

## Earth Day 2023

Earth Day is an international event celebrated on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April every year, to pay tribute to Mother Earth and raise awareness about environmental issues. The theme retained for Earth Day 2023 is “**Invest in Our Planet**”. Mother Earth is facing unprecedented adverse impacts of climate change, loss of biodiversity and pollution. This triple planetary crisis has, as common denominator, our unsustainable modes of consumption and production.

More than ever, there is an urgency to review and redefine our way of life and the way we do things, including the business climate, the political climate, and how we take action on climate. Together, we must invest in our Planet to choose **both** a prosperous and sustainable future, and restore nature for a healthy planet for ourselves and the future generation.

In the face of all the global and local environmental, social and economic challenges that we are facing, the Government is committed to lead by example, with a shared vision for a cleaner, greener and resilient Mauritius. Some of the pertinent initiatives being implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management & Climate Change include, massive investment to support adaptation and mitigation actions to combat climate change, formulation of a strategy for sustainable waste management, development of a Roadmap paving the way to a plastic-free Mauritius, transition to a circular economy and promoting the greening of SMEs, businesses and the Public Sector, amongst others.

The world we build today will be the legacy we leave to the youth of tomorrow. It is our responsibility to work together to protect the environment, ensure a sustainable life for all and enable youth to realize their full potential. Let us all be part of the ‘transition écologique’ and the Ministry calls upon all our citizens to actively participate towards the protection of the environment and adopt a sustainable lifestyle.

**Every action counts and makes a big difference in the long run. We have to invest and protect our Planet as there is no Planet B. Let us all do our part to keeping it healthy and safe for our future generations.**

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and Climate Change**