

# Plastic Free Mauritius: Defining the Roadmap



**Theme : Single Use plastic Products**

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## Summing up Session

### Principle for developing road map

1. Where are we now?
2. Where do we want to go?
3. How to reach there?



# Where are we now ?

1. Legislation GN 156/2020 for control 10 single use items for food business for which alternatives already existed on the market and was affordable.
2. In force as from 15 January 2021
3. Re-categorisation of HS code (biodegradable, non-biodegradable and others)
4. Sensitisation campaigns ongoing (posters, media, website)
5. Enforcement and introduction of Whatsapp (Denoncer) 52505151

# Where are we now ?



**44 Millions single use biodegradable products brought into the country**



**from 15 January 2021 to September 2021**

# Where we want to go?

## A CLEAN & SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

### Vision:

- ✓ To prevent and reduce plastics pollution in the environment, including microplastics, by promoting Circular Economy and addressing all the stages of the life cycle of plastics;
- ✓ Need to also address land based sources as well as sea based sources focusing on both upstream and downstream activities and measures.

# Where we want to go?

Add a list of at least **10** new single use plastic products for which alternatives are available and are affordable in the short term (June 2022 to December 2022).

ROADMAP Time frame : Short term : Dec 2022 / Medium term : Dec 2023/ 2024 / Long term : 2024/2025

Proposal of Environment Youth Council for 15 new items/ products for which alternatives already exist which will be considered.

1. Cotton buds
2. Plastic gift wrap
3. Latex balloon
4. Balloon sticks
5. Plastic bottle caps
6. Plastic raffia
7. Cling film
8. Plastic shower scrub
9. Single use Make up removal pads
10. Sparkling glitter
11. Plastic Confetti
12. Plastic garland
13. Plastic bunting / banner
14. Coffee capsules
15. Cigarette butts

PROPOSED TO ADD Tooth brush, decorative plastic plants and flowers, plastic gardening pots

Control of single use plastic products forming an integral part of packaging for imported products for allowing level playing field for our local manufacturers / SME's.

Promote local business for the production of biodegradable products.

## How to reach there ?

1. **A comprehensive and integrated Framework to Prevent and Reduce plastics pollution in the environment, including microplastics (by promoting Circular Economy and addressing the full lifecycle of Plastics);**
2. **Banning of single use plastic product for which alternatives are available and affordable;**
3. **MoE to coordinate High level Dialogue PLATFORM to develop a COMMON COHERENT ROADMAP for Mauritius;**
4. **Financial Incentives and Schemes ;**

# How to reach there ?

5. **Technological Transfer**

6. Support **Research and Development**;

7. Promote Circular Economy for Problematic Plastic Products (9 Rs);UPSTREAM RATHER THAN DOWNSTREAM

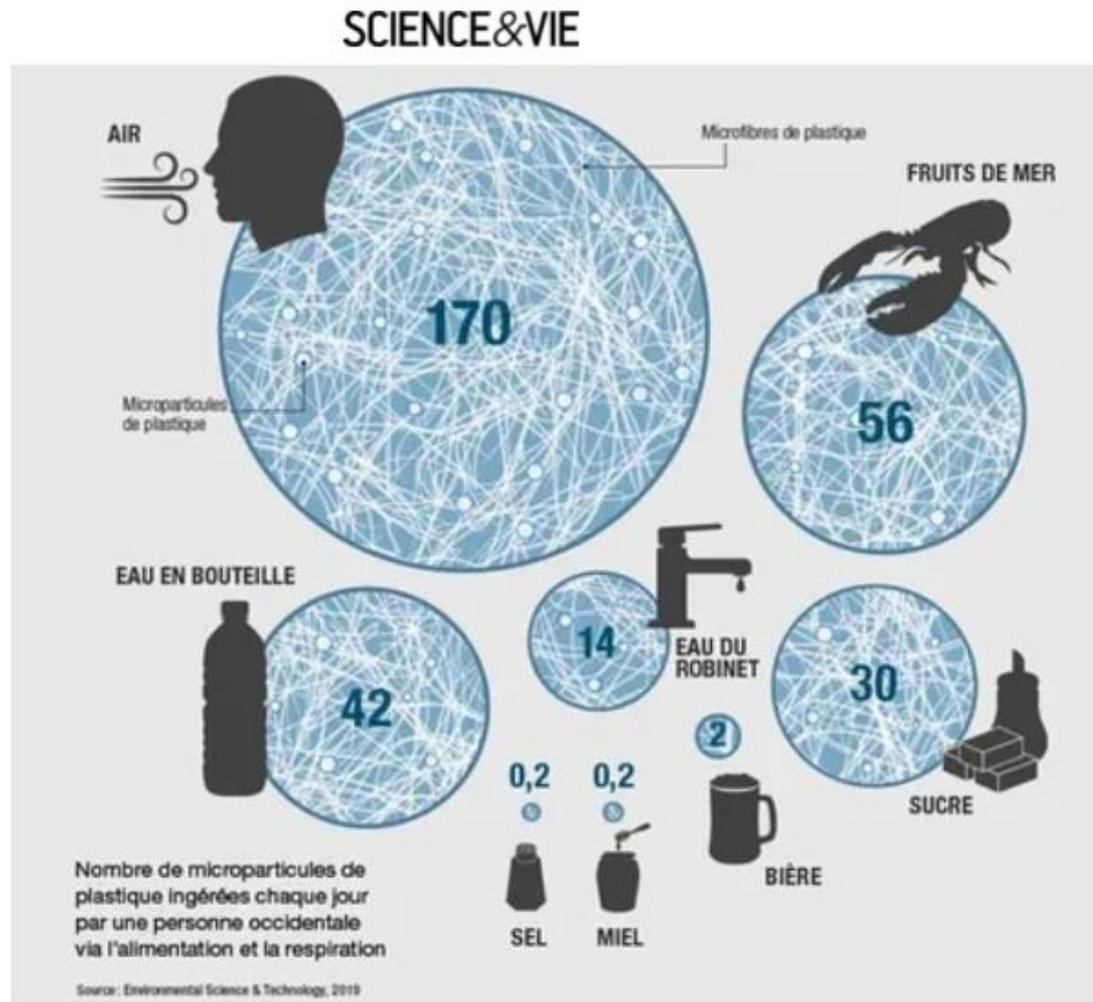
8. **Institutional Strengthening and Enhanced Enforcement**;

9. Innovation lab (ex Nestle Model)

10. Promote **Sustainable Consumption and Production** and **eco-labels** for bio products, and

11. Sustained Education and Awareness raising for a **Change Culture**.

# THANK YOU



We ingest about 300 microplastic per day (B. Bourgeois, 2019, Environmental Science and Technology). We breath, drink and eat up to 5g of micro-plastics per week (WWF/University of Newcastle Study)