

Message of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change on the occasion of Earth Day 2022

Earth Day is an international event celebrated on the 22nd of April every year. The event began as an environmental movement in the United States in 1970 and has been globally celebrated since 1990. The essence of this celebration is to pay tribute to Mother Earth, raise awareness about environmental issues; with the aim of transforming public attitudes and changing human behavior.

In view of growing concerns due to unprecedented rapid decline of plant and wildlife populations directly caused by human activity, including climate change, deforestation, unsustainable agriculture and pollution, the theme retained for Earth Day 2022 by the EARTHDAY.ORG is *“Invest in Our Planet”*. Focus is accordingly being laid on gearing solutions to combat climate change, protect species, and collectively help accelerate the transition to an equitable, prosperous, green and sustainable economy.

To commemorate the Earth Day 2022, the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change is organizing the following activities: -

- (i) a Prize Giving Ceremony on Friday 22 April 2022 for winners of a poster competition launched by the Ministry in November 2021 among students of Higher Education Institutions on the theme *“Innovative Climate Solutions for Sustainable Lifestyle in Mauritius”*;
- (ii) launching of three video clips and three radio spots on the impacts of climate change on Friday 22 April 2022. Same will be aired on MBC TV, digital platforms, and all radios; and
- (iii) holding on a three-day national workshop on Circular Economy from 11 to 13 May 2022 at the Caudan Arts Centre; and

Government in collaboration with relevant stakeholders is striving to make Mauritius greener and cleaner and is investing massively to support adaptation and mitigation actions to combat climate change.

Let us all be part of the ‘transition écologique’ and adopt a sustainable and eco-friendly lifestyle to help reduce the carbon footprint by conserving energy and resources and adopting the 5 R’s, that is, “Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle.”

Every action counts and makes a big difference in the long run. We only have **one Earth**. Let us all do our part to keeping it healthy and safe for our future generations!

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