

Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division)

Achievements from January 2018 to March 2018

1. Handing over of refrigerated vehicle to the Mauritius Livestock Marketing Co-operative Federation Ltd(MLMCF Ltd) donated by the African-Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO)

2. Cooperative Market Fair at the Montagne Blanche Village Council in the context of the 50th anniversary of the independence of Mauritius

The Ministry organised a Cooperative Market Fair at the Montagne Blanche Village Council from Friday 02 to Sunday 04 March 2018 in the context of the 50th anniversary of the independence of Mauritius. The Fair was inaugurated by the Honourable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development.

3. Launching of the Arya Sabha Cooperative Credit Union Ltd

On 25 February 2018, the Arya Sabha Cooperative Credit Union was launched. The official launching ceremony was held at the Neerghen Bhawan Hall, Eau Coulée, Curepipe.

4. Solar Photovoltaic Rebate Scheme for Cooperatives

The Solar Photovoltaic Rebate Scheme for Cooperatives comprises the production of electricity by cooperatives solely for their own consumption using solar photovoltaic (PV) installation and the provision of a grant for PV installation. Under this Scheme, cooperative federations and societies are entitled to install solar PV of an allowed capacity of a maximum of 2 kilowatt peak (kWp) for electricity supply having a declared electrical load less or equal to 20 kVA and a maximum of 5 kWp for electricity supply having a declared electrical load above 20 kVA and accordingly benefit from a one-off grant of Rs25,000 for each kWp of solar PV installed.

One cooperative namely the United Development Cooperative Credit Union Limited from Rodrigues has benefited from a grant of Rs75,000 under this scheme for the period of 16 January to 15 March 2018.

5. Access to market to Cooperatives

Cooperative Fairs at Port Louis (Rue Vieux Conseil), and Mahebourg, Vacoas, and Quatre Bornes markets were organised.

6. Consolidation of Cooperatives and Cooperative Improvement Programme

Assistance was provided to 8 cooperatives in drafting their project write-up and support was also extended in their activities, projects/programmes.

11 new cooperative societies have been registered for the period 16 January to 15 March 2018.

7. National Award for Cooperatives (NAC) 2018 - Sensitisation/ Training Programmes

Four Sensitisation/Training Programmes for NAC 2018 have been carried out at the National Cooperative College, Rose Belle Youth Centre, Flacq Women Empowerment Centre and Henrietta Regional Cooperative Centre.

8. Sensitisation campaign in poverty regions for the setting of Cooperative Credit Unions

A sensitisation programme on Cooperative Credit Union and its benefits was carried out at Argy Community Centre.

9. Sensitisation on Cooperatives for Youth and Women

The Ministry is carrying out sensitisation programmes for youth and women. In this respect, on 19 February 2018, participants attended a talk on Cooperatives at the Rivière du Rempart Social Welfare Centre, and on 27 February 2018, participants attended a workshop on Cooperatives at the Rose Bell Youth Centre.

10. Training and Capacity Building

The National Cooperative College (NCC) organised 14 training programmes on the following:

- Cooperative Entrepreneurship Development Programme
- Pastry
- Eco-bag Making
- Advanced Pastry
- Fusion Cuisine
- Leadership Development Programme
- Fancy Jewellery & Floral Decoration
- Food Preservation & Desserts
- Glass Painting
- Garment Making
- Beauty Care, Hairdressing & Henna Application
- Interior Decoration
- Massage Therapy

1,320 participants attended the training programmes

Further, 4 Sensitisation Programmes on Cooperative Entrepreneurship were held for secondary school students and were attended by 460 participants.

A workshop on “Cooperative – A Driver of Sustainable Development Goals” was also organised at the University of Mauritius by the NCC in collaboration with the University of Mauritius for 100 undergraduate students.