

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF CABINET MEETING – FRIDAY 05 JUNE 2026**

1. Cabinet has taken note that in a correspondence addressed to the Prime Minister by the Chairperson of the African Union, the latter has drawn attention to the fact that the Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of South Sudan continues to pose a serious threat to Regional Public Health. It has also been highlighted that the risk of further spread of the virus is significant.

Furthermore, at the request of the Prime Minister, the Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office and other international organisations in Geneva, has consulted the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the risks associated with the outbreak of the virus.

Cabinet has further taken note that in view of the potential risk of the virus through international travel, the Ministry of Health and Wellness has recommended that as a precautionary public health measure, Ministries, Departments and Public Bodies should minimise the organisation of international events, conferences, workshops and similar gatherings involving participants travelling from and to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of South Sudan.

Cabinet has also taken note that the 59<sup>th</sup> Plenary Assembly Session of the Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum scheduled to be held in July 2026 in Seychelles will be held in virtual mode only in view of the Ebola outbreak.

Cabinet has, therefore, decided that the Corporate Council on Africa be advised to postpone the 18<sup>th</sup> US-Africa Business Summit scheduled to be held in Mauritius from 26 to 29 July 2026, until further notice.

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2. Cabinet has agreed to the implementation of the following public health and sanitary measures to safeguard public health, protect the population of Mauritius and ensure that the country remains adequately prepared to respond to any risk arising from the current Ebola Virus Disease outbreaks in the African region –

- (a) the mandatory completion of the All-in-One Travel Form and Health Declaration Form by all passengers prior to boarding any aircraft or vessel destined for Mauritius;
- (b) the temporary prohibition of entry into Mauritius of foreign nationals who are travelling from, transiting through, or who have been present in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Uganda or the Republic of South Sudan within the preceding 21 days;

- (c) Mauritian nationals and foreign nationals holding a valid work permit, residence permit, occupation permit, business visa or student visa who have travelled from, transited through, or been present in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of South Sudan within the preceding 21 days will be allowed entry into Mauritius, subject to completion of a mandatory quarantine for a period of 21 days on arrival;
- (d) the mandatory public health screening and risk assessment at points of entry for travellers originating from the affected countries;
- (e) the designation of the SAJ Recreation Centre in Riambel as an official quarantine facility;
- (f) the immediate isolation and clinical assessment of any traveller presenting symptoms compatible with Ebola Virus Disease; and
- (g) the strengthening of active surveillance and contact monitoring measures by the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

To give effect to these measures, the following actions will be taken –

- (a) the issue of a Notice under section 78 of the Public Health Act;
- (b) the issue of a Notice under section 4(1) of the Quarantine Act 2020 to declare a quarantine period from 08 June 2026 to 07 August 2026;
- (c) the promulgation of the Quarantine (Designation of Quarantine Facility) Regulations 2026 to provide for the designation of SAJ Recreation Centre as the designated quarantine facility;
- (d) the promulgation of the Quarantine (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2026 to include Ebola Virus Disease in the Schedule; and
- (e) the promulgation of the Quarantine (Health Declaration Form) Regulations 2026 for the mandatory completion of the All-In-One Travel Form by all passengers travelling to Mauritius by air and the Health Declaration Form by passengers arriving at the seaport, prior to embarkation.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness is maintaining a high level of preparedness through the implementation of its updated National Preparedness Plan for Viral Haemorrhagic Fever: Ebola Virus Disease and Marburg Virus Disease. Surveillance and alert management systems at points of entry, including the airport and seaport, have been reinforced. Incoming travellers arriving from affected countries are subject to thermal screening, review of health declarations, public health risk assessment interviews and follow-up monitoring, where required. In addition, Infection Prevention and Control measures have been reinforced across healthcare settings, including the proper use of personal protective equipment. The Ministry of Health and Wellness is maintaining close collaboration with the World Health Organization, the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Indian Ocean Commission to ensure continuous assessment of risks and implementation of appropriate preventive measures.

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3. Cabinet has taken note of the promulgation of the Road Traffic (Amendment of Schedule) (No.2) Regulations 2026 which makes provision for an increase in the range of points, under the Penalty Points System, for the offence of “using hand held microphone or telephone handset whilst driving”, from 3-6 points to 5-10 points. The Regulations will be effective as from 10 June 2026.

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4. Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation will initiate consultations with relevant stakeholders on the proposal for a mechanism for identity verification of users accessing social media platforms with a view to addressing concerns related to the misuse of social media accounts, including –

- (a) dissemination of false or misleading information;
- (b) impersonation of individuals, businesses and public officials;
- (c) circulation of defamatory, hateful or harmful content;
- (d) online scams and fraud; and
- (e) dissemination of child sexual abuse material and other illegal content.

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5. Cabinet has agreed to the implementation in Mauritius and Rodrigues of the Regional Response to Climate Displacement in Sub-Saharan Africa Programme (RE2CLID), an initiative funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The Programme focuses on improving data, strengthening early warning systems, and fostering community resilience to climate hazards. The IOM and the EU will work with the Government of Mauritius to prevent, minimise, and address displacement linked with climate change, disasters and environmental degradation.

The objective of the Programme is to strengthen the capacities of authorities and communities to take well-informed decisions concerning displacement linked with climate change, disasters, and environmental degradation. It will also facilitate improved data collection, forecasting and planning mechanisms to better address displacement risks associated with climate change and environmental degradation.

A National Steering Committee will be set up to serve as the central coordination and decision-making body guiding the implementation of RE2CLID activities in Mauritius.

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6. Cabinet has agreed to the Mauritius Ports Authority signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fremantle Port Authority, Australia. The Memorandum of Understanding aims to facilitate and promote co-operation through the exchange of information in areas jointly identified by both parties, covering human capital, port efficiency, port security and promotion of cruise activities.

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7. Cabinet has agreed to the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health and Wellness and Narayana Hrudayalaya Limited Bangalore, India which will provide services in, inter alia, inpatient and outpatient treatment, preventive health check-ups, other curative treatments, medical and paramedical services.

Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospital is recognised internationally for advanced cardiac sciences, organ transplantation, oncology, neurology, nephrology, orthopaedics, and critical care services. The institution is particularly known for performing complex heart surgeries, including paediatric cardiac procedures.

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8. Cabinet has agreed to the University of Mauritius (UoM) signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the University College London (UCL), which adopted the Industry Exchange Network (IXN) model in 2011, now recognised as an international benchmark for project-based, employability-driven higher education. Both parties will collaborate on the IXN programme.

The Memorandum of Understanding establishes a three-year framework for cooperation between UoM and the UCL's IXN Programme in the following areas –

- (a) shared academic practice in educational programmes that engage university students in term-time projects with real-world companies and organisations;
- (b) joint coordination of projects and the development of appropriate teaching pathways; and
- (c) collaboration on the production and communication of outcomes from student projects.

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9. Cabinet has taken note of the activities which will be organised in the context of the Day of the African Child 2026, which is commemorated every year on 16 June by the African Union and its Member States. The theme chosen by the African Union is “Ensuring universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene for every child in Africa”.

The Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare, in collaboration with the National Children's Council, will commemorate the Day of the African Child on 15 June 2026 at La Marie Water Treatment Plant, Vacoas, on the local theme “Zanfana Moris: Akter kle dan proteksion dilo ek lanvironman”. Around 160 students will be assigned a specific theme related to climate phenomena, namely safe drinking water; wastewater systems; the blue economy; and environmental protection. The students will present and elaborate projects/artworks which aim to empower them as drivers of change on climate-related issues.

The key objectives of the projects are to promote sustainable lifestyles and climate resilience through knowledge; protect natural ecosystems and reduce environmental pollution; encourage habits of water conservation; and raise awareness of wastewater treatment processes, thereby, fostering climate literacy and critical thinking at a young age.

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10. Cabinet has taken note of the activities being organised by the Ministry of Health and Wellness to commemorate the International Day of Yoga 2026, on the theme “Yoga for Wellness, Wisdom, and World Peace”.

The International Day of Yoga aims to raise awareness of the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits associated with the practice of yoga. Across the globe, yoga sessions and related activities are organised in public parks, educational institutions, workplaces, community centres, and homes. These activities contribute to encouraging healthier lifestyles and promoting wellness and mindfulness in everyday life.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness in collaboration with the High Commission of India will organise an official ceremony on 21 June 2026 at the Côte d’Or National Sports Complex. The programme will include yoga demonstrations by certified instructors, as well as exhibitions on Ayush services at the national level.

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11. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent participation of the Minister of Tertiary Education, Science and Research in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Education World Forum held in London and bilateral meetings on Higher Education in Vancouver.

The Forum’s theme was “*Educating for a Shared Future: Peace, Planet, Purpose, and Pathways*”. The Minister participated in different forums, namely –

- (a) as a speaker in a parallel session on Harnessing Research and Innovation for Global Impact;
- (b) in a technical workshop, where he highlighted the outcomes of the implementation of an agreement, signed in 2025 between the Quality Assurance Agency, UK and the Higher Education Commission, Mauritius; and
- (c) in the Dukes Education Forum, where he delivered a keynote address and he emphasised on the ambition to position Mauritius as Africa’s number one education investment destination.

In Vancouver, the Minister had substantive engagements with various stakeholders. He discussed with the Commonwealth of Learning on open educational resources and knowledge ecosystems. The Minister also had a meeting at the Vancouver Aviation College on aviation and drone training.

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12. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the official visit of the Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation in Rodrigues. The visit allowed an assessment of the current needs and areas where support could be extended through the Ministry of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation and its related institutions.

The Minister held discussions with the Commissioner in charge for Information Technology and Telecommunications sector, representatives of the Commission for Education and other officials of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly.

The Minister visited Rodrigues College and Grande Montagne College where interactive sessions were held with students. A meeting was also held with Heads of Schools, representatives of Student Councils and Presidents of Parent-Teacher Associations from primary and secondary schools in Rodrigues. Discussions focused on the growing online threats and risks faced by children and young people, as well as the shared responsibility of parents, educators, service providers and the community in ensuring a safe and secure digital environment for all children.

The Minister also met with officers of Mauritius Post Ltd (MPL) operating in Rodrigues to discuss the operational challenges facing the postal service, as well as MPL's ongoing efforts to improve its financial sustainability and modernise its operations.

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13. Cabinet has taken note of the appointment of Dr Marie Claire Domaingue as Chairperson of the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare Council, following the resignation of Mrs A. Ghoorah-Ramkissoon.

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