

HIGHLIGHTS OF CABINET MEETING – FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 2024

1. Cabinet has taken note that the Central Water Authority (Dry Season) (Amendment No. 9) Regulations 2024 would be promulgated so that irrigation from water abstracted from the Midlands-La Nicolière System would be suspended. In addition, irrigation of sugar cane would remain suspended across the island.

2. Cabinet has taken note that Government would issue a Four-Year Government of Mauritius Savings Bond through the Bank of Mauritius over a period of six months as from 15 October 2024 at an interest rate of 3.5 percent per annum.

3. Cabinet has agreed to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Burundi which would pave the way for further interactions between the two countries with a view to exploring opportunities for cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

4. Cabinet has taken note of the activities being organised to mark the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, which is observed every year on 13 October. The following activities would be organised by the Ministry of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre in collaboration with relevant stakeholders -

- (a) a half-day campaign on 12 October 2024, comprising, inter alia, a live radio programme, a photo exhibition and a message from the UN Secretary General;
- (b) inclusive sensitisation programmes in Special Education Needs institutions;
- (c) logo display and promotional materials during sensitisation campaigns in, inter alia, schools, local authorities and Citizens' Advice Bureaus;
- (d) a flood simulation exercise to strengthen the preparedness of local authorities, residents and youth, in responding to flood risks; and
- (e) media engagement through radio and television programmes aimed at educating and sensitising the public on disaster risk management.
