Life to Geneva where he attended the World Health Assembly Meeting. The Director General of the WHO outlined his strategy to develop, in consultation with member countries, a pragmatic WHO programme to address problem of disease burden and to improve health care. In the margins of the Assembly meetings, the Minister also attended, among others, the WHO Ministerial Consultation Special Initiative Meeting on Climate Change and Health of Small Island Developing States, the Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting, the East and Central and Southern Africa Regional Health Ministers Conference. The Minister also had meetings with –

- (a) Dr Raman Velayudhan of the Ecology and Management Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Disease of WHO to discuss the outbreak of dengue epidemic;
- (b) Professor Kerstin Borras, Head of Compact Muon Solenoid of CERN, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research on training opportunities for students in the field of Science; and
- (c) various senior officers of the International Atomic Energy Agency regarding assistance in the field of cancer treatment.

6. Cabinet has taken note that, on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day commemorated on 14 June, the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life would –

- (a) organise a one-day Workshop on 13 June 2018 on the theme “Blood Sustainability- Present and Future”. The focus would be on promoting the establishment of safe and sustainable blood systems, particularly through voluntary non-remunerated blood donation; and

- (b) carry out a sensitisation campaign on the need for safe blood.

The theme chosen by the World Health Organization for this year is “**Blood connects us all**”.

7. Cabinet has taken note of the programme of activities being organised for the Malagasy Week from 01 to 10 June 2018 in the context of the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of Mauritius, namely –

- (a) a Malagasy Culinary Festival from 01 to 10 June 2018 to enable the Mauritian public to discover the richness of the Malagasy gastronomy;
- (b) a "Madagascar au Trianon" expo-sale fair from 02 to 10 June 2018 at the Trianon Shopping Park; and
- (c) a concert depicting the Malagasy music by the Randrangasy group on 03 June 2018 at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka.

8. Cabinet has taken note of the activities that would be organised by the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development in the context of the United Nations World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2018 celebrated on 15 June, namely –

- (a) the broadcast of a clip against elderly abuse on TV and radios;
- (b) the display of slogans against elderly abuse on the electronic boards of local authorities;
- (c) the distribution of pamphlets and stickers to the population to create awareness against elderly abuse; and
- (d) an intergenerational activity in a secondary school to raise awareness on the ill-treatment of elderly persons and strengthen the bond between the generations.

9. Cabinet has taken note of the activities that would be organised by the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare in collaboration with the National Children’s Council, in the context of the Day of the African Child 2018 commemorated on 16 June, namely –

- (a) a Children's Forum on 07 June 2018 at Octave Wiehe Auditorium, Reduit around the theme "*Zanfan, pran kont to l'avenir*";
- (b) an exhibition on drug and substance abuse by the Mauritius Police Force;
- (c) a cultural show, in collaboration with the Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture Trust Fund; and
- (d) an aggressive '16 days-16 Rights Campaign' on the rights of the child as per the Articles on the Convention on the Rights of the Child from 01 June to 16 June 2018 in some secondary schools and Children's clubs.

The theme chosen by the African Union for this year is "**leave no child behind for Africa's Development**".
