

CABINET DECISIONS – 7 SEPTEMBER 2018

1. Cabinet has taken note of the status of implementation of the Redevelopment, Modernisation and Operation of the Immigration Square Urban Terminal project. Cabinet has also taken note that three bids have been received. An evaluation exercise has been carried out.

2. Cabinet has taken note that the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities would amend the Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Regulated Machinery) Regulations 2017 to, inter alia –

- (a) extend the moratorium given to suppliers to sell their existing stock and register appliances with the Energy Efficiency Management Office from 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2019;
- (b) require that only importers and distributors, instead of all retailers, should register with the Energy Efficiency Management Office;
- (c) provide for submission of registration forms and related documents in electronic format; and
- (d) strengthen the provisions for enforcement of the Regulations.

3. Cabinet has taken note that the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities would amend the Energy Efficiency (Energy Consumer and Energy Audit) Regulations 2017, to extend the mandatory energy audits to local authorities, Government-owned or Government-controlled companies and statutory bodies which have an annual energy consumption threshold of 15 tonnes of oil equivalent and the private sector, and also fix a date for the coming into operation of the Regulations for these institutions.

4. Cabinet has taken note of the setting up of a joint team comprising the Inspectorate of the National Transport Authority and Police Officers of the ERS Transport Squad to carry out crackdown operations against illegal operators in the transport sector. During the period 27 to 31 August 2018, some 141 contraventions relating to illegal operations have been established. In addition, 1,223 contraventions were established for other traffic offences and 164 prohibition notices were issued where vehicles were found not to be roadworthy.

5. Cabinet has taken note that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) would hold a Regional Training Course on “Nuclear Cardiology for Nuclear Physicians” within the framework of the IAEA project “Strengthening Education and Human Resources Development for Expansion and Sustainability of Nuclear Medicine Services in Africa” in November 2018, in Mauritius. The objective of the Course is to train nuclear medicine physicians on advanced principles and application of nuclear cardiology. Some 35 participants from IAEA Member States are expected to attend the Course.

6. Cabinet has taken note that Mauritius would host the 33rd Council of Ministers of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) from 12 to 13 September 2018. The objective of the meeting is, inter alia, to discuss and review progress on the status of implementation of various projects, programmes and activities under the four thematic areas of intervention of the IOC, namely political and diplomatic cooperation, economic and trade cooperation, environmental sustainability and regional cultural cooperation.

7. Cabinet has taken note that a Workshop on the SADC On-line Monitoring and Evaluation Framework would be held in Mauritius from 2 to 4 October 2018. The framework, which is a user-friendly reporting system, has been developed by the SADC Secretariat to facilitate on-line reporting by Member States on progress regarding the implementation of SADC projects and programmes. It includes templates for collecting information on the implementation of all key SADC documents, protocols, policies and programmes.

8. Cabinet has taken note that, as part of his Africa tour, His Highness Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates would pay an official visit to Mauritius on 28 October 2018.

9. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent mission of the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities to Australia where he participated in the Australia-Africa Week which is held annually to promote and advance Australia-Africa relations. The Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities participated in the Africa Down Under Conference and the Australia-Africa Technology Infrastructure Conference. He delivered a keynote address at the Africa Down Under Conference highlighting the extensive role that Mauritius could play in the development of trade and investment relations between Australia and Africa. During his visit, the Deputy Prime Minister had meetings, among others, with –

- (a) Mr Guy Chalkley, CEO of Western Power who agreed to share information on small scale rooftop solar projects with the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities;

- (b) Mr Toby Price of Carnegie Clean Energy Limited, who is interested in setting up solar farms in Mauritius;
- (c) representatives of the Chamber of Commerce of Western Australia and a presentation was made on investment facilities in Mauritius; and
- (d) Mr Oliver Story, Manager for Strategy at the Australian Renewable Energy Association and discussed the setting up of the Mauritius Renewable Energy Agency and a cooperation agreement.

10. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent mission of the Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands and Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare to Morocco where she participated in the third edition of the Morocco Today Forum, an annual high-level conference which focuses on key themes related to the development of Morocco. The theme of the Forum this year was *“La Vision d’un Roi: Disparités Régionales – Ecosystème pour la concrétisation d’un développement harmonieux.”* The Government of Morocco invited African countries to share their experience with regard to the decentralisation of powers and implementation of regionalisation.
