

HIGHLIGHTS OF CABINET MEETING – FRIDAY 29 MAY 2026

1. Cabinet has agreed to the introduction of the Supplementary Appropriation (2024-2025) (No. 2) Bill into the National Assembly.

The object of the Bill is to provide for the supplementary appropriation, by votes of expenditure, both recurrent and capital, in respect of services of Government for the financial year 2024-2025, in excess of the expenditure appropriated by the Appropriation (2024-2025) Act 2024 and the Supplementary Appropriation (2024-2025) Act 2025.

2. Cabinet has considered the implementation of the Island Container Terminal Project under a Government-to-Government agreement with the Government of India. Following the state visit of the Prime Minister to India in September 2025, a strategic partnership for the restructuring and development of the port was announced by the two Governments.

3. Cabinet has agreed to the signing of the Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement between the Republic of Mauritius and the United States of America. The main objective of the Agreement is to establish basic terms, conditions and procedures to facilitate the reciprocal provision of logistic support, supplies and services to further the interoperability, readiness and effectiveness of the military forces of the United States and the Mauritius Police Force. The Agreement will set out standardised procedures for requesting and delivering support, financial settlement modalities, accountability mechanisms, as well as provisions relating to information handling and administrative coordination.

4. Cabinet has taken note of the recommendations made in the Interim Report of the Steering Committee, chaired by the Speaker of the National Assembly, on the proposed introduction of Kreol Morisien in the National Assembly.

5. Cabinet has agreed to Mauritius signing the Joint Declaration announcing the conclusion of negotiations on the Deepened Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Eastern and Southern Africa States, namely Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles.

The Agreement expands the scope of the existing Agreement by introducing 15 new chapters. Key features and benefits of the Agreement include more flexible Rules of Origin for products of export interest to Mauritius, enhanced opportunities in services and

investment, strengthened trade facilitation and regulatory cooperation, technical and financial assistance, improved protection of intellectual property rights and geographical indications, and provisions promoting sustainable development.

6. Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Housing and Lands is considering re-proclaiming a plot of 1A 90 P of land at Pointe aux Piments, Balaclava as public beach, which had been deproclaimed in 2008.

7. Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity has launched a bulk scanning project to modernise social security services. The project will improve the processing of social benefits through a more efficient digital storage and retrieval system. Around 10.5 million files are expected to be scanned and integrated into the digital system over a period of 18 months.

8. Cabinet has taken note of the measures being implemented by the Ministry of Local Government to regulate car wash activities in context of the prevailing water stress situation currently affecting Mauritius.

9. Cabinet has agreed to the implementation of a structured project to deliver comprehensive HIV prevention outreach services within tertiary institutions across Mauritius in order to reduce new HIV infections. The objectives of the project are to –

- (a) increase HIV awareness and risk perception among young adults;
- (b) provide voluntary HIV testing services within the setting of universities;
- (c) provide on-site PrEP counselling and initiation services to eligible students;
- (d) promote safer sexual practices through barrier contraceptive methods and education programmes; and
- (e) strengthen early prevention strategies targeting population before high-risk exposure escalates.

10. Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change will enlist technical assistance from the *Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières* (BRGM), through the *Agence Française de Développement*, for advice on the temporary immediate measures undertaken in respect of the coastal erosion at the Tamarin Public Beach which occurred in early May 2026. BRGM will be expected to undertake specific tasks, namely identifying the cause of the erosion, carry out consultative meetings with local stakeholders, make recommendations and propose

additional temporary measures to limit the worsening of the risk to property and people pending the implementation of a more sustainable management strategy.

11. Cabinet has agreed to the Ministry of Education and Human Resource signing an Agreement with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) for the participation of Mauritius in the next edition of the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) starting in 2027.

The PISA is an international assessment that focuses on competencies of 15-year-old students in core domains such as science, reading and mathematics, and defines readiness for future. The scores will determine the level of competencies achieved as well as provide inputs for target under SDG 4 “Quality Education”, which aims to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”.

12. Cabinet has taken note of the recent participation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade in the SADC Ministerial Retreat which was held in South Africa. The Retreat comprised discussions on global geopolitical developments in the SADC regions, namely Financing Regional Integration; Investment, Public Debt Management and Domestic Revenue Mobilisation; Industrialisation, Value Chains and Trade; Infrastructure, Transport and Logistics and the Free Movement of People, Goods and Services; Energy, Oil and Gas and Mineral Resources; and Agriculture, Supply Chains, Markets and Food Security.

The Minister delivered a statement on the global geopolitical developments in the region and advocated for a coherent approach that strengthens resilience, protects economic interest and autonomy, while ensuring sustainable peace and security and avoiding perpetual conflict and geopolitical rivalry.

The Minister also intervened in panel discussions on Industrialisation, Value Chains and Trade as well as Energy, Oil and Gas and Mineral Resources and had bilateral meetings with the Minister of International Relation and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Zimbabwe and the Minister for Labour and Social Security of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

13. Cabinet has taken note of the appointment of Mr Nirmalen Manikum as the new Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the National Youth Council.
