High Level Policy Dialogue on Climate Change on 18 December 2018

Signing ceremony – Joint Monitoring Framework on Climate Change

Signing of the Joint Monitoring framework on Climate Change Agreement by Mauritius and the European Union
A High Level Policy Dialogue on Climate Change was held on 18 December 2018 under the co-chair of the Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development and the Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius. During this event, a Joint Monitoring Framework agreement was signed between the Hon Etienne SINATAMBOU, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development and Her Excellency, Mrs Marjaana Sall, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius. From the European Union side, His Excellency, Mr Emmanuel Cohet, Ambassador of France and His Excellency, Mr Keith Rennie Allan, Ambassador of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were present.

This dedicated Policy Dialogue on Climate Change has been established since 2017. The main objective is to provide a structured platform to discuss on key policy issues concerning climate change and how the EU and its Member States, can further partner with Mauritius in meeting its mitigation and adaptation obligations taken at international level.
The purpose of the signed Joint Monitoring Framework Agreement is to:-

I. seek guidance and collaboration from European Union on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation;
II. facilitate the monitoring exercise of the key targets and selected indicators of the sectors concerned; and
III. report progress to the Mauritius-European Union Political Dialogue.

The indicative areas and targets which have been captured under this agreement include, among others:-

- Reduction of 30% greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030;
- Improving resilience of the coastal zone;
- Implementation of an effective national disaster risk reduction strategy;
- Increasing the use of renewable energy by at least 30% by 2030; and
- Enhance native forest cover and tree plantation for an enhanced sink capacity.

This Agreement is an important step in addressing climate change adaptation and mitigation in the Republic of Mauritius.