

The sustainable  
agenda of the  
Republic of  
Mauritius

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# Republic of Mauritius

Small Island Developing State(SIDS)

Indian Ocean

Main island , Mauritius and a group of islands

Total land area of 2040 km<sup>2</sup>

Population 1.3 M

Population density 654 persons / km<sup>2</sup>

# Challenges as a SIDS

Low resource base

Highly vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters

Highly dependent on external markets-  
import 83% fossil fuels , import 77%  
food

Escalating fuel and food price

Euro -zone crisis - affect tourism and  
textile

Ageing population - place heavy burden  
on government welfare facilities

# Strengths

Strong political will and commitment

Good governance

Strong participative approach

## **WEAKNESSES**

Population below relative poverty line has increased from 7.9% in 2007 to 9.4% in 2012

Gini coefficient has increased from 0.388 in 2007 to 0.413 in 2012

High ecological footprint of 4.3 hectares per capita

## Participative Democratic approach

**More than 50 consultative sectorial meetings**

**Green Paper**

**National MID Vision**

**24 Workshop (300 Participants)**

**600 Recommendations**

**20 Steering Committees for Institutionalisation**

**Executive (Cabinet of Ministers Approval in June 2013)**

Coordinate and ensure the timely implementation of the MID Action Plan.

Ensure follow-up actions regarding any relevant decisions taken by the National Strategic Transformation Commission (NSTC), with respect to sustainable development.

Review the MID Policy, Strategy, and Action Plan, whenever required

Continuously keep abreast with, and be informed of, international best practices and integrate same in the MID Policy, Strategy and Action Plan

Facilitate the implementation of projects involving different stakeholders; and

Monitor and evaluate the implementation of MID and related projects.

Concept plans comprising a number of projects have been developed for the following priority programs:

- Energy
- Cleaner, greener and pollution free Mauritius
- Ocean economy
- Green economy

## Targets

- Reducing energy consumption in non-residential buildings by 10% by 2020.
- ✎ Reducing energy consumption in public sector buildings by 10% by 2020.
  - Reducing energy consumption in the transport sector by 35% by 2025.
  - Increasing the share of sustainable renewable sources in electricity production up to 35% by 2025.



Building Control Act  
Energy Efficiency  
Setting up of the Utilities Regulatory  
Authority  
Renewable Energy Procurement  
Framework/ Development Strategy  
Renewable Energy Master Plan (2015-  
2025)

## Targets

- Collect data to monitor, maintain or improve performance in the international Environment Performance Indicator.
- Reduce the ecological footprint to be in the upper quartile of performance of similar income nations by 2020

## Scope of the Action

Cleaning and Embellishment of Physical Environment  
Solid Waste Management – Waste Minimization  
Selection of Appropriate Waste Treatment and Disposal Technologies  
Minimizing Use of Agrochemicals and Pesticides  
Protection of the Coastal Zone and Marine Ecosystem  
Biodiversity Conservation  
Creation of 42 ha of Conservation Management Areas  
Saving the Endemic Endangered Reptiles of the Mauritian Offshore Islets from Extinction  
Land Use Planning

## Targets

- To make ocean economy one of the growth pillars of the Mauritian economy, through job and wealth creation.
- Create a comprehensive and robust regulatory and legal framework for the ocean economy.
- Ensure the sustainable use and management of our ocean resources.
- Contribute to energy security through marine renewable energy.
- Protect and enhance the function of the ocean as a carbon sink.

Inventory of Marine Resources

Sustainable Growth of Living Resources

Marine Energy

Science, Research and Technology

Human Capacity Building

**Qualifications for Marine Jobs  
(Vocational and Technical)**

Higher Education for Boosting the Ocean  
Economy

Development of a Policy and Legal  
Framework on Ocean Economy

## Targets

The targets which will shift the pathway of development towards a greener economy are:

Achievement of a balanced sustainable green growth economy;

**Achievement of a 10 % growth in green jobs by 2020; and**

In the short term, ensuring that the GDP growth of the country is sustained and further strengthened by developing the green economy.

# Scope of the Action

## Inclusion of a 'green job' policy in the National Employment Policy

MID Green Procurement - Government and Business

Green Agriculture Certification

Green Industry -Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP)  
Program Market Development and Financial Mechanisms for  
Revalorizing Local Sustainable Products

Green Hotels and Eco-Tourism -Green Certification and Star Rating-  
Green Procurement in Hotels- Eco-Tourism

## Capacity Building for MID-Qualifications for Green Jobs

MID Education System

MID Extension Officers - Knowledge Sharing

# Summary of Actions for Green Economy

	Action	Cost Estimate	Monitoring and Evaluation
1	Include a 'green' job policy in the National Employment Policy	Rs 0.5m*	% increase in green jobs across Mauritian employment sector
2	MID green procurement	Rs 2m	% of Government procurement by value meeting 'green procurement' guidelines
3	Green agriculture	Rs 12m per year for five years.	Number of planters shifting to green agriculture Number of products attaining green certification
4	Green industry	Rs 16m per year for three years.	Number of auditors trained in certification of eco-friendly standards Number of businesses attaining 'green' certification % decrease in consumption of energy, raw materials, waste and waste water
5	Green hotels and eco-tourism	Rs 10m per year for two years.	Number of hotels attaining the green certification % of green procurement of total procurement of hotels



## Summary of Actions for Green Economy (Continued)

Capacity Building for MID			
6	MID extension officers	Rs 3m	Number of officers attending awareness and sensitization workshops/campaign
7	Qualifications for green jobs	Rs 1m per year	Number of certificate delivered per year
8	MID education system	Rs 1m per year	Number of people obtaining a 'green' certification through e-education.
9	MID scholarship fund	Rs 2m	Number of research papers released.
10	MID literacy	Rs 2m per year	% of population who understand the MID message



- Five Entry points

1. Agriculture
2. Industry
3. Tourism
4. Waste management
5. Water resources

- Situation analysis of each entry point.
- SWOT analysis of each entry point.
- Bilateral meeting with the line Ministry
- Agree on the process and the Budget
- Insert it in the Programme Based Budgeting of the line Ministry
- Issue the guidelines for sustainability compliance by MID Commission
- Monitor progress through Indicators and deliverables



# Thank you

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<http://mid.gov.mu>