

**CABINET DECISIONS – 19 JUNE 2020**

1. Cabinet has agreed to the introduction of the Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting the Financing of Terrorism (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2020 into the National Assembly. The object of the Bill is to bring further fundamental reforms in the financial services sector, thereby ensuring closer compliance with recommended international best practices and norms of the Financial Action Task Force. Accordingly, various enactments are being amended with a view to reinforcing the existing legal provisions to further combat money laundering and the financing of terrorism, and to provide for matters related thereto.

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2. Cabinet has taken note that the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development would promulgate the Statutory Bodies (Accounts and Audit) (Extension of Time during COVID-19 Period) Regulations 2020. The object of the Regulations is to prescribe a new deadline, as provided in the COVID-19 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, for the submission of annual report and audit report by the auditor to the Board of a statutory body given that the submission date, i.e. 30 April 2020, was during the COVID-19 period.

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3. Cabinet has taken note of the arrangements made by the Ministry of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity, in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare, for the opening and manning of the Evacuee Centres in the event of natural calamities such as cyclones, torrential rain and flooding.

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4. Cabinet has taken note of the status of the implementation of the Work-from-Home Scheme across the Public Service and additional measures envisaged to promote its uptake.

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5. Cabinet has agreed to the submission of the fourth State of Conservation (SOC) Report for Le Morne Cultural Landscape World Heritage Property to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre. The purpose of the SOC report is to, inter alia, –

- (a) demonstrate how the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the World Heritage Property is being maintained and enhanced;
- (b) provide information on the factors affecting the OUV of the Property, including threats if any, to its Authenticity and/or Integrity; and
- (c) describe conservation measures as well as practical actions taken by the State Party to improve the state of conservation of the Property.

The SOC reports are examined at the annual meeting of the World Heritage Committee which is responsible for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

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6. Cabinet has taken note of the activities to be organised by the Ministry of Health and Wellness to mark the International Day of Yoga 2020, observed on 21 June, namely -

- (a) the Ministry, in collaboration with the High Commission of India, would launch the International Day of Yoga 2020 on 22 June 2020;
- (b) various activities would be organised to sensitise the general public on the benefits of yoga and its contribution in building a healthier society including -
  - (i) yoga demonstrations in around 100 health clubs/centres;
  - (ii) awareness raising on the practice of yoga during screening programmes for Non-Communicable Diseases at worksites and in the community; and
  - (iii) radio and live TV interventions by health professionals.

The theme chosen for this year's commemoration is "*Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family*".

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7. Cabinet has taken note of the programme being organised by the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage to mark the celebration of Music Day on 21 June, to create a global atmosphere of music and a platform for bringing together artists from various musical genres. The theme of the celebration this year would be "*Linite dan la mizik*". A unique concert behind closed doors would be held at the Swami Vivekananda International Convention Centre, Pailles on 21 June 2020 with the participation of 150 artists from different musical styles. The musical concert of two hours duration would be recorded and live streamed on social media so as to reach maximum audience.

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8. Cabinet has taken note of the reconstitution of the Private Secondary Education Board with Mr Jean Jocelin Niven as Chairperson.

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9. Cabinet has taken note of the reconstitution of the Board of the Beach Authority, with Mr Daniel Eric Clive Laurent as Chairperson.

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10. Cabinet has taken note of the reconstitution of the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council with Dr Kaviraj Sharma Sukon as Chairperson.

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