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MINISTRY OF BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE AND COOPERATIVES
(COOPERATIVES DIVISION)

INCENTIVES, FACILITIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES 2016

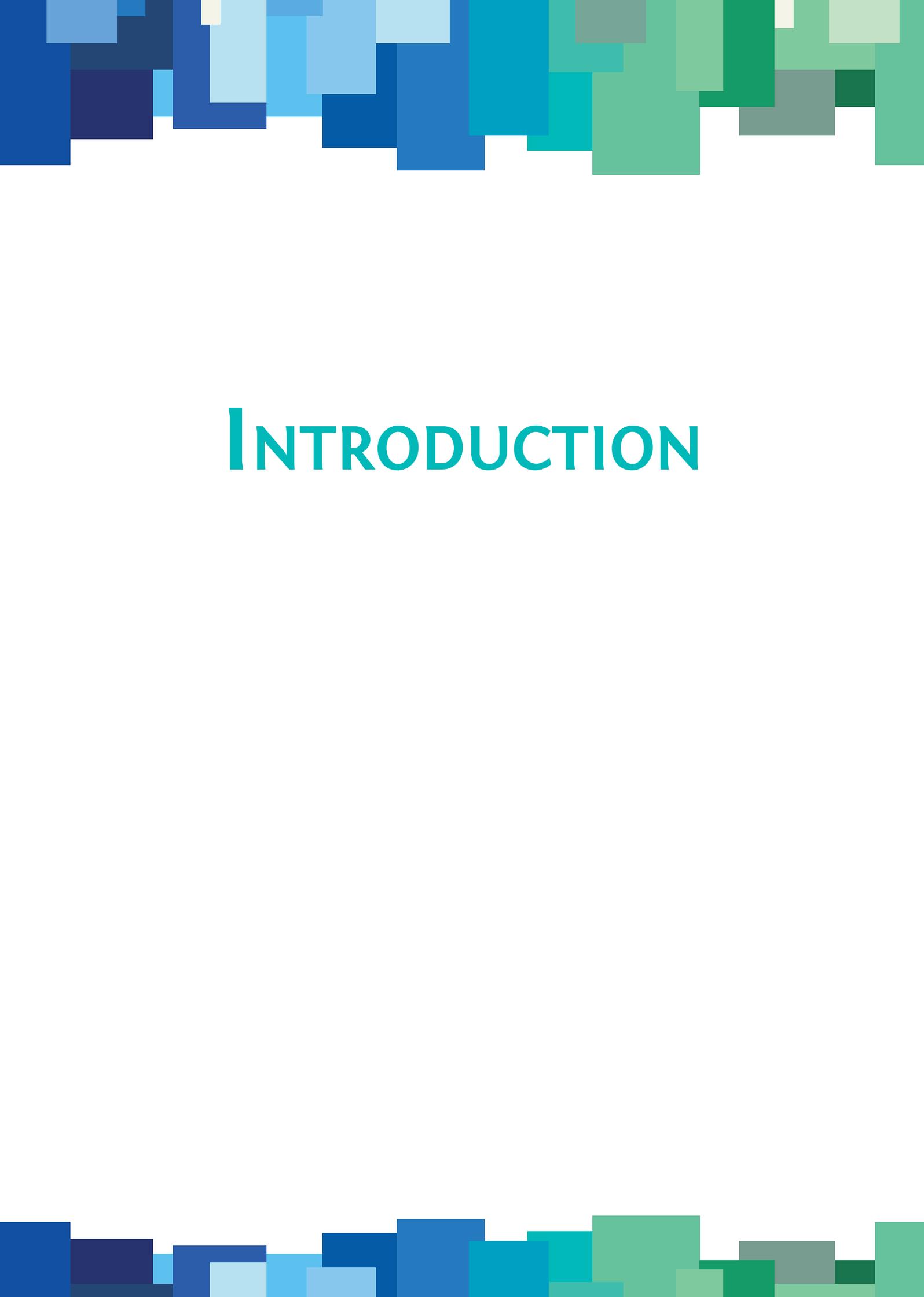
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INTRODUCTION



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The Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division) has prepared a Document on 'Incentives, Facilities and Support Services to Cooperative Societies for 2016' to disseminate information to cooperative societies and cooperators on the various incentives, facilities and support services provided by different Ministries/Departments/Organisations, namely:

Ministries:

- Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division)
- Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare
- Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management
- Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands

Parastatals:

- Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority
- Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute
- National Agricultural Products Regulatory Office
- Irrigation Authority
- Agricultural Marketing Board
- Small Farmers Welfare Fund
- Saint Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust
- Enterprise Mauritius
- National Women Entrepreneur Council
- National Productivity and Competitiveness Council

Banks:

- MauBank Ltd
- Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd



The information compiled in the brochure pertains to existing schemes and support measures obtained from the above organizations and may be subject to change. The brochure on Incentives, Facilities and Support Services to Cooperative Societies is also available on the website of the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division) at the following address: <http://cooperatives.govmu.org>.

It is, therefore, recommended to also contact the relevant Institutions so as to be informed of latest updates.



SECTION 1

COOPERATIVES



SECTION 1: COOPERATIVES

What is a Cooperative?

A Cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise.

Cooperative Societies in Mauritius are regulated by the Co-operatives Act 2005 as amended. A Cooperative Society may be set up with at least five members and a minimum share capital of Rs5,000. The Cooperative Societies are owned and managed by their members.

Why form a Cooperative?

- Increasing bargaining power
- Sharing cost of production
- Empowerment of members
- Gaining access to new markets
- Sharing of risks
- Purchasing in bulk at lower prices
- Providing credit under reasonable terms
- Providing opportunities for employment

Cooperative Values

- Self-help
- Self-responsibility
- Democracy
- Equality
- Equity
- Solidarity



Cooperative Principles

- Voluntary and open membership
- Democratic member control
- Member economic participation
- Autonomy and independence
- Education, training and information
- Co-operation among cooperatives
- Concern for community

Cooperatives in Mauritius and Rodrigues

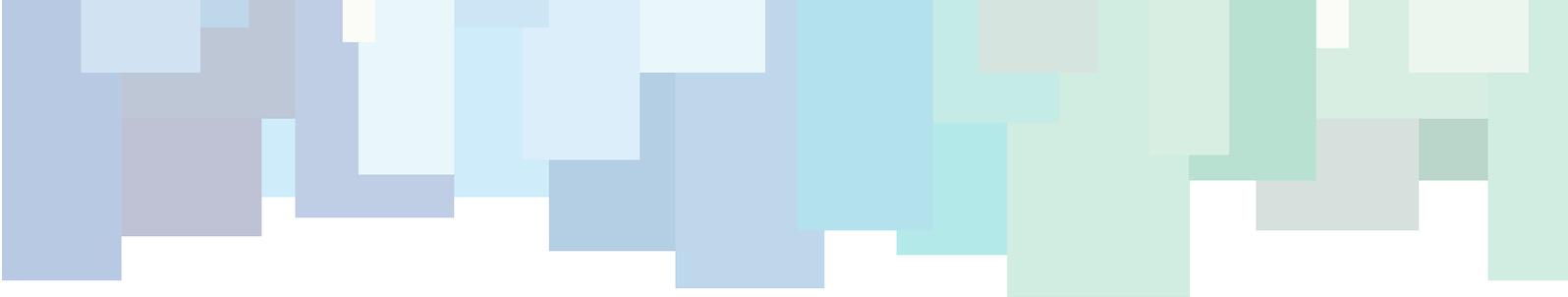
- 1143 active cooperative societies
- Engaged in around 40 different socio-economic activities
- Turnover over Rs5.5 billion
- 89,000 active members

Main Economic Activities of our Cooperative Movement

- Production and marketing of sugar cane
- Production and marketing of vegetables and fruits
- Production and marketing of tea
- Fishing
- Livestock breeding
- Public transport (bus owners)
- Saving and credit
- Cooperative retail shops

Cooperatives account for:

- 65% of onion production
- 70% of fresh green vegetables productions
- 45% of potato production

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- 10% of national sugar production- 40% of sugar cane planters are grouped in cooperatives
 - 40% of the national bus transport

In Mauritius, there are some 160 Cooperative Credit Unions registered at the level of private companies, parastatals, Ministries, hotels, educational institutions, religious bodies and at community level. The total number of active members is around 76,000, with loans issued nearing Rs2billion.

There are about 100 active women cooperatives societies involved in various types of businesses to assist women to earn an additional source of income to support their families.



SECTION 2

**MINISTRY OF BUSINESS,
ENTERPRISE AND COOPERATIVES
(COOPERATIVES DIVISION)**



SECTION 2: MINISTRY OF BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE AND COOPERATIVES (COOPERATIVES DIVISION)

The Cooperatives Division of the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives has the statutory duty to enforce the legislation for cooperatives and ensure that cooperatives abide by the provisions of the cooperative law. It also devises and implements such policies that would ensure the development of the cooperative sector, and assists in the capacity building of cooperatives by providing certain incentives and support services.

Vision of the Cooperatives Division

To have the best legal and institutional framework conducive to the development of diversified, competitive and innovative cooperatives for the benefit of their members.

Mission of the Cooperatives Division

To facilitate and assist the development of cooperatives through the creation and provision of favourable and conducive legal and institutional environment along with adequate support and incentives.

Main services provided by the Cooperatives Division

- Provision of legal framework for cooperatives.
- Formation and registration of cooperative societies.
- Audit of financial statements of cooperative societies.
- Monitoring and supervision of the activities of cooperative societies.
- Implementation of projects for the development of the cooperative sector.
- Guidance and support to cooperatives for the implementation of their plans and projects.
- Seeking financial and technical assistance from foreign and local donor agencies for the implementation of cooperative projects.
- Promotion of cooperatives.
- Fiscal incentives to cooperatives.
- Provision of free marketing outlets to cooperatives.

- Infrastructural facilities to cooperatives.
- Provision of cooperative education and training.
- Publication of a Directory of Cooperative Products and Services for Mauritius and Rodrigues.

Incentives, Facilities and Support Services to Cooperative Societies provided by the Cooperatives Division:

Incentives/ Facilities/ Support Services	Details
Fiscal Incentives	<p>Fiscal incentives provided to cooperatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) No stamp duty is levied on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) an instrument executed by the cooperative society; and (ii) an instrument executed by a member in relation to business transacted with the society, in accordance with its rules. b) No fee is payable by any cooperative society under any enactment relating to registration dues, transcription or inscription fees, except on deed of transfer witnessing the transfer of a motor vehicle. c) Dividend paid by a cooperative society is exempted from income tax. d) Duty free facilities on goods vehicles are provided to fishermen cooperatives. e) The surplus generated from sugar operations by sugar cane cooperatives is exempted from income tax. f) Cooperative Societies are exempted from payment of income tax in respect of income derived from non-sugar agricultural activities.
Free Audit Services	The audit of accounts of cooperative societies is carried out by Government Officials free-of-charge for cooperative societies with turnover less than Rs10million.
Free Education and Training	The National Institute for Cooperative Entrepreneurship caters for the educational and training needs of cooperatives and operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division). The National Institute for Cooperative Entrepreneurship offers a wide range of courses free-of-charge to cooperators, organizes workshops and seminars, and carries out sensitization programmes for the promotion of the cooperative movement in Mauritius.

Infrastructural Facilities	Infrastructural facilities are provided to fishermen, cow breeders', agricultural and pig breeders' cooperatives to empower them and enable them to carry out their activities in a professional manner.
Free Marketing Outlets	<p>Cooperative and SME Fairs are organized at Vacoas, Quatre Bornes and St Pierre Markets with the main objective of providing an outlet to cooperatives for marketing their products. The Fairs also aim at creating a greater visibility for cooperatives and sensitizing the general public about the role of the Cooperative Movement in Mauritius and its contribution in the socio-economic development of the country.</p> <p>Schedule of Cooperative and SME Fairs:</p> <p>Quatre Bornes - Last Monday of the month. Market Second and third Mondays for certain months as scheduled by the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes.</p> <p>Vacoas Market - First Saturday of the month St Pierre Market - Second Saturday of the month</p> <p>The Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division) also assists the Mauritius Women Entrepreneurs Cooperative Federation Ltd to organize fairs as hereunder:</p> <p>Rue du Vieux - Third Thursday and Friday Conseil, Port Louis of the month</p> <p>Mahebourg Market - Last Friday and Saturday of the month</p> <p>Quatre Bornes -First Monday of the month Market</p>
Sensitisation Programme on Cooperatives	The Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division) also assists in the promotion of cooperatives through organization of media programmes, talks, sensitization campaigns and workshops.
Government support for Fair Trade Certification	To assist cooperative credit societies to obtain Fairtrade Certification and to consequently enjoy the benefits under the certification, the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division) carries out sensitization programmes on the Fairtrade concept and the importance of grouping together in cooperatives to benefit from Fairtrade Certification.

Project implementation	<p>Assistance for project write-up is provided to cooperatives in connection with applications for registration of cooperatives, loans and state land.</p> <p>Also, guidance and support are provided to cooperatives for the implementation of their plans and projects.</p>
Directory of Cooperative Products and Services for Mauritius and Rodrigues	<p>Publication of a Directory of Cooperative Products and Services for Mauritius and Rodrigues for the information of cooperators and the public. The Directory can be used as a marketing tool by cooperatives.</p>
Projects/Schemes 2016/2017	
Upgrading of the National Institute for Co-operative Entrepreneurship	<p>The National Institute for Co-operative Entrepreneurship will become a Centre of Excellence in cooperative education to both cooperatives and cooperators of Mauritius and Rodrigues.</p> <p>It will also be accommodated in a modern building with required facilities to both the trainers and trainees.</p>
E-Registration Project	<p>The project will enable potential promoters of a Cooperative Society to submit their applications for registration and payment of application fees online.</p> <p>It will also provide for cooperative societies to submit their Financial Statements online.</p>
Payment of Registration Fee and the first Annual Fee for Cooperative Credit Unions to be set up in poverty regions	<p>The Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division) through the Cooperative Development Fund will finance the payment of registration fees amounting to Rs 500 and the first annual fee amounting to Rs 200 for Cooperative Credit Unions to be set up in poverty regions.</p>
Green Energy Scheme	<p>The scheme will encourage cooperatives to produce electricity using solar photovoltaic for their own consumption.</p>



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Director

National Institute for Cooperative Entrepreneurship

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Regional Cooperative Centres (RCCs)

RCCs	Telephone No.
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Solitude	2618512
Rose Belle	6277824
St. Felix	6225001
St. Pierre	4333695
Bon Accueil	4186787
Beau Camp	4176895
Henrietta	6849962
Unite	4168616
Port Louis North	2088139
Quatre Bornes	4671116
Terre Rouge	2491257
Port Louis South	2088139



SECTION 3

**MINISTRY OF GENDER EQUALITY,
CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND
FAMILY WELFARE**



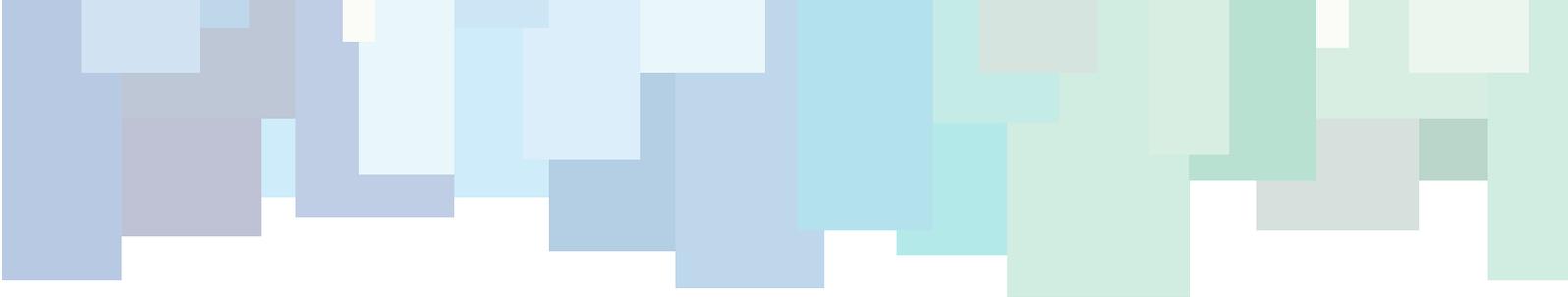
SECTION 3: MINISTRY OF GENDER EQUALITY, CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY WELFARE

The Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare has a network of 15 Women Centres across the country which serves as spaces to implement women’s empowerment programmes. A wide range of activities are organised focusing on the social and economic empowerment of women. Activities include Information, Education and Communication (IEC) programmes during which awareness campaigns on Gender Concept and 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are held in Secondary Schools and at the level of other organisations/institutions i.e. Trade Unions, Ministries and Private Sector organisations.

Incentives, Facilities and Support Services provided by the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare which may benefit Cooperative Societies:

Incentives/ Facilities/ Support Services	Details	Durations
Home Economics Unit	<p>The Home Economics Unit of the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare organises various Capacity Building and Skills Enhancement Programmes in around 150 centres (Women Centres, Home Economics Resource Centres, Social Welfare and Community Centres, Village Halls, & Municipal Halls etc.) over the island with a view to empowering both socially and economically, various target groups particularly women. It thus proposes to encourage the latter to start income generating activities in order to improve their quality of life.</p> <p>The Home Economics Unit also imparts services such as ‘Agricultural Women’s Clubs’ in order to encourage women in agricultural activities. The development of agricultural projects to enhance household food security and a healthy lifestyle as well as income generation is also promoted.</p>	

Capacity Building Programmes	Courses offered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Course in Home Economics • Healthy Lifestyle Programme • Motherhood & Child Development • Home Decoration • Curtain Making • Pastry & Dessert • Food Processing • Floral Arrangement • Healthy Vegetarian Cooking • Recycled Household Crafts • Pattern Drafting & Garment Making • Personal Grooming • Aerobics • Yoga • Advanced Course in Pastry & Dessert • Advanced Course in Floral Arrangement • Evening & Weekend Courses for Working Men & Women • Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 months(MQA Approved) • 08 months(MQA Approved) • 12 weeks(MQA Approved) • 20 weeks • 20 weeks • 12 weeks • 10 months • 20 weeks • 20 weeks • 20 weeks • 12 weeks • 12 weeks • 12 weeks each • (on demand in collaboration with NWECC)
Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Women’s Clubs • Weight Management Clubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 months • 08 months
Innovative Projects to be introduced in all Women Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MO-LA: Mobile Legal Advice • Support to Overcome Distress and Anxiety • Coffee, Cake and Connect • Getting Ready to Work • Your Safety, Our Concern • Leadership through the Role Model Concept • Promoting Wellness and Wellbeing • Home Maintenance and Minor Repairs • ‘GOAL’ Programme • Personal Development Programme 	



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SECTION 4

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND DISASTER AND BEACH MANAGEMENT





SECTION 4: **MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND DISASTER AND BEACH MANAGEMENT**

The vision of the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management is to achieve a “cleaner, greener and safer Mauritius” in a sustainable manner, through protection and management of our environment assets, mainstreaming sustainable development principles in different sectors of the economy, solid and hazardous waste management, enhanced resilience to disasters, and conservation and rehabilitation of beaches.

The mission of the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management is to:

- Devise appropriate legal and policy framework regarding environment related issues such as climate change, solid and hazardous waste management, disaster risk reduction and beach management to effectively respond to emerging challenges.
- Incorporate climate change adaptation and mitigation measures to ensure sustainable development initiatives.
- Preserve our beaches through integrated coastal zone management.
- Devise effective waste management policy to minimize the negative impacts of solid and hazardous wastes.
- Ensure effective disaster preparedness and response to enhance the safety and security of the citizens.

Incentives, Facilities and Support Services provided by the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management which may benefit Cooperative Societies:

Schemes/Incentives/ Support Services	Details	Contact Person
Providing Public Guidance	Providing guidance to members of the public regarding the list of Scheduled Undertaking under the Fifth Schedule of the Environment Protection Act.	Environmental Assessment Division Tel No.: 203 6200
Availability of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA)/Preliminary Environment Report (PER) Guidelines	Several guidelines on contents of EIA/PER are available at the EA desk as well as on the Ministry's website to assist proponents and their consultants in the preparation of their EIA and PER documents. *	
Availability of Environmental Guidelines on delisted activities from the EPA	With the enactment of the Business Facilities Act in 2006, 31 activities have been delisted from the 5th Schedule of the EPA and no longer require a PER Approval. Environmental guidelines have been prepared to assist the local authority in the processing of such applications. They are also available on the Ministry's website.**	

* Note:

a) General Guidelines on EIA/PER

- A proponent's guide to EIA
- A proponent's guide to PER

b) Sectoral Guideline on the content of EIA Report For:

- Parcelling out of land above 5 ha for residential cum commercial purposes
- Construction of Marinas
- Golf course

- Development under the Integrated Resort Scheme(IRS)
- Proposed Desalination Plants
- Proposed Stone Crushing Plants
- Proposed Coastal Hotel Projects
- Fish farming in the sea

c) Sectoral Guideline on the content of PER for:

- Food Processing Industry, excluding Small and Medium Enterprises
- Rearing of Poultry above 5,000 heads
- Discotheque or Nightclub
- Rearing of Livestock including Cattle, Goat and Sheep (more than 20 cattle heads, more than 50 goat heads and more than 50 sheep heads)

****Environmental Guidelines for non-scheduled undertakings under EPA 2002:**

- 1 Poultry rearing below 5000 heads
- 2 Assembly of batteries
- 3 Cold rooms and refrigeration plants
- 4 Bus depot of less than 50 buses
- 5 Bakery
- 6 Demolition of buildings
- 7 Multi-Purpose hall, including wedding hall
- 8 Filling station
- 9 Inland hotel
- 10 Food processing for small and medium enterprises
- 11 Food canning industry
- 12 Mirror manufacture
- 13 Processing, bottling and canning of beverages, syrup and water
- 14 Pesticides formulation and packing
- 15 Refining and processing of edible oils and fats

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- 16 Wastewater treatment plant
 - 17 Retreading of tyres
 - 18 Traffic centre
 - 19 Residential care home
 - 20 Manufacture of polyurethane foam
 - 21 Nautical centre
 - 22 Block making plant manufacturing up to 10,000 blocks per day
 - 23 Undersea walk
 - 24 Electroplating
 - 25 Bulk storage of pesticides and dangerous chemicals
 - 26 Manufacture of soap and detergents
 - 27 Timber warehousing
 - 28 Decommissioning of wastewater treatment plant
 - 29 Livestock rearing including cattle, goat and sheep (up to 20 cattle heads, 50 goat heads and 50 sheep heads)
 - 30 Stone crushing plant set up temporarily for the purpose of a project
 - 31 Asphalt plant set up temporarily for the purpose of a project by a public department

CONTACT DETAILS:

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SECTION 5

**MINISTRY OF OCEAN ECONOMY,
MARINE RESOURCES,
FISHERIES, SHIPPING AND
OUTER ISLANDS**





SECTION 5: MINISTRY OF OCEAN ECONOMY, MARINE RESOURCES, FISHERIES, SHIPPING AND OUTER ISLANDS

Vision of the Ministry

To be an economic pillar with due regard to sustainability of aquatic resources and social development for the benefit of all stakeholders.

Mission of the Ministry

To provide an enabling environment for the promotion of sustainable development of the fisheries sector and to ensure continued economic growth and social development within the framework of good governance.

Objective of the Fisheries Division

- To undertake fisheries and aquaculture research and development and manage resources for sustainable development;
- To consolidate existing knowledge and promote new ideas in fisheries development and management;
- To promote the development of the sea food hub in cooperation with all stakeholders;
- To promote and regulate the optimal long-term sustainable utilisation of living marine resources;
- To foster the interest of Mauritius within the international fisheries community, including encouraging the international trade of fish commodities within the framework of international laws and conventions;
- To disseminate information of fisheries; and
- To have a national fisheries policy responsive to the aspirations of our stakeholders.

Incentives, facilities and Support Services provided by the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Island which may benefit Cooperative Societies:

Schemes/ Incentives/Support Services	Details	Contact Person
Bad weather allowance	A bad weather allowance of Rs282 per day is provided to fishermen. 100% rate of bad weather allowance to fishermen admitted to a clinic or hospital.	Mr. I.S.Abdool, Ag. Controller, Fisheries Protection Service Tel No.:208 7961
Close season allowance	Close season allowance of Rs282 per day is provided to nets fishermen.	
Compensation for voluntary surrender of a large net or gill net licence	A compensation package is provided to fishermen for voluntary surrender of a large net or gill net licence.	
VAT refund	VAT refund for the purchase of fishing equipment, outboard motors. Rebate on road tax for double cab vehicle.	
Death Grant	A death grant of Rs200,000 is provided for death of fishermen at sea.	
Sickness Allowance	A registered fisherman is eligible to a financial assistance of 14 days when he is hospitalised for 14 consecutive days or more. The daily allowance is at par to daily Bad Weather Allowance.	Mr. T. Boodia Secretary, Fishermen Welfare Fund FiTEC Pointe aux Sables Tel No.:234 7527
Scholarships to children of the fishing community	Scholarship to children of the fishing community for studies up to the tertiary level are provided.	
Interim Assistance to fishermen family in distress	This allowance is granted to the family of a registered fisherman who has disappeared at sea during work. An amount of Rs2500 is given on an interval of 15 days to cater for the basic needs of the family. A maximum of Rs10,000 is granted for the first two months of the absence of the fisher. The case is also referred to the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institution for social aid and the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family for psychological support.	

Financial assistance for repairs of accidentally damaged fishing boats and outboard motors	Financial assistance to a maximum of Rs5,000 is provided to fishermen for repairs of accidentally damaged fishing boats and outboard motors.	
Contributory scheme for bank fishermen	A bank fisherman who has a continuous record book and has been on at least two fishing campaigns on the following banks:- Nazareth, Saya de Malha and Chagos Archipelagos during the period of 1st September in a year to 31 May of the following year are eligible to participate in the scheme by making a contribution of Rs2,000. The Fishermen Welfare Fund and fishing operators each contribute Rs2,000 per bank fisherman who participate in the scheme. The contribution received are lumped and the Rs 6,000 is provided to the fisher in three instalments during the months of June, July and August as Winter Allowance.	
Maternity Allowance	Grant of a one-off maternity allowance to fisherwoman who has given birth to a child. The aim of this allowance is to meet the basic need of the family and contribute towards the health of the mother and the child. The allowance is Rs10,000.	
Funeral Grant	The quantum of the grant is Rs5,000 and is payable at once to the deceased fisher's family who has borne the funeral expenses.	
Fish Aggregating Devices	Fish Aggregating Devices are set.	Mrs. Y. Basnat Rai, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Fisheries Training and Extension Centre (FiTEC) Pointe aux Sables Tel No.:234 2780
Training courses	Provision of training courses to artisanal fishermen and stipend of Rs 300/day to attend the course.	

Loans	Loans are sanctioned to fishers under different schemes operated by the Development Bank of Mauritius: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To finance the purchase of boat, engine, basket traps, fishing lines and accessories. Eligibility – for registered fishermen To finance the purchase of a fishing vessel of length not less than 23 feet for off-lagoon fishing, two engines, safety and other fishing equipment and accessories. Eligibility – for fishermen fishing around FADs (off-lagoon) and registered fisherman as a professional off lagoon fisherman. 	Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd (DBM Ltd), Rue La Chaussée, Port Louis Tel No.:203 3600
Financial Assistance for the purchase of “Canottes”	The Budget 2016/2017 makes provision for a sum of Rs 5 million for the implementation of the “canottes” scheme whereby financial assistance in the form of a grant of 50% of the cost of the “canotte” up to a maximum amount of Rs 200,000 is given to registered fishermen for the purchase of a ‘canotte’ having length of above 7m and less than 10m for off-lagoon fishing.	Mr. D. Norungee, Assistant Director of Fisheries Tel No.:2118703
Financial Assistance for purchase of semi-industrial vessels	In order to encourage outer-reef and bank fishing, a new provision has been made in Budget 2016/2017, whereby a grant of 50 percent up to a cap of Rs 4 million will be given to cooperatives societies to enable them to acquire semi-industrial vessels.	
Purchase of floating cage structure for Fishermen Cooperatives	With a view to promote aquaculture, the budget 2016/2017 makes provision for a sum of Rs 12.5 million for the purchase of 10 floating cage structures to be allocated to Fishermen Cooperatives.	

CONTACT DETAILS:

Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands

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SECTION 6

SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



SECTION 6: SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) is a parastatal body operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives. SMEDA supports and facilitates the development of entrepreneurship and SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) in Mauritius. Since December 2015, it is managing the SME One-Stop-Shop, which operates under the trade name MyBiz, and which provides under one roof all support and facilities required for SMEs to start and grow their businesses.

The objectives of SMEDA are to:

- Promote a conducive business environment and empower Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to emerge and grow.
- Promote a service delivery network which increases the contribution of MSMEs in the national economy and enhances economic growth.
- Enhance the competitiveness of MSMEs.
- Devise and implement development support programmes and schemes for MSMEs.
- Facilitate, assist and provide the necessary support to MSMEs to gain market access and business opportunities and to compete successfully in the national and international markets.
- Promote and develop entrepreneurship.
- Advise the Minister on policy issues regarding the development of MSMEs.

Incentives, Facilities and Support Services provided by the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority which may benefit Cooperatives Societies:

Schemes/ Incentives/Support Services	Details	Contact Person
Schemes/Incentives/Support Services provided by SMEDA		
Training	<p>SMEDA assists SMEs to enhance both their managerial and technical capabilities through the organisation of regular training programmes for both potential and existing entrepreneurs. Key programmes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs) • Technical Workshops and Seminars • Handicraft courses • Management courses • Training is also conducted through the craft academy • Entrepreneurs can make use of the craft academy to improve their products 	<p>Mr. D. Ramdhur Tel No.: 233 0500</p>
Marketing Assistance	<p>SMEDA assists SMEs and Cooperative Societies to enhance their marketing capabilities and improve their access to local and international markets. Key marketing services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing advice and guidance. • Organisation of trade fairs at regional and national levels. • Operation of Craft Shops and Exhibition Centre which promotes sales of local craft items. • Promotion of local handicraft and gift items to hotels 	<p>Mrs Taslimah Jeetun Tel No.: 202 0040</p>

Business Development and Facilitation Centres	SMEDA has set up development and facilitation centres around the island in order to identify problems of SMEs and provide them with advice and consulting facilities in order to improve their efficiency and effectiveness. In this context SMEDA has a pool of consultants whose help can be enlisted.	Mr. N. Ramsohoy Tel: 202 0040
Schemes/Incentives/Support Services provided by MyBiz		
General Business Development Services	Business Development Officers conduct initial screening exercise to identify the requirements of the SMEs, provide appropriate information to potential entrepreneurs, assist in the drafting of a Business Plan, and make the link with the various licensing bodies and MauBank, as required.	Mr. M. Chi Kam Chun Tel No.: 202 0040
Licensing, Permits and Clearances	Required licenses, permits and clearances can be issued by the relevant license issuing bodies, present under MyBiz, within the minimum delay subject to all requirements being complied with.	Mr. N. Ramsohoy Tel No.: 202 0040
Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Registration	Enterprises with an annual turnover not exceeding Rs. 50 million can register themselves with SMEDA/MyBiz and obtain a certificate which allows them to benefit from support services and incentives devised for them.	Mr. M. Chi Kam Chun Tel No.: 202 0040
Export Trade Promotion	Assistance is provided to entrepreneurs who want to participate in international fairs to develop export markets.	Mr. E. Saumtally Tel No.: 202 0040/ 233 0500
Financial Assistance through MauBank	MyBiz has established a close collaboration with Maubank, for facilitating access to loan facilities to needy enterprises under specific conditions, based on their performances, requirements and repayment capacity.	Mr. M. Chi Kam Chun Tel No.: 202 0040

<p>SME Development Scheme</p>	<p>Government has introduced an SME Development Scheme for the benefit of the small and medium enterprises. The Scheme is administered and managed by the SME One-Stop Shop (MyBiz).</p> <p>(a) To qualify for this Scheme an enterprise should have been incorporated as a small company under the Companies Act or registered as a Cooperative Society under the Cooperative Act on or after 2nd June 2015 and registered under the SMEDA Act.</p> <p>(b) The project value should not exceed Rs 20 million.</p> <p>(c) The projected turnover should not exceed Rs 50 million.</p> <p>(d) None of the Shareholders in the company/ members of the Cooperative Society should hold interest/share in any other entity having an Annual Turnover at individual or group level exceeding Rs 50 million; and</p> <p>(e) The company/Cooperative Society should be involved in any one of the following priority sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) ICT and other Export Services, preferably engaged in activities such as, mobile applications development, websites development and software development. (ii) Manufacturing (production, transformation and processing, excluding trading, assembly and service activities). (iii) Bio-farming and other value added Agri-Business activities. (iv) Aqua-culture and other value added Ocean Economy related activities. (v) Renewable and Green Energy (production, transformation and processing, excluding trading, assembly and service activities). (vi) Handicraft (locally manufactured). <p>Other value added Agri-Business activities:</p> <p>Crop production in open-field/ under sheltered farming systems, to include perennial/non-perennial crops (fruits, ornamentals, spices, medicinal plants).</p> <p>Sheltered aquaponics/hydroponics</p>	<p>Mr. M. Chi Kam Chun Tel No.: 202 0040</p>
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	<p>Bee-Keeping (production of honey, bee wax and other associated products) Breeding of farm animals: cattle, goats, sheep, pig, rabbit. Production of breeding stock. Rearing of birds for meat and eggs: Chicken, duck, turkey, geese. Support services to Crop/Livestock Production (installation/rehabilitation of greenhouses, maintenance of orchards, spraying, land preparation, provision of mechanical facilities for harvesting, pruning of fruit trees, cleaning of livestock farm).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production of planting material (fruits, vegetables, ornamentals excluding turf and lawn). • Post-harvest activities (cleaning, trimming, grading, disinfection, packaging for market, including provision of ripening services) • Transport and marketing of agricultural produce. • Silviculture including forest tree nurseries. • Fresh water and marine aquaculture. • Processing and manufacture of food products (fish, crustaceans, meat, dairy, vegetables, fruits, spices). • Distillation of essential oils. • Manufacture of animal feeds. • Agro-Tourism. • Production of fodder. <p>An SME Development Scheme Certificate will be issued to an applicant meeting the eligibility criteria for the following incentives and facilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Income tax holiday for the first 8 years and other tax concessions. (b) A Special Grant for training, consultancy, financial management, feasibility study and technical assistance. The grant will be 10% of the project value up to a maximum of Rs150,000. (c) Business support solutions from MyBiz. (d) Fast-track mechanism for obtaining permits and licences. (e) MauBank SME Financing Scheme which are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Interest rate (Key Repo Rate less 1.0%), currently 3.0%. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) A maximum of 90% project financing with maturity of up to 10 years. (iii) No personal guarantee will be requested from beneficiaries. Security will be restricted to fixed and floating charge on the assets of the company. (iv) As part of the special grant, an amount of up to Rs 10,000 may be allocated for the carrying out of feasibility study of a proposed project by an SME. 	
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2. MyBiz (SME One-Stop-Shop)

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SECTION 7

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION INSTITUTE



SECTION 7: FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION INSTITUTE

The Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security. It has the responsibility to conduct research in non-sugarcane crops, livestock, agro forestry and to provide extension service to farmers. The objectives of FAREI are to:

- Introduce, develop and promote novel technologies in the food and non-sugar agricultural sectors within a sustainable framework
- Promote and encourage agricultural and agri-business development/through the setting up of agricultural youth clubs, agricultural women clubs and agricultural entrepreneur clubs
- Promote dissemination and practical application of research results

Incentives, Facilities and Support Services provided by FAREI which may benefit Cooperative Societies:

Schemes/Incentives/ Support Services	Details	Contact Person
Training in Agriculture	<p>Training in Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Crop Production -Livestock Production -Agro processing <p>(As per list at Table 1-page 36)</p> <p>Training courses are MQA approved and run at the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapou Model Farm • Flacq Model Farm • Riviere des Anguilles Model Farm • Plaisance Demonstration Centre • Wooton, Farmer Training School 	<p>Senior Extension Officer Mr. R. Padaruth, Training Unit Tel No: 433 4378, 670 9650 Email:training@farei.mu</p>
Product Development at Agro Processing Resource Centre(APRC)	<p>Agro entrepreneurs are given access to agro processing equipment for product development and market research prior to the setting up of their enterprises.</p>	<p>Ag Senior Extension Officer Miss S. Ori, Women & Youth Unit Tel No.:670 5541, 670 9650 Fax no. 670 9649 Email: fts@farei.mu</p>

Publications on Crop, Livestock Production, Agro Processing	-Leaflets -Booklets -CD's -Video films -ODL materials (list of publications/materials is at Table 2-page 50)	Ag Senior Extension Officer Mr. N. Pratab, Information Unit Tel No.: 433 4378, 433 9380 Email: info@farei.mu
Seed treatment	Treatment of seed against diseases of selected crops by hot water treatment at Regional centres (free service available): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapou Model Farm • Flacq Model Farm • Riviere des Anguilles Model Farm • Plaisance Demonstration Centre • Plant Pathology Division 	
Advisory visits/ Diagnostics Services on Pests and Diseases	Free at FAREI sub offices	As per list at table 3
Issue seeds at Barkly Experimental Station (MAIFS)	Issue of vouchers for selected seeds	As per list at table 3
Fruit Protection Schemes against Bats	Issue of vouchers	As per list at table 3
Subsidised Livestock Feeds & molasses Livestock Feed Promotion Scheme (Dairy cattle, Goat, Sheep and Pig)	Processing of application	As per list at table 4
Bio Farming Promotion Scheme	8 year Income Tax holiday VAT and duty exemption on equipment/ inputs Loan at repo rate less 1%(presently 3.4%) over 10 years for a maximum of 90% project financing under the MauBank SME Development Scheme	As per list at table 3
Protected Structure Scheme	50% grant for the purchase of protected/hydroponic structures up to Rs400,000	As per list at table 3
Rain Water Scheme	50% grant for the purchase of rainwater collecting facilities up to Rs 100,000	As per list at table 3

Purchase of agricultural/ processing equipment scheme (Crop and livestock)	50% grant for the purchase of agricultural equipment up to Rs 100,000	As per list at table 3
Cattle Breeding Scheme	50% grant for the purchase of heifers/cows of genetically improved breeds up to Rs 50,000/head (max of 10 heads)	As per list at table 3
Goat/Sheep Multiplier Farm Scheme	50% grant for the purchase of goats/sheep of improved breeds up to Rs 15,000/head (max of 25 heads)	As per list at table 3
Upgrading of Livestock Farm Scheme	50% grant for the upgrading of livestock farm up to Rs 200,000	As per list at table 3
Pasture Development Scheme	50% grant for the establishment of fodder pasture up to Rs 20,000/arp (max of 25 arp)	As per list at table 3

Table 1- FAREI MQA Registered Courses

MQA registered courses as at August 2016				
	Type	Course Title	Duration (hrs)	Duration (Days)
1	Crop	Compost making	6	2 half days
2	Crop	Crop production	30	10 half days
3	Crop	Farm Management	18	6 half days
4	Crop	Foundation sustainable farming	18	6 half days
5	Crop	Fruit production	30	10 half days
6	Crop	Gardening	27	9 half days
7	Crop	Good Agricultural Practices- Horticulture	15	5 half days
8	Crop	Hydroponic operations course	30	10 half days
9	Crop	Hydroponic production	18	6 half days
10	Crop	Introduction to bio farming	15	5 half days
11	Crop	Kitchen gardening	12	4 half days
12	Crop	MauriGAP Standards	9	3 half days
13	Crop	Mushroom Production	6	2 half days
14	Crop	Nursery operations course	33	11 half days
15	Crop	Ornamental production	30	10 half days
16	Crop	Pesticide application	15	5 half days
17	Crop	Post harvest management	12	4 half days

18	Crop	Production of planting materials	18	6 half days
19	Crop	Quality Vegetable Seed production (QDS)	18	6 half days
20	Livestock	Broiler production	12	4 half days
21	Livestock	Duck production	12	4 half days
22	Livestock	Egg production	12	4 half days
23	Livestock	Fodder production and conservation	21	7 half days
24	Livestock	Goat production	12	4 half days
25	Livestock	Milk processing	15	5 half days
26	Livestock	Operation of a dairy farm	24	8 half days
27	Livestock	Piglets production	24	8 half days
28	Livestock	Rabbit production	12	4 half days
29	Livestock	Stockmanship in Poultry	36	12 half days
30	Processing	Advanced training on pickling	30	5 half days
31	Processing	Chips Making	15	3 full days
32	Processing	Pickles Making	30	6 full days
33	Processing	Preparation of fresh-cut/minimally processed products	15	3 full days
34	Processing	Preservation of fruits & vegetables with sugar	30	6 full days
35	Processing	Production of healthy preserves from vegetables and fruits	30	6 half days
36	Processing	Tomato processing	15	3 full days
37	Processing	Value addition to onion processing as an agribusiness	20	4 half days
38	Crop & Livestock	NTC 3 Agriculture (award course)	1 year (full time)	

Table 2: Publications and Video Films on sales

SN	Title	Price (Rs)
1	Le Guide Agricole	200.00
2	La Culture du papayer à Maurice	45.00
3	La Culture de l'arbre à Pain à Maurice	20.00
4	Fungicide Handbook	50.00
5	Fiche agro-économique pour la production de la pomme de terre	25.00
6	Fiche agro-économique pour la production de l'oignon	25.00
7	Produisons ce que nous consommons	25.00

8	La transformation du fruit à pain	25.00
9	Les Frites de Banane	15.00
10	Guidelines to cowkeeping	35.00
11	Guidelines for new entrepreneurs in dairy Farming	25.00
12	Le Bananier La mise en place de la plantation	15.00
13	Shitake Mushroom Cultivation	25.00
14	Video film on Kuma Kiltiv Atemoya	50.00
15	Video film on Kuma Kiltiv Leksi	50.00
16	Video film on Kuma Kiltiv Mang/ Kuma Gard Kalite Apre rekolt	50.00
17	Video film on Kuma Kiltiv Banann/Soin Rezim Banann Avan e Apre Rekolt/ Kuma Faire Banann Mir	50.00
18	Video film on Fabrication Compost	50.00
19	Video film on Lalit integre pou ene agrikiltir dirab	50.00
20	Video film on Pou konsolid nu sekirite alimanter	50.00

List of Livestock publications as at May 2015			Annex 2.1
SN	Publications	TYPE	Remarks
1	Produire un lait de qualité	B	
2	Fodder supply chart	L	
3	L'élevage caprin	B	
4	Elevage de dindons	L	
5	From cattle to meat	B	
6	Duck keeping	B	
7	Guide pratique de l'élevage du lapin	B	
8	Guidelines in egg production April 2009	B	
9	La production de poulet de table	B	
10	Guidelines to sheep production	B	
11	Poultry waste management	B	
12	A guide to pig breeding	B	
13	A guide to pig fattening	B	
14	Fodder booklet	B	
15	Quails	L	
16	Guidelines for new entrepreneur in the meat goat farming(photocopies)	B	
17	L'amélioration de la performance reproductive de la vache laitière	L	

18	Avian influenza	L	
19	Bagasse based feed	L	
20	Urea Molasses Multinutrient Block	L	
21	Silage	L	
22	Biogas system	L	
23	Production of lucerne(Medicago sativa)	B	
24	La culture et la conservation du fourrage	B	
25	La gale, maladie importante avec des conséquences économiques considérables dans l'élevage des porcs	L	
26	La production porcine- points essentiels à la suite des porcelets	L	
27	Bio sécurité dan prodikson koson	P	
28	Byen-etre koson	P	
29	African Swine Fever	P	
30	Elevage Porcin Un Guide Pour Les Eleveurs	B	
31	Les Bonnes Pratiques d'Elevage	B	
32	Guidelines to cowkeeping	B	On sale at Rs 35.00
33	Guidelines for new entrepreneur in the Dairy farming	B	On sale at Rs 25.00

B- Booklet

L- Leaflet

P - Poster

Annex 2.2		
SN	List of publications	Type
1	Farming News	J
2	Compost making/ Le compostage domestique	L
3	Utilisation raisonnée des pesticides	B
4	Trapping of fruit flies in tomato cultivation	L
5	Use of sticky traps for the control of leaf miner	L
6	La chenille de la tomate	B
7	Good harvesting practices	L
8	Agribusiness Flyer	L
9	Litchi moth	L
10	Amélioration de la qualité de la banane par le gainage	B
11	Soins des bananiers face aux cyclone	B
12	Les Bonnes Pratiques Agricoles	B
13	Faites traiter vos semences pour une bonne récolte	L

14	Un arbre pour la sécurité alimentaire et un environnement sain	L
15	Protection des fruits contre les chauves-souris par des filets	L
16	Improving storability of onion from field to store	B
17	La culture de l'oignon Janvier 2010	B
18	Mieux gérer vos cultures et votre élevage en période cyclonique	B
19	Grey Oyster Mushrooms	L
20	Recommended cauliflower varieties	L
21	Recommended cabbage varieties	L
22	Comment rabattre un litchier	L
23	Interactive CD Les bonne Pratiques.....	CD
24	Les Principaux Ravageurs et maladies des végétaux	CD
25	Guide d'utilisation des produits phytosanitaires	L
26	The Melon Thrips	L
27	La culture de l'arbre à pain	L
28	La Conservation des Grains	B
29	Recommendation sheet on Promising Bush Lima Bean varieties	L
30	Two Promising Bean varieties for Pulse Production: Red Pearl and Rosa	L
31	Late blight disease management in potato	L
32	Les insectes benefiques à l'agriculture L'abeille et les auxiliaires	L
33	The Gravity Fed Small-Scale Drip Irrigation	L
34	Factsheet on Fertigation	L
35	Freckle Disease of Banana	L
36	Recommendation sheet Promising Pole Lima Bean Varieties	L
37	Recommendation sheet Vilbel : A Promising snap Lima Bean Variety for fresh market	L
38	Milk processsing	B
39	Litchi au sirop	L
40	Ginger processing May 2009	B
41	Palm shoot processing	B
42	Frozen potato fries	B
43	Tomato processing opportunities	B
44	Milk processsing	B
45	Grilles d'audit pour les bonnes pratiques d'hygiène et de fabrication	B
46	Produire un lait de qualité	B
47	Fodder supply chart	L
48	Fodder booklet	B
49	L'amélioration de la performance reproductive de la vache laitière	L
50	Production of lucerne(Medicago sativa)	B

51	La culture et la conservation du fourrage	B
52	Les Bonnes Pratiques d'Elevage	B
	L: Leaflet	
	B: Booklet	
	P: Poster	
	J: Journal	

Table 3: Crop Office

For further information, please contact FAREI sub offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 13 00 to 16 00 hours

Office	Telephone No.
St Pierre Sub Office	433 9350/4334378
L'Unité Sub office	416 9209
Flacq Model Farm	4138125/4134617
Rivière du Rempart Sub Office	4129969
Mapou Model Farm	2661587/2662087
Solitude Sub Office	2619216
Goodlands Sub Office	282 0563
Montagne Longue Sub Office	245 5759
Maison des Eleveurs Henrietta Sub Office	684 1228
Quatre Bornes Sub Office	466 4109/4663885
Rivière des Anguilles Model Farm	6262554
Plaisance Demonstration Centre	6378112
St Félix Sub Office SC Building	52561308
Union Park Sub Office	677 1419
Bon Accueil Sub Office (Wednesday only)	4189482
Wooton Sub Office	6707453

Table 4: Livestock Office

For further information, please contact FAREI sub offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 13 00 to 16 00 hours		
LIVESTOCK		
Office	Telephone No.	Officers
Maison des Eleveurs St Pierre	4337829	Mrs Gayetree Jalim Bissessur, Extension Officer Mr Keshavsingh Ramheet, Extension Assistant
Flacq Model Farm	4138125	Mr Rekhanand Bedacee, Extension Officer Mrs Veeranee Koppalah Ramsamy, Extension Officer
Solitude Sub Office	2613825	Mr Dineshsing Ramlugun, Extension Officer Mr Mohammad Gorah Ishack Khadaroo, Extension Officer
Goodlands Sub Office	282 0563	Mrs Rogheenee Ellapen, Extension Officer Mr Ahrooney Chinapiel, Extension Assistant
Maison des Eleveurs Henrietta Sub Office	684 1228	Mrs Gayetree Jalim Bissessur, Extension Officer Mr Keshavsingh Ramheet, Extension Assistant
Rivière des Anguilles Model Farm	6261977	Mrs Tasleem Jeehoo, Extension Officer
Plaisance Demonstration Centre	6379150	Mr Sardhanand Augnoo, Extension Officer
Petite Rivière Sub Office	233 2229	Mrs Lolita Nursimmuloo-Bundhoo, Extension Officer Mr Mika Ramdhonee, Extension Assistant

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SECTION 8

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS REGULATORY OFFICE



SECTION 8: NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS REGULATORY OFFICE

The National Agricultural Products Regulatory Office (NAPRO) Act 2013, under which NAPRO has been set up was proclaimed on the 26th November 2013. The office operates as a division within the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security and ensures conformity of regulated products imported, exported and produced in the country. The objectives of NAPRO are to:

- Control and regulate the import, export, production and sale of regulated products.
- Control and regulate the preparation, processing, packing and manufacturing of regulated products.
- Regulate the activities and premises in connection with the slaughtering of animals.
- Determine the prices at which tea/tobacco leaves may be sold to a producer of tea/tobacco products.
- Regulated products listed under the First Schedule of the Act are:
Meat and Meat Products
Tea and Tea Products
Tobacco and Tobacco Products

Incentives, Facilities and Support Services provided by National Agricultural Products Regulatory Office which may benefit Cooperative Societies:

Schemes/Incentives/Support Services	Details	Contact Person
License Tea Cultivators	Provide license to tea growers for production of tea leaves.	Mr D.Jharia Tel No.: 467 8046
Determination of Minimum Interim Price and Final Price for Green Tea Leaf	The price of green leaf to be sold to tea manufacturers is determined annually.	
License Meat Shop Operators/ Meat Producers, Slaughter House Operators	Provides License for sale of meat.	Mr R. Jalloo Tel No.: 467 8046
License Venison Dealers, Venison Retailers, Game Venison Dealers	Provides License for sale of venison.	Mr R.Jalloo Tel No.: 467 8046

Import clearance for tea and tobacco products	Application for clearance	Mr. D. Jharia
	Inspection of products and consignments	Mrs. M. Nunkoo Tel No. 467 8046
Provision of tea seedlings	Planters willing to fill-in gaps in existing field to apply	Mrs. M. Nunkoo

CONTACT DETAILS:

National Agricultural Products Regulatory Office (NAPRO)

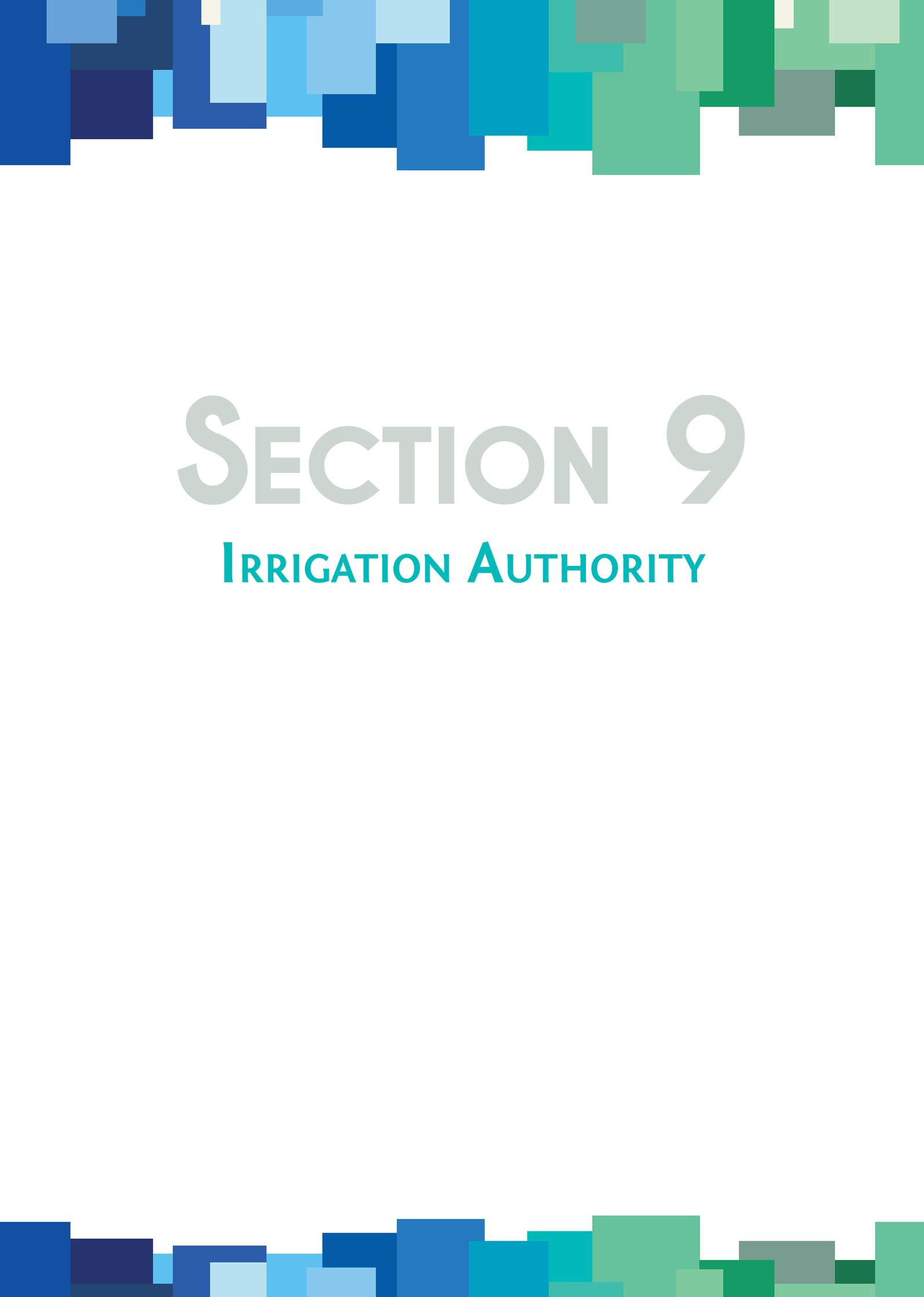
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SECTION 9

IRRIGATION AUTHORITY

SECTION 9: IRRIGATION AUTHORITY

The Irrigation Authority (IA) is a parastatal organisation set up under the Irrigation Authority Act No. 39 of 1978 and functions under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security. The objectives of the IA are:

- To study the development of irrigation and to make proposals to the Central Water Authority for the preparation of schemes for the irrigation of specific areas.
- To implement and manage irrigation project in every area and to do all other acts incidental thereto.
- To undertake research into the optimum use of water made available by the Central Water Authority for irrigation.

Incentives, Facilities and Support Services provided by the Irrigation Authority which may benefit Cooperative Societies:

Schemes/Incentives/Support Services	Details	Contact Person
Provision of irrigation at subsidized rates to Planters within irrigation areas under the jurisdiction of the Irrigation Authority.	Any plot of land located within the irrigation areas under the jurisdiction of the Irrigation Authority is provided with water for irrigation purposes at a subsidised rate.	For any information, correspondences should be addressed to the General Manager
Duty exemption on irrigation equipment	Planters/Cooperative Societies within drip irrigation project managed by the Irrigation Authority are granted duty exemption on the purchase of dripper lines. Certification is provided through the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security for remission of duties to planters for purchase of irrigation equipment.	
Partial refund of electricity for electrically driven pumpsets	The Irrigation Authority provides recommendation for partial reimbursement of pumping costs to planters/ cooperative societies using electrically driven pumps for irrigation of food crops.	

Advice on design of Irrigation Projects	Planters/Cooperative Societies are given advice on design of Irrigation Projects.	
Training of Planters	Training is imparted to planters and members of Water Users Cooperative Societies regarding management of Irrigation Projects.	

CONTACT DETAILS:

Irrigation Authority

Address: 5th Floor, Fon Sing Building, 12 Edith Cavell Street, Port Louis.

Tel No.: 210 6596

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Website: ia.govmu.org (under construction)



SECTION 10

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD



SECTION 10: AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD

The Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB) which operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security was established in 1964 as a response to the need to promote diversification in the agricultural landscape of Mauritius and to sustain the Food Security Strategies. Primarily, the role of the AMB is to ensure a regular and stable supply of certain basic food products at an affordable price to the local market through either imports or local production.

As a wholesaler of Controlled Products, the AMB has always played a significant role in the marketing and regulation of these products most notably onions, potatoes, garlic and their related seeds.

Despite fluctuation in the costs of these produces and any adverse climatic conditions, the AMB is always committed to satisfy its customers through price stabilisation and uninterrupted supply. The AMB always keeps a buffer stock for onions, potatoes, garlic and their related seeds.

In addition, the AMB continues to provide direct assistance to planters of onions, potatoes and garlic through the provision of their seeds requirement and offers a minimum guaranteed price and marketing of their products after harvest.

Incentives, Facilities and Support Services provided by the Agricultural Marketing Board which may benefit Cooperative Societies:

Schemes/ Incentives/ Support Services	Details	Contact Person
Seed Purchase Schemes	<p>In view of boosting local production, the AMB has been central to the continued success of the Potato, Onion and Garlic Seed Purchase Schemes, which are essential programs contributing hugely to the Government goal to achieve relative self-sufficiency in the non-sugar crop sector and thus alleviating also the high initial cost borne by our local growers. Planters shall make a minimum part payment of 10% of the cost of seeds purchased at the AMB and the remaining amount due shall be refunded by the planter, through the AMB, following the harvest of his production.</p> <p>Furthermore, the planters also benefit from a Government grant of 10% on the total cost of the onion and garlic seeds purchased at AMB. Moreover, Government has additionally provided a subsidy of Rs 50/kg for the purchase of garlic seeds at the AMB in line of increasing local production.</p>	Mr Rishi Sookun Tel No: 433 4025

<p>Freight Rebate Scheme (FRS)</p>	<p>The new Freight Rebate Scheme is currently operational since February 2012, as a way of promoting the exportation of various agricultural products grown in Mauritius and secondly to increase the local production of specific fruits and vegetables.</p> <p>It is a rebate of 25% on freight costs paid for exports of selected fruits, vegetables and flowers. The rebate is shared equally amongst producers and exporters.</p> <p>The scheme is only applicable for the following selected produce: Avocado, Fruit de Cythere, Litchis, Passion Fruits, Pineapples, Star Fruits, Anguives, Breadfruits, Fine Beans and extra Fine Beans, Green Chillies, Greens, Palm Hearts, Anthuriums and Orchids for export to countries approved by the National Plant Protection Office. The eligible produce shall be either unprocessed or minimally processed.</p> <p>However, in the Budget Speech 2016-2017, the Scheme has been extended to flowers and exotic vegetables. FRS has now been reviewed by the Ministry and now includes moringa (Brede Mouroume), colocassia, bitter gourd, lady finger, ridged gourd, decorative foliage, tropical flowers, ornamentals and associated parts in addition to the other products already covered under the Scheme.</p>	<p>Mr M. Perianen Tel No: 433 4025</p>
<p>Import of Glass Jars & Caps</p>	<p>To sustain SMEs, the AMB imports and sells Glass Jars of capacity 100ML, 150ML and 200ML at discounted prices.</p>	<p>Mr Beny Ramcharan Tel No: 433 4025</p>
<p>Fairs/Retail Outlets</p>	<p>The AMB is present in 6 Fairs and 6 Retail Outlets across the country. In so doing, the AMB has brought its services and quality products to the doorsteps of the customers thereby arousing their interests and promoting price stabilisation.</p>	<p>Mr Beny Ramcharan Tel No: 433 4025</p>

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No. of Days in Storage*	
Up to 1 day	Rs 150/ m3
2 days	Rs 300/ m3
3 days	Rs 450/ m3
4 to 7 days	Rs 600/ m3
Over 7 days	Rs 90/day/ m3

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Min. daily charge	Rs 300/ m3
Min. weekly charge	Rs 1,200/ m3

No. of Days in Storage*	
Up to 1 day	Rs 300/ m3
2 days	Rs 600/ m3
3 days	Rs 900/ m3
4 to 7 days	Rs 1,200/ m3
Over 7 days	Rs 160/day/ m3

*Above rates are prevailing present rates and may change without notice..

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SECTION 11

SMALL FARMERS WELFARE FUND



SECTION 11: SMALL FARMERS WELFARE FUND

The Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF) is a parastatal body established under the Act No.12 of 2002 and working under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security to promote the economic and social welfare of small farmers and their families in Mauritius and Rodrigues

Incentives, Facilities and Support Services provided by the Small Farmers Welfare Fund which may benefit Cooperative Societies:

Schemes/Incentives/Support Services	Details	Contact Person
Registration of Small Farmers		
Registration of Farmer's Card	By virtue of its Act, the Fund registers small farmers, following which they are provided a Farmer's Card which gives them access to Welfare Schemes at the Fund, as well as, other facilities provided by the Government. The Registration of farmers also allows a structured and efficient extension of facilities to eligible <i>bonafide</i> farmers. The Farmers Central Database was established to store data collected during the registration exercise mainly on the economical and social profits of it farming community.	Mr R. Bheekarry Manager Tel No.: 433 2052 / 433 1564-66
Risk Management Tools		
Agricultural Calamities Solidarity Scheme (ACASS)	Financial support to small planters on crop losses caused by natural calamities to assist farmers restarting their activities promptly and enhances their sustainability.	
Accident Insurance Scheme (AIS)	Financial support including redundancy allowance, medical reimbursement, disability compensation , etc in case of injury caused by accident	
Farmers' Pension Scheme (FPS)	Pension benefits including retirement pensions and/or lump sums, widow's pension , etc.	
Tea Sector Support Scheme (Fertilizer Subsidy)	To provide free fertilizer to small tea planters to assist them in improving their soil hence increasing their field productivity and production to boost up the sector.	

Farm Businesses Boost Ups		
Compost Subsidy Scheme	Compost (up to 1 ton/arpent) is provided to planters free of charge to assist in reducing cost of production and promoting sustainable agriculture .	
The Pre-Market Test & Certification	Grant up to Rs 400,000/- is provided to agro processors to meet with the costs of the Pre-Market Test & Certification of their products, to enable them tapping higher end market and ensure safe food for consumers .	
Certification for Concessionary Road Tax	The SFWF is the authorized body certifying farmers to enable them benefiting from preferential rates on road tax on utility vehicle.	
VAT Refund Scheme	The SFWF is the authorized body certifying farmers to enable them benefiting from VAT refund on the purchase of agricultural machinery, equipment, spare parts, etc, as fiscal incentives to reduce cost of production and adopt modern technologies	
Heifer Productivity Incentive Scheme (previously known as Calf Productivity Incentive Scheme)	A cash grant of Rs 2,500 is payable to breeders under the Calf Productivity Incentive Scheme, for each calf they have successfully bred up to 3 months for a maximum of 30 weaned calves per year . The purpose is to encourage breeders providing better care to their animals to reduce mortality rate hence boosting up the production of milk and meat.	
Incentive for Milk Production Scheme	A cash grant of Rs 5,000 will be provided to cow breeders who have successfully reared their calves up to lactation period to encourage them to take better care of their cows to reduce mortality rate hence boosting up milk and increase their profitability and sustainability, much in line with the national objective of optimizing fresh milk production.	
Building the Capacity		
SFWF Scholarship Scheme	Financial support is provided to children of small farmers through the Scholarship Scheme to pursue further studies either at the secondary level or the tertiary level .	

SFWF Agri-Tech Agricultural Technology Exhibition	To enable local suppliers to showcase their innovative products for the agricultural sector hence bringing new technologies at the doorstep of farmers enabling them to rapidly adopt the same.	
Work Based training for children of farmers	Work based training (on-the-job & off-the-job) is provided to children of farmers (S.C, H.S.C, holders and University students) to better equip them for their future career. A monthly stipend is paid to trainees .	
Quality of Life		
Family Fun Days for small farmers and their families	The SFWF organizes Family Fun Days regularly for registered farmers and their families to provide them leisure activities and to promote networking among farmers .	
Free Medical Check Up	Free Medical Check Up including Cholinesterase test is provided on a regular basis to small farmers and their families.	

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SECTION 12

**SAINT ANTOINE PLANTERS
CO-OPERATIVE TRUST**



SECTION 12: SAINT ANTOINE PLANTERS CO-OPERATIVE TRUST (SAPCT)

Following the closure of the Saint Antoine Sugar Factory, the Saint Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust (SAPCT) was set up by an Act of Parliament in the year 1994 with the objective of assisting sugarcane planters cultivating not more than 6.5 hectares of land falling within the Factory Area of the former Saint Antoine Sugar Factory. The SAPCT operates various Loan Schemes and Grant Schemes for planters/cooperative societies cultivating sugar cane within the Factory Area of the former Saint Antoine Sugar Factory.

Incentives, Facilities and Support Services provided by the Saint Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust which may benefit Planters/ Cooperative Societies cultivating sugar cane within the Factory Area of the former Saint Antoine Sugar Factory:

Incentives/Facilities/Support Services	Details
Grant Schemes	
Grant Scheme for Purchase of Sprayers	A grant to cover 50% of the cost of one sprayer per planter up to a maximum of Rs1,800 per planter every five years.
Grant Scheme for Purchase of Fertilizers	A grant of Rs50 per 50kg bag of 17-8-25/Triple Super Phosphate or any other recommended fertilizer up to a maximum of 5 bags per Arpent every year; or A grant of Rs25 per 25kg bag of 17-8-25/Triple Super Phosphate or any other recommended fertilizer up to a maximum of 10 bags per Arpent every year.
Grant Scheme for Cutting, Loading and Transport of Sugarcane	A grant of Rs40 per ton for cutting, loading and transport of sugar cane every year.
Road Mending Scheme	The SAPCT undertakes road mending for eligible planters in the ex-SAPCT Factory Area to ease and facilitate access to fields and transportation of sugar cane to sugar mills. The SAPCT fully finances the expenses to be incurred in the road mending. The scheme is being implemented on a phase wise basis and in order of priority.

Loan Schemes	
<p>New Plantation Loan with Bulldozing for cane cultivation and Interline/Rotational foodcrops cultivation</p>	<p>Interest Rate: 3% Repayment Period: 6 Years, Moratorium: 1 Year Amount per Arpent: (a) Cane: Rs50,000 (b) Interline/Rotational foodcrops cultivation (Optional): Rs30,000 Maximum limit: (a) Cane: Rs750,000 (b) Interline/Rotational foodcrops cultivation (Optional): Rs450,000 Other Conditions: Only existing sugar cane planters shall be eligible.</p>
<p>New Plantation Loan without Bulldozing for cane cultivation and Interline/ Rotational foodcrops cultivation</p>	<p>Interest Rate: 3% Repayment Period: 6 Years, Moratorium: 1 Year Amount per Arpent: (a) Cane: Rs40,000 (b) Interline/Rotational foodcrops cultivation (Optional): Rs30,000 Maximum limit: (a) Cane: Rs600,000 (b) Interline/Rotational foodcrops cultivation (Optional): Rs450,000 Other Conditions: Only existing sugar cane planters shall be eligible.</p>
<p>One-year Crop loan without interest for cutting, loading, transport of cane or other activities pertaining to cane cultivation</p>	<p>Interest Rate: 0% Repayment Period: 1 Year Amount per Arpent: Rs15,000 Maximum limit: Rs225,000 Other Conditions: Loan amount will also depend on average of last 3 crops. Crop loan contract agreement will be on a continual basis and planters will pay legal fees only for the first loan and no legal fees will be paid for subsequent loans</p>
<p>Loan for purchase of light agricultural equipment, implements and tools</p>	<p>Interest Rate: 3% Repayment Period: 6 Years, Moratorium: 1 Year Amount per Arpent: Rs50,000 Maximum limit: Rs100,000</p>

<p>Loan for Irrigation Purposes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation Equipment • Boreholes • Installation of pipes to extend irrigation areas • Provision of electricity for irrigation purposes <p>Interest Rate: 3% Repayment Period: 6 Years, Moratorium: 1 Year Amount per Arpent: Rs100,000 Maximum limit: Rs500,000</p>
<p>Loan for fencing of sugar-cane fields</p>	<p>Interest Rate: 3% Repayment Period: 6 Years, Moratorium: 1 Year Amount per Arpent: Rs100,000 Maximum limit: Rs500,000</p>
<p>Loan for the purchase of Motor Cycles, Single Cab Open Box, Double Cab Open Box and Sugar Cane Transport</p>	<p>Lorry/Vehicle</p> <p>Interest Rate: 3% Repayment Period: 6 Years</p> <p>Maximum limit:- Motor Cycle: Rs 50,000 Single Cab Open Box: 60% of cost up to a maximum of Rs400,000 Double Cab Open Box: 60% of cost up to a maximum of Rs500,000 Sugar Cane Transport Lorry/Vehicle: 60% of cost up to a maximum of Rs500,000</p> <p>Other Conditions: Motor Cycle: New. Max Capacity:125 cc Minimum 50 perches of land under sugar cane cultivation. Single Cab Open Box: New or less than 4 years old. At least four arpents of land under sugar cane cultivation. Double Cab Open Box: New or less than 4 years old. At least four arpents of land under sugar cane cultivation. Sugar Cane Transport Lorry/Vehicle New or less than 7 years At least five arpents of land under sugar cane cultivation</p> <p>NOTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planters will be eligible for second and subsequent loans every 7 years. • For those planters undertaking sugar cane cultivation on leased land, the lease agreement should be valid for the period covering the loan repayment period. • Planters should arrange for a Comprehensive Insurance Cover for the purchased vehicles for the period covering the loan repayment.

Loan for Derocking	Interest Rate: 3% Repayment Period: 6 Years Moratorium: 1 Year Amount per Arpent: Rs40,000 Maximum limit: Rs600,000
Loan to Co-operative Societies	Interest Rate: 3% Repayment Period: Depending on type of loan. Maximum limit: Depending on type of loan
Extension of Moratorium Period to 2 years in case of Flood, Drought and Fire for new plantation and/or Re-scheduling of the Loan Repayment Period	The SAPCT will, on a case to case basis, consider the extension of Moratorium Period to 2 years in case of flood, drought and fire for new plantation and/or Re-scheduling of the Loan Repayment Period

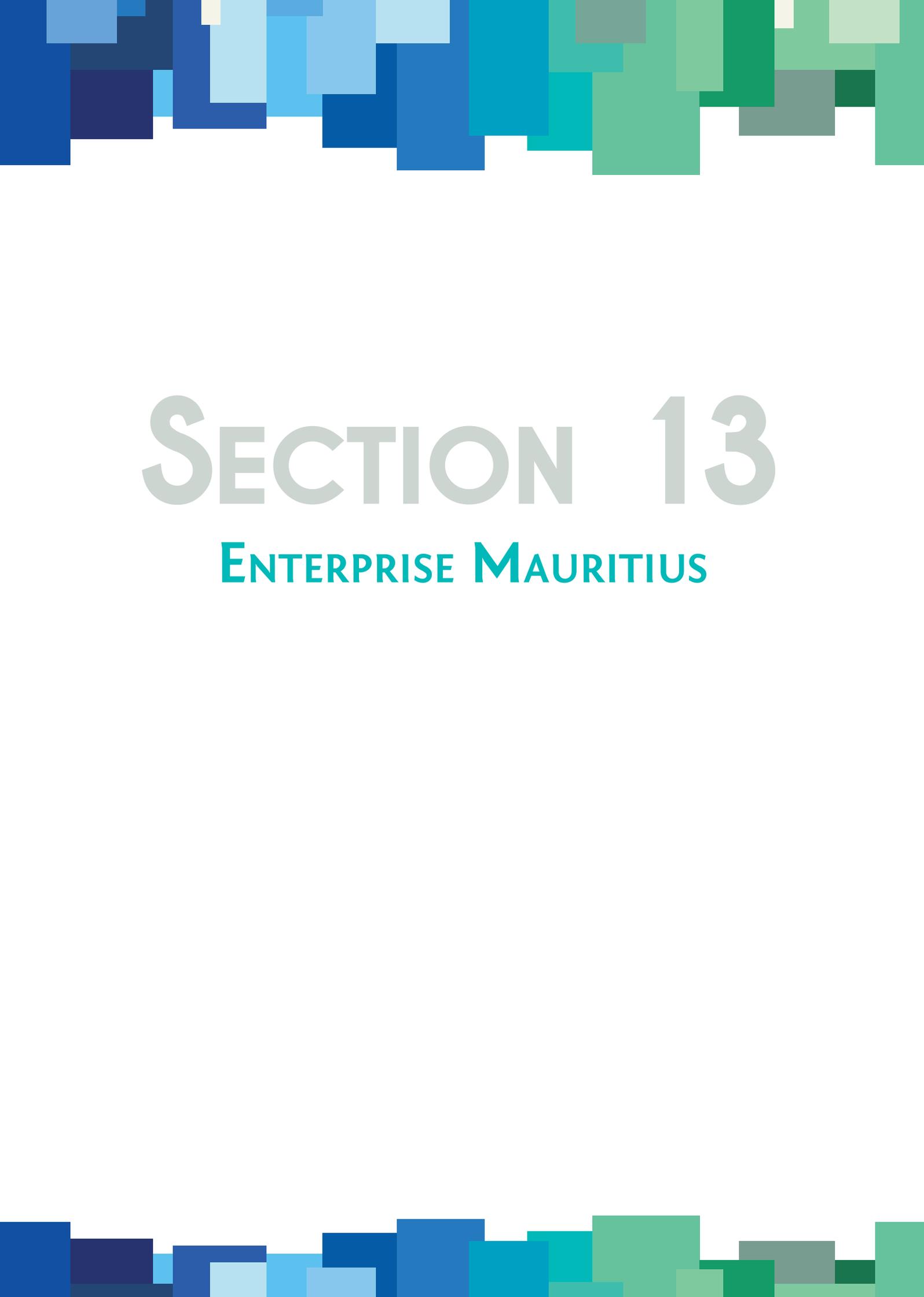
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SECTION 13

ENTERPRISE MAURITIUS

SECTION 13 : ENTERPRISE MAURITIUS

Enterprise Mauritius (EM), which operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection, is the apex Trade Promotion Organisation responsible for export promotion and export development with core objectives:

- Promotion of Mauritius as a reliable and preferred sourcing destination
- Market consolidation and expansion
- Market and product diversification
- Business facilitation
- Capacity building for SMEs

Incentives, Facilities and Support Services provided by the Enterprise Mauritius which may benefit Cooperative Societies:

Schemes/ Incentives/ Support Services	Details	Contact person
Export Promotion	<p>Every year, Enterprise Mauritius coordinates the participation of businesses at various local and international events such as Trade Fairs, Buyers Sellers Meetings, B2Bs (Business to Business), Contact Promotion Programs and Conferences.</p> <p>SMEs are refunded for the cost of participation in EM led events. The Participation in International Fairs Grant Scheme (PIFGS) is meant to assist companies/enterprises in the manufacturing and agricultural sectors which are already exporting or are export ready. The Scheme aims at meeting part of their expenses in relation to their participation in International Fairs including EM Buyers Sellers Meetings (BSMs) and Contact Promotion Programs (CPP). The grant covers eligible expenses up to a maximum of Rs200, 000 per year, irrespective of the number of trade fairs attended by the same enterprise. The Scheme is managed by SMEDA and application is done on line.</p>	<p>Geerish Bucktowonsing Tel No.: 212 9760, 213 7745</p> <p>Rajen Subbamah Tel No.: 2129760, 213 7758</p>

Freight Rebate Scheme for exports to Africa, Madagascar & Reunion Island	Refund of 25% of the Basic Freight Cost up to the maximum of USD300 per 20-foot container (USD 600 for 40 feet) exported to eligible Ports in Africa, Madagascar and Reunion Island. The Scheme applies to 45 ports in Africa as well as 12 landlocked Countries.	Pravin Soburrun Tel No.: 212 9760, 213 7767
Export Credit Insurance Scheme	Enterprise Mauritius is the implementing Agency for the Export Credit Insurance Scheme for Africa. Objective of the Scheme To provide a subsidy on the cost of credit insurance premium to eligible enterprises (Beneficiary client) subscribing for Credit Insurance Cover for their direct exports to Africa in order to encourage them to take credit insurance cover and hence boost up trade with Africa. Ceiling on Refund EM undertakes to pay 50% of the premium subject to a ceiling equivalent to a maximum of 0.2% of the insurable turnover directly to the insurers. The premium includes administrative/information fee.	Pravin Soburrun Tel No.: 212 9760, 213 7767
GO Export (Export readiness program)	The GO Export program entails capacity building for SMEs in areas such as International Marketing, Trade Finance, Costing, Pricing, Entrepreneurship skills, Business Management, Export Procedures and Documentation.	Keeren Bhogun Tel No.: 212 9760, 213 7742
In Plant Intervention on Productivity improvement and Competitiveness for SMEs	Involves In-house interventions to improve enterprise efficiency and productivity as well as product conformity.	Keeren Bhogun Tel No.: 212 9760, 213 7742
Knowledge Centre	The Knowledge Centre of Enterprise Mauritius was set up in June 2005 with the primary objective to assist and provide comprehensive trade-related information to the business community, particularly, the exporters and SMEs. State-of-the-art technical and up-to-date market information are available for reference by local enterprises. The Knowledge Centre is open to investors, exporters, importers, SMEs and to the business community at large.	Reshma Napaul Tel No.: 212 9760, 213 7774



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SECTION 14

NATIONAL WOMEN ENTREPRENEUR COUNCIL



SECTION 14: NATIONAL WOMEN ENTREPRENEUR COUNCIL

The National Women Entrepreneur Council (NWECC), a parastatal organisation under the aegis of the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare, provides support and assistance to both potential and existing women entrepreneurs in Mauritius.

The main objectives of the Council are inter-alia to:

- Identify actions and projects which will promote entrepreneurial activities of Women;
- Evaluate and assess the needs of Women Entrepreneurs;
- Establish Training Programs, aimed at improving the skills and management aptitudes of Women Entrepreneurs;
- Examine and evaluate the contribution of Women Entrepreneurs to the various sectors of development in light of national needs and priorities.

Incentives, facilities and support services provided by the National Women Entrepreneur Council which may benefit Cooperative Societies:

Schemes/Incentives/ Support Services	Details	Contact Person
Business Counselling	Business counselling is provided on a continuous basis to women entrepreneurs in connection with the setting up of a business, facilities offered by supporting institutions, financial facilities available to entrepreneurs and drafting of business plans amongst others.	Business Development Officers Tel No.: 686 9224, 686 9447
Skills Development Programmes	Skills Development Programmes are organised in the fields of Marketing, Quality Management, Human Resource Management, Finance and Costing, Customer Care on a regular basis amongst others to better equip women entrepreneurs to manage their enterprises.	

Talks and Sensitisation Campaigns	Regular talks on promotion of women entrepreneurship are conducted across the island in Social Welfare Centres, Community Centres, Women Centres and Youth Centres in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity & Reform Institutions and the Ministry of Youth and Sports.	
Marketing Assistance	The Market Centre at Phoenix is the sales and marketing outlet of the NWECC and was set up in 2008. Women Entrepreneurs who are members of the NWECC are given the opportunity to display and sell their products in the shop.	
Organisation of Trade Fairs	Trade Fairs are organised on a regional basis to enable women entrepreneurs to meet potential buyers, contract orders as well as create opportunities for those facing marketing problems.	
Business Incubator Centre	Two Business Incubator Centres have been set up at Phoenix and Triolet respectively to stimulate growth of women owned enterprises through the allocation of space at nominal rates. The main facilities that are provided at the Incubator Centres are Business Counselling, Marketing Assistance, Skills Development and Product Display.	

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SECTION 15

NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY AND COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL



SECTION 15: NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY AND COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL

The National Productivity and Competitiveness Council (NPCC) was established following the enactment of the National Productivity and Competitiveness Council Act by the Assembly in 1999 and became operational as from May 2000.

The aim of the NPCC as defined by the NPCC Act is to stimulate and generate productivity and quality consciousness and drive the productivity and quality movement in all sectors of the economy with a view to raise national output and achieve sustained growth and international competitiveness.

The 3 frontline sections which actively interact with the constituents, organizations and the public in general are:

- The Productivity and Competitiveness Academy;
- The Consultancy and Advocacy; and
- The Research and Knowledge Management.

Incentives, Facilities and Support Services provided by the National Productivity and Competitiveness Council which may benefit Cooperative Societies:

Schemes/Incentives/ Support Services	Details	Contact Person
Training in Productivity and Quality	List of training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Care • Leading Effective Teams • Leadership and Management • TQM for Productivity Improvement • Enhancing Productivity through Improved Communication • Train the Trainer • Lean Management • Promoting Employee Involvement using Quality Circles • Productivity Improvement through Good Housekeeping • Productivity and Quality Awareness Course • Strategic Visioning • Team Building 	Mrs Shalini Mathaven Tel No.: 467 7700

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing (Professional selling skills or marketing strategies) • Creativity and Innovation for Small Enterprises • Project Management: Tools, Principles, Practices • Building a Corporate Identity 	
Consultancy for in-plant productivity improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Productivity Improvement Projects for Specific Sectors 	Mrs Francoise Marechal Charlotte Tel No.: 467 7700
Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Literacy using IT(ELIT) • Innovation at Community Level • Project Cycle Management • Strategic Planning for Community Development • Entrepreneurship Development & Build Your Business with Microsoft as partner. 	Mrs Vimi Goorah Tel No.: 467 7700
Knowledge Resources on productivity, Quality & Competitiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications, Books, Periodicals, Case Studies & CDs available for consultation • Online materials available on NPCC website 	Mr Dominique Louise Tel No.: 467 7700

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SECTION 16

MAUBANK LTD





SECTION 16: MAUBANK LTD

MauBank Ltd started its operation on the 4th January 2016 following the merger of National Commercial Bank Ltd (NCB) with Mauritius Post and Cooperative Bank Ltd (MPCB). MauBank Ltd is held by MauBank Holdings Ltd which is itself a wholly state owned company.

MauBank operates Retail, SME and Corporate banking business locally and internationally for individuals and businesses. The Bank's distribution network consists of 32 branches and 46 ATMs across Mauritius including internet banking to deliver proximity services to its customers. The bank also provides basic banking services across the post office network operated by Mauritius Post Ltd.

MauBank is the ideal platform offering a wide choice of financing, deposits and transactional facilities to meet personal, small & medium enterprise (SME), corporate, global business and retail banking requirements.

The Bank has strong capabilities to build solutions around the needs of its customers through innovative banking products and services as a key differentiator. The Bank is providing dedicated and specialised SME banking solutions through 10 out of its 32 branches.

MauBank's SME team of each of our 10 Smart SME Branches, in collaboration with MyBiz of the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives, will help you to start your business and accompany you throughout its growth, through the required Counselling and Financing (subject to all terms and conditions being respected). Apart from the special schemes promoted by MauBank and government at preferential terms and concessionary rate of interest for your business, we offer a wide range of banking products and services to SMEs and micro enterprises.

Incentives, Facilities and Support Services provided by the MauBank Ltd which may benefit Cooperative Societies:

Schemes/Incentives/Support Services	Details
Crop Loan to Cooperative Credit Societies(CCS) for on lend to its members- Sugar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Based on last three normal crops average tonnage at the rate of Rs 500/- per ton of sugar cane up to a maximum of Rs18,000/- per arpent ➤ Disbursement will be made in stages as and when required ➤ Interest payable by Co-operative Societies 7.25% p.a (PLR Presently 7.25%) ➤ Capital repayable in 2 half yearly instalments and interest payable monthly <p><u>Documents to be provided by the CCS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Floating/ fixed charge by the society for the amount of facility ➤ Pledge of sugar proceed to be routed to the Bank, where only part of the proceed will be routed-same has to be clearly mentioned ➤ Copy of the minutes of proceeding to request new facility ➤ Other terms and conditions applied
Replantation Loan to Cooperative Credit Societies for on lend to its members-Sugar	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By Mechanical Means : Rs25,000 per arpent 2. By Manual Means : Rs20,000 per arpent 3. Interest payable by Cooperative societies as from 7.75% p.a (PLR+0.50) 4. Capital repayable in 10 half-yearly equal installments and interest payable monthly 5. Tenor 5 Years <p><u>Documents to be provided by the CCS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Floating/ fixed charge by the society for the amount of facility ➤ Sugar proceed to be routed to the bank, where only part of the proceed will be routed. Same has to be clearly mentioned ➤ Copy of the minutes of proceeding to request new facility ➤ Other terms and conditions applied

Agriculture Loan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Up to 70% of cost of land Up to 80% in case acquisition is purely made for agricultural exploitation and not being made for profit/income generated/capital gain/ speculative motives. 2. Up to 10 years repayment period 3. Monthly, quarterly or half-yearly installment Moratorium of 1 year on capital repayment can be considered in case loan repayment will be dependent on crop proceeds from land being purchased 4. Security: Fixed and floating on property being purchased/floating charge in name of the cooperative society
Micro Entities Scheme	<p>General Information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Available to Cooperative Societies with an annual turnover under Rs10m. <p>Banking Facilities New term loans or renewal of existing working capital facilities only</p> <p>Conditions attached Applicable interest rate: REPO Rate + 3% All processing and other charges on loans and overdrafts are waived.</p> <p>The definition of an enterprise that would qualify under the Scheme, as provided by Bank of Mauritius, reads as follows: “enterprise”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) means any form of manufacture, craft by hand or foot, cultivation of fruits, vegetables or flowers, livestock breeding; (b) includes (1) a service; and (2) a co-operative society; but (c) does not include employment, or a religious or charitable institution. <p>Further, it is understood that the fund will not be used to finance luxury items including luxury vehicles.</p> <p>Activities/services which are excluded from the Scheme concern trading activities, real estate and professionals, whether as individuals or grouped in small firms.</p> <p>No collateral required from beneficiaries but banks may take a floating charge on the company and floating charges in name of promoters but excluding their matrimonial home.</p> <p>The promoter should finance 20-30% of the project, with banks financing the rest.</p> <p>Loans up to a maximum amount of Rs2million allowed.</p>

<p>SME Financing Scheme</p>	<p>General Information Available to companies with an annual turnover of not more than Rs 50m, including at Group level.</p> <p>Banking Facilities Renewal of credit existing credit facilities, new term loans/working capital, import loans for activities where there are value additions and finance leases for SME Entities.</p> <p>Conditions attached</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicable interest rate: REPO Rate + 3%. • All processing and other charges on loans and overdrafts are waived. <p>The definition of an enterprise that would qualify under the Scheme, as provided by Bank of Mauritius, reads as follows: “enterprise”</p> <p>(a) <i>means any form of manufacture, craft by hand or foot, cultivation of fruits, vegetables or flowers, livestock breeding;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>includes (1) a service; and (2) a co-operative society; but</i></p> <p>(c) <i>does not include employment, or a religious or charitable institution.</i></p> <p>Further, it is understood that the fund will not be used to finance luxury items including luxury vehicles.</p> <p>Activities/services which are excluded from the Scheme concern trading activities, real estate and professionals, whether as individuals or grouped in small firms.</p> <p>For security, fixed and floating charge on an immovable asset will be required or any other security acceptable by the bank.</p>
<p>MauBank SME Financing Scheme</p>	<p>General Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cooperative Society should have been registered with the Registrar of Cooperatives and registered under the SMEDA Act on or after 2 June 2015. • The Cooperative Society should be involved in any one of the following priority sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ICT and other Export Services, preferably engaged in activities such as, mobile applications development, website development and software development. ➤ Manufacturing (production, transformation and processing, excluding trading, assembly and service activities). ➤ Bio-farming and other value added Agri-Business activities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aquaculture and other value added Ocean economy related activities. ➤ Renewable and Green Energy (Production, transformation and processing, excluding trading, assembly and service activities). ➤ Handicraft (locally manufactured) <p>Banking Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term loans, overdraft, import line limits <p>Conditions attached</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest rate of 3.0% (Key Repo Rate less 1.0%) • A maximum of 90% project financing with maturity of up to 10 years. • No personal guarantee will be requested from beneficiaries. Security will be restricted to fixed and floating charge on the assets of the Cooperative Society. • The project value of the Cooperative Society should not exceed Rs 20 million. <p>Grants and Incentives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the Special Grant, an amount of up to Rs 10,000 for the carrying out of feasibility study of a proposed project by an SME. • Income tax holiday for the first 8 years and other tax concessions. • A Special Grant for training, consultancy, financial management, feasibility study and technical assistance. The grant will be 10% of the project value up of a maximum of Rs 150,000. • Business support solutions from MyBiz. • Fast-track mechanism for obtaining permits and licenses.
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SECTION 17

**DEVELOPMENT BANK
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The mission of the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd throughout its history has been to provide finance for the Industrial, Agricultural and Economic Development of the country. The Bank acts as the main financial arm of the Government in implementing targeted loan schemes to impact positively on a sector or to empower people.

Incentives, Facilities and Support Services provided by the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd which may benefit Cooperative Societies:

Schemes/Incentives/Support Services	Details
Micro Credit Scheme	
(1) Agricultural Sector (a) Biofarming/Biotechnology/ hydroponics/Sheltered structure/Tissue culture etc (b) Bee-hives (c) Dairy farming (d) Production of agricultural seedlings/ production of agricultural seedlings with modern techniques (e) Storage of agri produce construction/ modernisation of shed/store (f) Sugar cane – plantation, fine derocking , irrigation (g) Value added projects for abandoned sugar cane fields (h) Potato or onion cultivation (i) Fruit and flower - cultivation, fine derocking, irrigation (j) Vegetable plantation (k) Tea plantation (l) Any other related activity	Maximum Loan Amount 90% cost of project up to a ceiling of Rs 250,000 Interest Rate - 6% p.a. Repayment Period - Up to 5 years depending on projects Moratorium During gestation/implementation period Security (i) Fixed Charge and /or General Floating Charge (ii) “Gage sans déplacement” on vehicle, where applicable (iii) Pledge of rights to the lease, where applicable (iv) Fixed Charge on Pledge of rights to the lease (v) Any other collateral security acceptable to the DBM
(2) Fishing Sector (a) Off-lagoon fishing - purchase of fishing vessel and engine/s (b) Aquaculture (c) Any other related activity	Eligibility Criteria (i) Individuals, Societies or Companies holding valid licences/permits (ii) Registered local and export oriented SMEs
(3) Manufacturing Sector (a) Manufacturing – production, transformation and processing, modernisation, working capital finance (b) Any other related activity	

<p>(4) Handicraft (a) Handicraft (locally manufactured), innovative products; any other related activity</p>	<p>(iii) Projects recommended by Enterprise Mauritius, BOI, Tourism Authority, SMEDA/ MyBiz, NEF, National Women Entrepreneur Council and other relevant institutions,</p>
<p>(5) Artists (a) Art – art exhibition, recordings, stage plays, publication of books; working capital (b) Any other related activity</p>	<p>(iv) Small businesses holding a Business Registration Card</p>
<p>Project Financing Scheme</p>	
<p>(1) Agricultural Sector (a) Biofarming/Biotechnology/hydroponics/ Sheltered structure/Tissue culture etc (b) Bee-hives (c) Dairy farming (d) Production of agricultural seedlings/ production of agricultural seedlings with modern techniques (e) Storage of agri produce construction/ modernisation of shed/store (f) Sugar cane – plantation, fine derocking , irrigation (g) Value added projects for abandoned sugar cane fields (h) Potato or onion cultivation (i) Fruit and flower - cultivation, fine derocking, irrigation (j) Vegetable plantation (k) Tea plantation (l) Any other related activity</p>	<p>Maximum Loan Amount 75% cost of project up to a ceiling of Rs 3M</p> <p>Interest rate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.0% p.a • 9.0% p.a for priority sectors(Agricultural/ fishing) <p>Maximum Loan Amount Up to 5 years depending on projects</p> <p>Moratorium During gestation/implementation period</p> <p>Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fixed Charge and /or General Floating Charge (ii) “Gage sans déplacement” on vehicle, where applicable (iii) Pledge of rights to the lease, where applicable (iv) Fixed Charge on Pledge of rights to the lease (v) Any other collateral security acceptable to the DBM <p>Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Individuals, Societies or Companies holding valid licences/permits (ii) Registered local and export-oriented SMEs (iii) Projects recommended by Enterprise Mauritius, BOI, Tourism Authority, SMEDA/MyBiz, NEF, National Women Entrepreneur Council and other relevant institutions,

<p>(2) Fishing Sector (a) Off-lagoon fishing - purchase of fishing vessel and engine/s (b) Aquaculture (c) Any other related activity</p>	
<p>(3) Manufacturing Sector (a) Manufacturing – production, transformation and processing, modernization of production processes, working capital finance (b) Any other related activity</p>	<p>(iv) Small businesses holding a Business Registration Card (v) Individuals, Societies or Companies holding valid licences/permits (vi) Registered local and export-oriented SMEs (vii) Projects recommended by Enterprise Mauritius, BOI, Tourism Authority, SMEDA/MyBiz, NEF, National Women Entrepreneur Council and other relevant institutions,</p>
<p>(4) Trade and Services Sector Trade and services - setting up, expansion, modernisation, computerisation, working capital finance; any other related activity</p>	
<p>(5) Transport Sector. Transport - purchase of public service vehicle (taxis, buses, lorries, heavy plant and equipment etc); any other related activity</p>	
<p>(6) Health Sector Health – setting-up, expansion, refurbishment of clinics, pharmacies; any other related activity</p>	
<p>(7) Construction Sector Construction - purchase of land for commercial purpose, construction / purchase of commercial or office building; any other related activity</p>	
<p>(8) Tourism Sector Tourism – setting-up, expansion, modernisation/refurbishment of hotels/ restaurants; any other tourism-related activity</p>	
<p>(9) Professionals (a) Professionals - setting up of office; working capital (b) Any other related activity</p>	

<p>(10) ICT Sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Personal Computer, Laptop (90% cost of project) (b) ICT - start-ups, expansion, modernization; E-commerce and other ICT-related projects; any other related activity 	
<p>(11) Green and Renewable Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Setting up of Solar Panel (Photovoltaic system) (b) Solar System (c) Rain Water Harvesting System 	

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