

CABINET DECISIONS – 7 APRIL 2017

1. Cabinet has agreed to the signing of a Framework Agreement on the establishment of the International Solar Alliance. The objective of the Alliance is to allow countries to collectively address key common challenges to the scaling up of solar energy in line with their needs. The Framework Agreement provides for Member States to, among others, take coordinated actions through programmes and activities launched on a voluntary basis and aimed at better harmonising and aggregating demand for, inter alia, solar finance, solar technologies, innovation, research and development, and capacity building.

2. Cabinet has taken note that in support of Government's objective to increase tourist arrivals, Air Mauritius Ltd proposes to operate a once weekly direct flight to Geneva between November 2017 and February 2018.

3. Cabinet has taken note that the COMESA Livestock Forum will be held in Mauritius from 11 to 13 April 2017. The Forum would review the implementation progress of the Reinforcing Veterinary Governance (VET-GOV) Programme in COMESA Member States, establish a Regional Livestock Policy Hub that would ensure coordinated action, and promote synergy in addressing critical issues facing livestock development. Some 40 foreign delegates are expected to attend the Forum.

4. Cabinet has taken note of the activities that would be organised by the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training to mark the International Labour Day 2017, namely, –

- (a) a sensitisation campaign and a brain storming session on the theme "*Optimise the collection and use of OSH data - a contribution to the implementation of sustainable development goal 8*";
- (b) a blood donation day; and
- (c) a wreath laying ceremony at the stele of Anjalay Coopen at Cottage.

Arrangements have been made for workers and their families to benefit from concessionary rates at leisure parks, cinemas, hotels and restaurants, and shopping malls.

5. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent mission of the Minister of Tourism to Reunion Island in the context of the *Journées Mauriciennes* held by the Pierrefonds Airport Authorities, Air Mauritius and the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority in the context of the launching of the programme of Air Mauritius to increase its number of weekly flights to Pierrefonds from 4 to 14. The Minister of Tourism had meetings, among others, with –

- (a) Mr Vincent Lagoguey, *Sous Préfet* of St Pierre, on the bilateral tourism increases and the possibility of using the freight capabilities of the additional airlift for consolidation of consignments for agricultural produce and agro-industry goods; and

- (b) Mr Michel Fontaine, *Sénateur Maire* of St Pierre, on collaboration on tourism promotion and potential for development of the handicraft sector with a view to producing high-quality tourism products.

6. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent mission of the Attorney General to Abu Dhabi where he attended the Unity for Security Forum organised by Interpol, Interpol Foundation, in collaboration with the United Arab Emirates. The theme of the Forum was "*Responsibility for a Safer World*". Interpol has identified seven projects that would be carried out over a period of five years for a safer world and tackle issues, such as counterterrorism, cybercrime, illicit drugs, migrant smuggling, human trafficking and online child exploitation.

7. Cabinet has taken note of the reconstitution of the Board of the Wastewater Management Authority with Mr Sulaiman Hansrod as Chairperson.
