A new 25-member Cabinet is in office following the May 5 General Elections which saw Prime Minister Dr Navinchandra Ramgoolam lead his political bloc, the Alliance de l’Avenir, to a comfortable victory.

The Prime Minister holds the portfolio of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications. Dr Ahmed Rashid Beebeejaun has been reappointed Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities. The two Vice-Prime Ministers are Mr. Charles Gaëtan Xavier-Luc Duval and Mr. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth. *

Two new ministries have been created and other ministries restyled so as to better reflect the commitments of Government.

The two new ministries are the Ministry of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment and the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology.

On 18 May, the National Assembly, on the proposal of the Prime

The President of the Republic with the new Cabinet
Minister, elected Mr. Rajkeswur Purryag Speaker of the National Assembly and Mr. Prithvirajsing Roopun Deputy Speaker. The leader of the Opposition is Mr Paul Raymond Bérenger.

The Chief Whip is Mr. Surendra Dayal. The Deputy Chairman of Committees is Mr. Abdullah Hafeez Hossen, and Mr. Alan Ganoo, from the Opposition, will act as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee. The Whip of the Opposition is Mr. Rajesh Anand Bhagwan.

Election results

The Alliance de l’Avenir, constituted of the Labour Party, the Parti Mauricien Social Démocrate and the Mouvement Socialiste Mauricien, secured 41 seats out of the 60 seats in contest in Mauritius.

The Alliance du Coeur, headed by the leader of the Opposition and constituted of the Mouvement Militant Mauricien, the Union Nationale and the Mouvement Mauricien Social Démocrate, won 18 seats, while one seat went to the Front Solidarité Mauricienne. The two seats for Rodrigues went to the Mouvement Rodriguais.

The total number of voters for the 21 constituencies of the Republic of Mauritius was 684 768, that is around 78%. The percentage of votes won by the two main political blocs, Alliance de l’Avenir and Alliance du Coeur, was around 50.72 and 42.88 respectively.

The polls were followed on 7 May by the designation of the best losers. Seven best losers were designated by the Electoral Commission to sit as members of the National Assembly. Of these, four belong to the Alliance de l’Avenir, two to the Alliance du Coeur and one to the Organisation du Peuple de Rodrigues. The eighth seat was not allocated, no candidate being found eligible by the Electoral Commission.

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In fact, pirates operating from Somalia in the north west of the Indian Ocean constitute a growing menace to navigation and trade. So far, Mauritius has not been directly affected but there are risks, especially since the area of operations by pirates has been continuously expanding from the Gulf of Aden and the Somali Basin towards the borders of Mauritius Exclusive Economic Zone.

Mauritius was represented at the Regional Conference by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Dr. Arvin Boolell. The participation of Baroness Catherine Ashton, Vice President of the European Commission and High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, gave an added dimension to the event.

Other participants included Ministers from Djibouti, Kenya, Mozambique, Seychelles and South Africa, along with high representatives of the EU and international organisations such as the African Union, COMESA, Indian Ocean Commission, INTERPOL and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Outcome of the Regional Conference

Participants agreed that to be efficient in addressing the challenge of piracy, countries of the region will have to act together.

In the short-term, deterring and capturing pirates remain a priority for all and, in this regard, the role of the EUNAVFOR Atalanta Operation was recognised.

Participants stressed the need in the medium term to strengthen the capacities of the countries in the wider region on the prosecution and imprisonment of pirates. It was further agreed that a comprehensive strategy can only be achieved by addressing the underlying security challenges and development causes behind piracy.

The EU has reiterated its strong commitment to stand by the countries in the region together with the other international partners in order to help them to effectively address the problem of piracy. Participants agreed to meet again shortly and pursue their concerted efforts for a coordinated international action for sustainable solutions on piracy.

Measures taken by Mauritius

The assistance of friendly countries like India, USA and France has been sought in capacity building for a more stringent surveillance of the zone from the Horn of Africa to the South Western part of the Indian Ocean.

Mauritius moreover readily extended its support to Seychelles when the problem of piracy and its effects on island states were highlighted at the COMESA Summit in Zimbabwe and at the SADC Council of Ministers last year.

Other measures include an increased surveillance of the maritime zone north of the EEZ and the signature in March 2010 of a MoU relating to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, which makes provision for the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the Western Indian Ocean.

It is recalled that Mauritius, along with other East African States, signed in November 2009 a Political Declaration for the setting up of an appropriate framework for the improvement of cooperation at regional level among East African States to address international threats such as organised crime, illicit trafficking and terrorism with assistance from UN.
**Human Resource Development**  
**Strategies to Address Training Needs**

**One of the main strategies that the Ministry of Education and Human Resources intends to adopt to ensure employability is the provision of a wider and flexible career guidance service to the mass, coupled with continuous learning and training.**

To achieve this, an academic and professional orientation centre, the Centre d’Orientation Académique et Professionnelle, will be set up, announced Dr. Vasant K. Bunwaree, Minister of Education and Human Resources, on 17 May 2010 at a ceremony where he presented certificates to participants of a Train the Trainer programme in Beau Bassin.

Focal points of those strategies and future plans were enumerated by the Minister. These include bringing training to people through a decentralised approach, the setting up of a One-Stop-Shop for HRD, the launching of a Skills Pledge Initiative and a National HRD Excellence Award.

The Centre d’Orientation Académique et Professionnelle will provide Mauritians with appropriate assistance in managing their education, training needs and employment in an enhanced manner.

The Ministry also plans to ensure the updating of the National Human Resource Development Plan on a regular basis. Access to relevant information pertaining to education, training and work will be hence made available to one and all.

**A Decentralised Approach**

A decentralised approach will be initiated by the Ministry which will bring training to people regardless of their living in the remotest areas. All institutions willing to contribute to this initiative are invited to adopt this process, said Minister Bunwaree.

In addition, the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) will organise regular training workshops so as to have a pool of skilled and competent human resources ready to respond to the requirements of emerging economic sectors.

The Ministry intends to professionalise the traditional handicraft sector. The aim is to empower talented handicraftsmen in adding value to their product and be of export quality.

**One-Stop-Shop for HRD**

The pivotal role of an effective and continuous workforce development is recognised by the Ministry especially as regards the improvement of competitiveness and equity. As such, a One-Stop-Shop-for-HRD for enterprises will be set up through the HRDC. This will help enterprises carry out activities for the empowerment of their employees.

Services to be offered will include support to prepare Training Needs Analysis, Training Plan, Application for Training Grants, Staff Development Plan and Talent Retention and Management Plan.

**Skills Pledge Initiative and National HRD Excellence Award**

A Skills Pledge Initiative and a National HRD Excellence Award will be launched by the HRDC. These are expected to motivate employers to invest in the development of employees and consequently help them to remain skilled and competent.

**Diversification of the economy**

Government is sparing no effort to diversify the economy and broaden the circle of opportunities, stated Dr Bunwaree. The SME sector has been brought to the forefront of economic
development. These enterprises have generated 24 000 new jobs, accounting for 60 percent of the total 40 000 jobs created from 2005 to 2009.

Statistics show that the Mauritian Labour force has increased by 6 900 from 559 400 in 2008 to 566 300 in 2009.

Employment of Mauritians has increased by 5 800 from 519 000 in 2008 to 524,800 in 2009.

Train the Trainer Programme

A 260-hour training programme on laser wood cutting machine, regrouping sixteen trainers, was organised by the HRDC in collaboration with the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development.

The objective was to provide participants with the latest know-how in laser wood cutting techniques and to improve their skills with a view to promoting high quality Mauritian wooden craft products.

Participants were fourteen trainers from the MITD, one trainer from the Fashion and Design Institute and one employee from SSS Furniture Ltd. They were awarded certificates on 17 May 2010 by the Minister of Education and Human Resources on successful completion of the training programme run by resource persons from Pekan Buluti SDN BHD of Malaysia.

Human development is about putting people at the centre of development. It is also about people realising their potential, increasing their choices and enjoying the freedom to lead lives they value, the Minister observed.

Anti-Influenza Vaccination Programme 2010

65 000 persons already vaccinated

At 31 May 2010, 65 000 persons had already been vaccinated in the context of the 2010 Anti-Influenza Vaccination Programme for the Elderly which was officially launched by the Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions, Mrs Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun, on 17 May 2010. This year vaccines to the tune of Rs 24 million have been bought by the Ministry.

The programme is being conducted in different regions around the country as well as in Rodrigues and is to end on 10 June 2010. This year, the vaccination campaign is covering all elderly persons aged 60 years and above, instead of 65 years and above as was the case in previous years. Inmates of charitable institutions and children attending specialised schools are also covered.

According to the Director of Medical Unit of the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions, Dr V.D. Basant Rai, the vaccine includes protection against A(H1N1) influenza, and its specifications are in line with those recommended by the World Health Organisation. Dr Basant Rai points out that this year elderly persons are showing increased interest in getting vaccinated and this is being demonstrated by the fact that the number of persons getting vaccinated has doubled and even tripled in certain regions.

Vaccination against influenza provides an effective means of reducing mortality and morbidity. Influenza is usually accompanied by cough, fever, running nose, headache, weakness, muscular pains and these may be aggravated and lead to bronchitis and even pneumonia in the elderly and can be a leading cause of death. Vaccination is usually carried out at the beginning of the influenza season before winter.
National AIDS Secretariat disburses Rs 3 million for project implementation

The National AIDS Secretariat (NAS) has disbursed funds totalling Rs 3 million for the implementation of projects concerning mainly training, the purchase of medical equipment, youth sensitisation and the setting up of regional advocacy committees and for psycho-social support to prisoners.

The sum disbursed comes from a grant of 3.6 million euros made available to the National AIDS Secretariat by the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) following an agreement signed in October 2009.

It will be recalled that the grant agreement was signed after the approval by GFAM of a five-year HIV/AIDS country proposal to the tune of 7.8 million euros made by Mauritius. The amount of 3.6 million euros, as part of total grant agreed, has been earmarked for projects to be implemented over an initial period of two years.

Two ministries, as well as the National Women’s Council and the Prisons Service, have benefitted from the amount of Rs 3 million, as follows:

- The Ministry of Health and Quality of Life with a grant of Rs 1.2 m for training health personnel and for procurement of medical equipment and drugs.

- The Ministry of Youth and Sports with a grant of Rs 850 000 for sensitisation and for training youth and peer educators in secondary schools vocational and youth centres on HIV prevention.

- The National Women’s Council will use its grant of Rs 450 000 to sensitise people at grassroot level and fight discrimination against people living with HIV and Injecting Drug Users as well as train women on sensitisation.

- The Prisons Service will, with Rs 350 000, set up an AIDS Secretariat and recruit a psychologist to support prisoners, and train prison staff on HIV/AIDS.

The next disbursement to the above recipients for the implementation of other projects is due for July 2010.

Estimated Prevalence of HIV/AIDS falls to 0.97%

In 2010, the national prevalence of HIV/AIDS among the population aged 15-49 years is estimated to stand at 0.97%, compared to 1.8% two years ago.

The new estimated figure, based on data collected in 2009, was worked out at a workshop organised by the National AIDS Secretariat on 27 May 2010 with the participation of all stakeholders.

The workshop worked out new estimates of different categories of people living with HIV/AIDS by using a computer numerical model, the Workbook, developed by UNAIDS. Estimates were calculated for the population aged 15 to 49, among whom injecting drug users and other high risk groups like sex workers and clients of sex workers.

The purpose of the biennial exercise on estimates is to have official estimates as required by UNAIDS for publication of country and regional prevalence and estimation of global HIV prevalence, to establish an epidemic curve and to make projections with regard to new infections, number of deaths and treatment needs.
Weather outlook
Winter 2010 expected to be normal

The winter 2010 seasonal outlook of the Meteorological Services for Mauritius and Rodrigues indicates that winter 2010 is going to be a normal one. The outlook is based on meteorological information at local, regional and global levels and inputs from world meteorological centres.

Winter conditions, which should have started prevailing in mid-May, have been slightly delayed owing to the recent El Nino conditions.

It is forecast that, in winter 2010, anticyclones will follow at a regular succession of around 6 to 9 days, sometimes provoking rough seas with heavy swells from the south seas.

Day and night temperatures are forecast to be close to normal. In between anticyclones, light and clear sky conditions will dominate and may sometimes result in temperatures dropping to about 10 degrees Celsius.

Strong anticyclones likely to occur in July and August may produce rather strong trade winds that can provoke wet and chilly conditions.

Cumulative rainfall during winter will be near the long term seasonal mean, that is around 665 mm for Mauritius and 380 mm for Rodrigues. Winter rains will concentrate mostly to the east, south and Central Plateau.

This year, as compared to previous years, there will be less strong wind gusts of 90 kilometres per hour in July and August.

Probation and Aftercare
New Probation Home for Girls to be set up in Beau Bassin

The setting up of a new Probation Home for Girls at Beau Bassin was announced by the Minister Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions, Mrs. Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun, on 20 May 2010 during a visit to the Rehabilitation Youth Centres at Beau Bassin.

Currently, a Probation Home for Girls, established in 1988, is operational in Forest Side, and houses four inmates. The facilities available at the Home are however inadequate, hence the need for a new one.

The Probation Home for Girls is a semi-open residential institution which caters for girls below the age of eighteen whose home surroundings are detrimental to their proper character formation and social functioning. The objective is to provide a congenial home environment for the proper development and rehabilitation of the inmates who have the opportunity to acquire numeracy, literacy and other essential life skills such as cooking, painting and embroidery together with leisure activities.

Boy offenders are housed at the Probation Hostel for Boys, which has been in operation since 1961 in Les Casernes, Curepipe, where a maximum of twenty boys can be accommodated.

The Hostel, which is also a semi-open institution, provides residential rehabilitation treatment for male minor offenders aged up to 18 years for a period not exceeding three years. The boys are sent to the institution because the conditions prevailing in their homes are not favourable and conducive to their rehabilitation in the open.

As regards the Rehabilitation Youth Centres, they offer rehabilitation programmes to juvenile delinquents in order to turn them into law abiding citizens for their re-insertion into society. The Centres implement the District Magistrate’s order regarding juveniles who have been convicted for minor offences, and serve for their detention and training.
Mauritius will benefit from about Rs 10 million from the United States for the construction of a Radioactive Source Storage Facility. This project of cooperation between the two countries, which dates back to September 2009, aims to secure all radioactive sources in Mauritius as well as reduce risk at civilian sites.

In this context, a delegation from the US department of Energy through its Office of Global Threat Reduction Initiative (GTRI), carried out a visit in Mauritius from 10 to 14 May 2010. The team, comprising of M. Michael Itamura from GTRI and Mrs Carolyne Mackenzie and Mr Doug Sweeney from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, had working sessions with the Radiation Protection Authority (RPA), the Ministry of Agro-industry and Food Security and the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life.

Since 2008, the RPA has been compiling and maintaining and consolidating an updated registry of all radiation sources and radiation facilities in the country, such as irradiators and smoke detectors. Using this inventory, the GTRI team has carried out a technical and scientific survey to determine the type of storage facility which is most appropriate for Mauritius and to obtain architectural drawings as per specific requirements.

During their visit, the team also discussed the organisation of a workshop on the security of radioactive sources from 20 to 24 September 2010 in Mauritius. Around 20 participants from Burkina Faso, Mauritius and the Republic of Congo will attend the workshop to be organised by the GTRI. Equipment worth 70 000 dollars to be used in the detection and securing of radioactive sources will also be handed over by the United States to the RPA.

It is to be noted that the visit of the GTRI team is a follow-up of the first mission of the delegation to Mauritius in February 2009. During their first visit, they had carried out a preliminary survey on high-risk and vulnerable radioactive sources which would require a physical protection upgrade.

The areas identified for cooperation were the upgrading of the physical protection of the two Cobalt Teletherapy Units at the Radiotherapy Department at the Victoria Hospital, Candos; the upgrading of the physical protection of the irradiator at the Entomology Department at the Ministry of Agro-industry and Food Security; the construction of a central radioactive waste facility and the supply of equipment to the RPA for inspection and searching of radioactive sources and training of RPA staff.
Priority projects comprise the setting up within each Ministry of a technical support mechanism on gender equality and the establishment within a year of a research centre/observatory to analyse and study problems linked to the family.

A work plan has been established in consultation with administrative and technical cadres of the Ministry to see to the smooth implementation of several important measures pertaining to those projects.

Promoting gender equality

Gender equality, said the Minister, concerns everybody and Mauritians have to be sensitised on the issue. Therefore, technical support mechanisms will be set up within Ministries to promote gender policy and explain and implement the concept of gender. As such, each Ministry will have its own desk/unit dedicated to uphold the concept.

Men will not be left on the sidelines. Gender equality concerns both men and women who complement each other and due respect should be given to each individual. Hence, the Men as Partners Programme already in place will be given special attention.

Ecole des parents

The Ministry will put in place structures and programmes such as écoles des parents, or parenting classes, to ensure capacity-building of parents and consequently inculcate a greater sense of responsibility vis-à-vis their children. In addition, more daycare centres will be set up around the island in support to new mothers preparing their return to work. The Ministry will also reinforce surveillance mechanisms after school hours and ensure an enhanced protection of children through the passing of the Consolidated Children’s Bill.

Minister Bappoo considers that it is crucial to further strengthen the work already accomplished and progress in modernity. People should realise now that with the new appellation of the Ministry another step towards progress has been made and it is high time to evolve, she stated.

Empowering women

There should also be more forceful actions geared towards the empowerment of women to ensure that they gain further economic independence, observed the Minister. Hence, shortcomings will be eradicated and measures reinforced to empower women. Access to land by women should not be neglected, said Mrs Bappoo, noting that around one billion rupees have been injected...
in the Food Security Programme. Women can participate actively in the agricultural and breeding sectors as well as benefit from new technologies. We have to encourage to a higher level the participation of women in the social and economic spheres by respecting equal opportunities, she added.

Observatory for family issues

On the establishment of a research centre/observatory, the Minister said that there are too many societal problems that affect the family cell. These problems contribute to bringing about conflicts between couples and are the causes of domestic violence as well as child abuse, she observed, adding that with appropriate scientific research and findings, new measures would be implemented to address problems linked to the family. The observatory, she added, would even be called upon to become a hub on gender issues for the region and if the need is felt, international expertise would be sought.

The participation of Government, NGOs, private sector, civil society, forces vives and parents is crucial to consolidate the family as a unit, the Minister stressed.

Finance
Delegates from Africa discuss budget reform initiative

The 6th annual seminar of the Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative (CABRI) on the theme “Good Financial Governance: Towards Modern Budgeting”, was held from 18 to 20 May at La Plantation Hotel in Balaclava. Some 70 delegates, namely senior government officials from 28 countries across the African continent, participated in the conference along with their Mauritian counterparts.

The seminar was organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development under the aegis of the Regional Multidisciplinary Centre of Excellence (RMCE). It served as a platform for the participants to discuss on modern budgeting practices and systems that will impact on the future direction of public financial management in Africa. In addition to sharing and learning from each other’s experiences in the field of budgetary reforms, the delegates take stock of the achievements of the reforms in each particular country.

The agenda covered topics such as: understanding the opportunities for and complexities in good financial governance in Africa, examining the results of the recent joint country case study on programme-based budgeting in Mauritius, the launching of the CABRI-OECD exercise to assist Ghana in using country systems for the delivery of development assistance and exploring the role and management of private sector involvement in public infrastructure development.

Mr N. Bunjun, Director at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, said that the Ministry is planning to set up a Delivery Unit under the Vice-Prime Minister’s leadership to secure delivery of about 10-15 major domestic policy priorities selected by the Prime Minister. The major priorities will be selected from across the areas of health, education, policing, criminal justice and transport. The Delivery Unit will lead in building the overall capacity of Government to speed up the reform process by establishing a pragmatic, evidence-informed approach to policy making and implementation.

It will be recalled that CABRI is a network of about 38 countries and has now become a legal and independent membership-based organisation which aims at promoting efficient and effective management of public finances to fulfill governance requirements as well as fostering economic growth and enhance service delivery for the improvement of living standards of African people.
A Green Internet and other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Committee has been set by the National Computer Board (NCB) to draft a Green ICT Policy and E-waste Management paper for Mauritius.

Green IT relates to initiatives and strategies that reduce the environmental footprint of technology. The policy document, which will consist of recommendations and measures outlining the means to sustain present environmental initiatives and implement strategies by resorting to green ICT, will also help drive the concept of green ICT.

Carbon dioxide emission audit survey

In this endeavour, the NCB, through the Green ICT Committee, and in collaboration with the Mauritius Research Council (MRC) and the University of Technology Mauritius (UTM), will undertake a Carbon Dioxide Emission Audit Survey for the ICT Sector. The study will assess emission audit on the total carbon emissions attributable to ICT usage by businesses and focus on green ICT initiatives presently being implemented in businesses or to be implemented in the near future. The study is expected to provide data for the green ICT policy paper.

In addition, the NCB is working on a set of guidelines for public and private enterprises to enable the ICT industry to develop a greener ICT profile. Useful advice and specific proposals ought to help institutions and public authorities purchase and use more environment-friendly IT equipment.

Workshop to promote awareness

A half-day workshop was organised by NCB on 17 May on the occasion of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) to promote awareness of the importance of Green ICT and e-waste trends for ICT professionals and decision makers. Three presentations enabled participants to grasp the concept ‘Green ICT’. They were: E-Waste Quantification and Characterisation for Mauritius by Dr C. Bokhoree, Officer in Charge, School of Sustainable Development and Tourism, UTM; Deep Sea Water Air Conditioning by Dr A. Suddhoo, Executive Director, MRC; and Policies and strategies for Green ICT by Mr. Richard French from the British Computer Society. It is to be noted that Mr French intervened from UK via videoconferencing. A brainstorming session followed the presentations to acquire suggestions and propositions from participants for input in the Green ICT policy paper.

Sustainable Model

The presentation on E-Waste Quantification and Characterisation for Mauritius by Dr Bokhoree called for reduction in consumables, including hardware, electricity, fuel and paper, among others, in order to reduce e-waste generated. In his exposé, Dr A. Suddhoo presented the way sea water will be used for air-conditioning data centre shell infrastructure in Flic-en-Flac. The project is expected to be energy efficient and lower operating costs of data centres. Dr Suddhoo added that data centres should adopt a sustainable model at the very start of the business and that green initiatives in operational costs of energy, maintenance and management are required to make savings benefits. For his part, Mr. Richard French shared the British experience of Green IT initiatives in energy use, purchases, management and support, and regulation.

Bridging the digital divide

It is to be noted that World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is celebrated under the patronage of the International Telecommunication Union. It serves to sensitise the world on the possibilities that the use of ICT can bring to societies and economies, as well as on ways to bridge the digital divide. The theme chosen for this year by the International Telecommunications Union is “Better city, better life with ICT”, stressing the catalysing role of ICT in achieving better living standards in future environment through greener, safer, healthier, prosperous, inclusive and well-managed cities.
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