

Launching of Sensitisation Campaign on Alternatives to Single Use Plastic Products and Plastic Bags

To sensitise the general population on the two forthcoming regulations on plastics, the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change launched its sensitisation campaign yesterday, 15 October 2020, through a press conference and an expo-vente on alternatives to single use plastic products and plastic bags.

The two regulations are:

- (i) Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2020, which shall come into operation on 01 March 2021; and
- (ii) Environment Protection (Control of Single Use Plastic Products) Regulations 2020, which shall come into operation on 15 January 2021 (*except for items mentioned at Part II of the Second Schedule which shall come into operation on 15 April 2021*). More information on the above regulations is available on the following link:

<https://environment.govmu.org/Pages/Legislations.aspx>

The press conference was held at the Municipal Hall, City Council of Port Louis by the Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change, Hon Kavydass Ramano, and the Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives, Hon Soomilduth Bholah.

Hon Minister Kavydass Ramano emphasised on the dreadful impacts of the plastic pollution and the firm commitment of the Government in its Programme 2020-2024 to make Mauritius a plastic free country. He rejoiced that the new regulations were a bold step forward to achieving the goal of the Government.

Hon Soomilduth Bholah highlighted on the facilities being offered by his Ministry, in particular, capacity building of individuals and entrepreneurs for the production of alternatives to single use plastic bags and products.

Sensitisation materials (radio spot, TV clip; video clip and two posters were also launched by the two Ministers.

The Press Conference was followed by the opening of the expo-vente on alternatives to single use plastic products and plastic bags at the Esplanade of the Emmanuel Anquetil Building, Port Louis.

The expo-vente was opened to the public free of charge from 10 00 hours to 15 00 hours on Thursday 15 October and Friday 16 October 2020.

The expo-vente was organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives. 24 exhibitors participated in the expo-vente to showcase and sell alternative products to single use plastic and plastic bags.









