

HIGHLIGHTS OF CABINET MEETING – FRIDAY 05 DECEMBER 2025

1. Cabinet has agreed to the introduction of the Law Reform Commission Bill into the National Assembly. The object of the Bill is to repeal the Law Reform Commission Act and re-enact a more appropriate and modern legislative framework.

The Law Reform Commission under this new legislation will, in keeping with the laws of Mauritius under review, have wider functions and powers to propose reforms aimed at simplifying, modernising and consolidating the laws of Mauritius. In addition, the Law Reform Commission will be empowered to conduct post-legislative analysis of any enactment which has been wholly or partly based on its recommendations.

2. Cabinet has taken note of the release of a communiqué by the Prime Minister's Office, inviting all stakeholders, including political parties, the academia, the Mauritian diaspora, trade unions, NGOs, civil society organisations as well as the public at large to submit their proposals and suggestions on electoral reforms by Friday 30 January 2026. Thereafter, a document will be published.

3. Cabinet has agreed to the promulgation of the Social Integration and Empowerment (School Materials Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 to amend the "School Materials" Scheme so that financial assistance in terms of grant shall be provided for the purchase of school materials such as bags, uniforms, shoes, copybooks and stationery to any student between three to 23 years of a household on the Social Register of Mauritius.

For Academic Year 2026, it is expected that around 11,565 students (7,141 in Mauritius and 4,424 in Rodrigues) of households under the Social Register of Mauritius would be eligible to benefit from the "School Materials" Scheme.

4. Cabinet has taken note that the payment of pension to beneficiaries for the month of January 2026 will be effected on 31 December 2025.

5. Cabinet has agreed to the setting up of an Inter-Ministerial Committee under the chair of the Minister of Housing and Lands to follow up on the implementation of the Government Programme 2025-2029. The Committee will comprise –

- (a) the Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity;
- (b) the Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations;

- (c) the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection; and
- (d) the Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation.

6. Cabinet has agreed to the setting up of an Inter-Ministerial Committee under the co-chair of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade and the Minister of Industry, SME and Cooperatives, to look into the organisation of the US-Africa Business Summit to be held in Mauritius from 26-29 July 2026.

Cabinet has further taken note that a technical committee from the Corporate Council on Africa was in Mauritius this week to discuss the arrangements being made for the Summit.

7. Cabinet has agreed, in relation to the night markets to be held during the festive season in different localities, to allow shop owners to display their products in front of their premises, against payment of the relevant occasional fee applicable to hawkers.

8. Cabinet has taken note of the organisation of a 'Course de l'Unité' by the Minister of Youth and Sports, in collaboration with several stakeholders, on Sunday 07 December 2025 on the theme 'Morisien mobilize kont ladrog'. The objectives of the event are –

- (a) to sensitise the population about the scourge of drugs;
- (b) to promote an active and healthy lifestyle;
- (c) to provide a platform for athletes, para-athletes and citizens to compete in a national relay;
- (d) to foster national unity and social cohesion by involving citizens from towns, villages, and Rodrigues;
- (e) to encourage inclusivity, since the event is open to men and women, including persons with disabilities; and
- (f) to strengthen institutional partnerships through the involvement of several governmental institutions in the furtherance of a common and noble goal.

The 'Course de l'Unité' will bring together some 1,500 participants from Mauritius and Rodrigues and will comprise the following activities –

- (a) a main relay race of 46.6 km, starting from the Town Hall of the Municipal Council of Curepipe;

- (b) a wheelchair race of 3.8 km for some 15 para-athletes and which will start at the Plaza, Rose Hill;
- (c) a 'Fun Race' of 2.1 km for some 130 women of the National Women's Sports Commission; and
- (d) a march of approximately 1.2 km with approximately 1,000 participants, including licensees from national sports federations.

The first three winners of the main relay race (46.6 km) will receive cash prizes of Rs100,000, Rs75,000, and Rs50,000, respectively.

9. Cabinet has taken note of the activities that the Human Rights Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade will organise in the context of the Human Rights Day 2025, which is celebrated around the world every year on 10 December.

The Human Rights Day marks the day when the United Nations General Assembly adopted, on 10 December 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The theme chosen by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is "Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials", with emphasis that human rights are positive, essential and attainable.

An awareness session will be held on gender-based violence for women and girls attending/working in empowerment centres, in line with the UN Secretary-General's "UNiTE to End Violence against Women" campaign. The Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which has been translated in "Kreol Morisien" and published in the form of a small booklet, will also be launched.

10. Cabinet has taken note of the release of sterile male mosquitoes in Triolet with a view to reducing the mosquito population of *Aedes albopictus*, as a measure to combat dengue and chikungunya outbreaks.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness will proceed with the upscaling of the sterile mosquito production as part of the national preventive strategy against dengue and chikungunya. Following a multi-criteria decision analysis approach to select localities for the release of those sterile males, the region of Triolet (Winner's area) was identified as a priority area, given its previous distribution of dengue and chikungunya cases and the current *Aedes albopictus* density. As such, some 80,000 sterile male mosquitoes will be released as from 05 December 2025 for a period of at least two months. Sensitisation of the residents in Triolet has started on 01 December 2025.

11. Cabinet has taken note that the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council has been honoured with the “Startup Research and Development Initiative of the Year” award at the Africa Startup Ecosystem Builders Summit & Awards 2025, in recognition of its leadership in bridging research and commercialisation for supporting innovation from concept to market. The Africa Startup Ecosystem Builders Summit & Awards is a continental initiative that brings together entrepreneurs, investors, ecosystem developers, and policymakers to recognise excellence in ecosystem-building across Africa.

12. Cabinet has taken note that the “United Nations Convention against Cybercrime: Strengthening International Cooperation for Combating Certain Crimes Committed by Means of Information and Communications Technology Systems and for the Sharing of Evidence in Electronic Form of Serious Crimes” was signed by the Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations in New York on 19 November 2025 at the UN Headquarters in New York. 73 countries have signed the Convention so far.

13. Cabinet has taken note that at its 93rd General Assembly held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 24 to 27 November 2025, INTERPOL adopted a Resolution entitled “Supporting the Ratification and Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime and Promoting the Role of INTERPOL”, which calls upon INTERPOL’s 196 member States to, inter alia, -

- (a) recognise the need for a unified international approach to cybercrime and continue to cooperate and share information through INTERPOL;
- (b) consider signing and ratifying the Convention in accordance with the applicable national laws and procedures; and
- (c) strengthen the use of INTERPOL’s secure communication systems and tools along with capacity-building and operational assistance for relevant national units.

14. Cabinet has taken note of the setting up of an Artificial Intelligence Unit under the aegis of the Ministry of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation.

In accordance with the “Blueprint for Mauritius: A Bridge to the Future - Digital Transformation 2025–2029”, the Ministry of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation has initiated a Public–Private–People Partnership consultation process to develop a strategy which will cover the following aspects –

- (a) defining principles for the ethical and responsible development, deployment and use of Artificial Intelligence;

- (b) development of an effective regulatory framework;
- (c) training and awareness;
- (d) implementation of intelligent automation, virtual assistants and predictive analytics in government services; and
- (e) establishing the framework for research partnerships with universities, think tanks and the private sector.

The Artificial Intelligence Unit will be responsible for the implementation of the strategy and will, in due course, be transformed into an Artificial Intelligence Office.

15. Cabinet has agreed to all Ministries and Departments using the Digital Interactive Virtual Assistant (DIVA) as the official chatbot. The Ministry of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation is presently working on the revamping of the existing Government chatbot. The revamped Chatbot, which will still be named DIVA, will introduce a future-ready ecosystem of AI agents. These agents will autonomously support citizens and businesses by providing personalised guidance, proactive notifications, automated form-filling and real-time case updates. The Chatbot will be rolled out in a phased manner, starting with 15 Ministries and Departments in phase I. Additional features such as proactive alerts and notifications as well as document processing and other agents will be included in subsequent phases.

16. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent participation of the Mauritian delegation, led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade to the 30th Conference of Parties (COP30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Belém, Brazil.

The Conference adopted a political package entitled the “Global Mutirão: Uniting humanity in a global mobilisation against climate change”, which inter alia, calls for urgent action across mitigation, adaptation, loss and damage, and implementation without, however, prescribing detailed roadmaps.

In the sidelines of the Conference, Mauritius co-hosted with the Commonwealth Secretariat and Sri Lanka, a side event on “Scaling inclusive climate finance: Delivering the USD1.3T Roadmap for People, Economies and Nature”, which attracted high attendance with discussions focusing on the need to seek innovative sources of funding without doing away with concessional and grant-based funding.

Cabinet has also taken note of the immediate benefits to Mauritius following its participation in COP30, including –

- (a) support under the Adaptation Fund and Green Climate Fund to help entities from both the public and private sectors for accreditation; and
- (b) the NDC Partnership hiring a Technical Coordinator, who is expected to join the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change before the end of December 2025, to help match climate funds with projects and develop bankable proposals to access same.

17. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent participation of the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection to the 30th Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Partnership Summit 2025, held in India.

The Minister attended the Inaugural Session of the Summit along with Ministers of Commerce from across the globe and addressed the Opening Session of the Summit as well as the Plenary Session on Global Financial Architecture. He also attended the Valedictory Session of the CII Partnership Summit.

The Minister also had a bilateral meeting with the Minister of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of India, with the aim of deepening the enhanced strategic partnership between India and Mauritius.

18. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent mission of the Minister of Education and Human Resource to Reunion Island. The purpose of the visit to Reunion Island was to enable the Ministry of Education and Human Resource to gain a deeper understanding of the functioning of the French education system and for -

- (a) strengthening the use of French language in a multilingual context - a shared challenge and opportunity for the two territories;
- (b) the development of modern vocational and technical training, aligned with the needs of the green and digital economies, which constitutes a shared strategic objective; and
- (c) innovation and experiments that are central to the transformation of our systems, with possible focuses on digital education, the school climate, education for sustainable development or assessment practices.

The Minister met with the *Préfet* of Reunion Island and the *Recteur* of *l'Académie de La Réunion* during the visit. He also signed an *Accord Cadre de Coopération Éducative*, to strengthen research and cooperation on bilingual education.

19. Cabinet has taken note of the reconstitution of the –
- (a) Board of Trustees of *La Clinique Mauricienne* for the year 2026;
 - (b) Tourism Employees Welfare Fund Board, with Mr Rupesh Gujadhur as part-time Chairperson; and
 - (c) Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority Board, with Mr Dinesh Burrenchobay as part-time Chairperson.
