



BEACH AUTHORITY

CLEAN-UP MAURITIUS AND EMBELLISHMENT CAMPAIGN

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Le Bouchon public beach

INTRODUCTION

The main attraction of the Island of Mauritius is its bright white sand, turquoise blue lagoons, unscathed coral reefs and incredible natural beauty. It is better for local inhabitants to fully enjoy during this month of summer school holidays and the tourists to escape from long lasting winter periods and make maximum use of our idyllic public beaches.

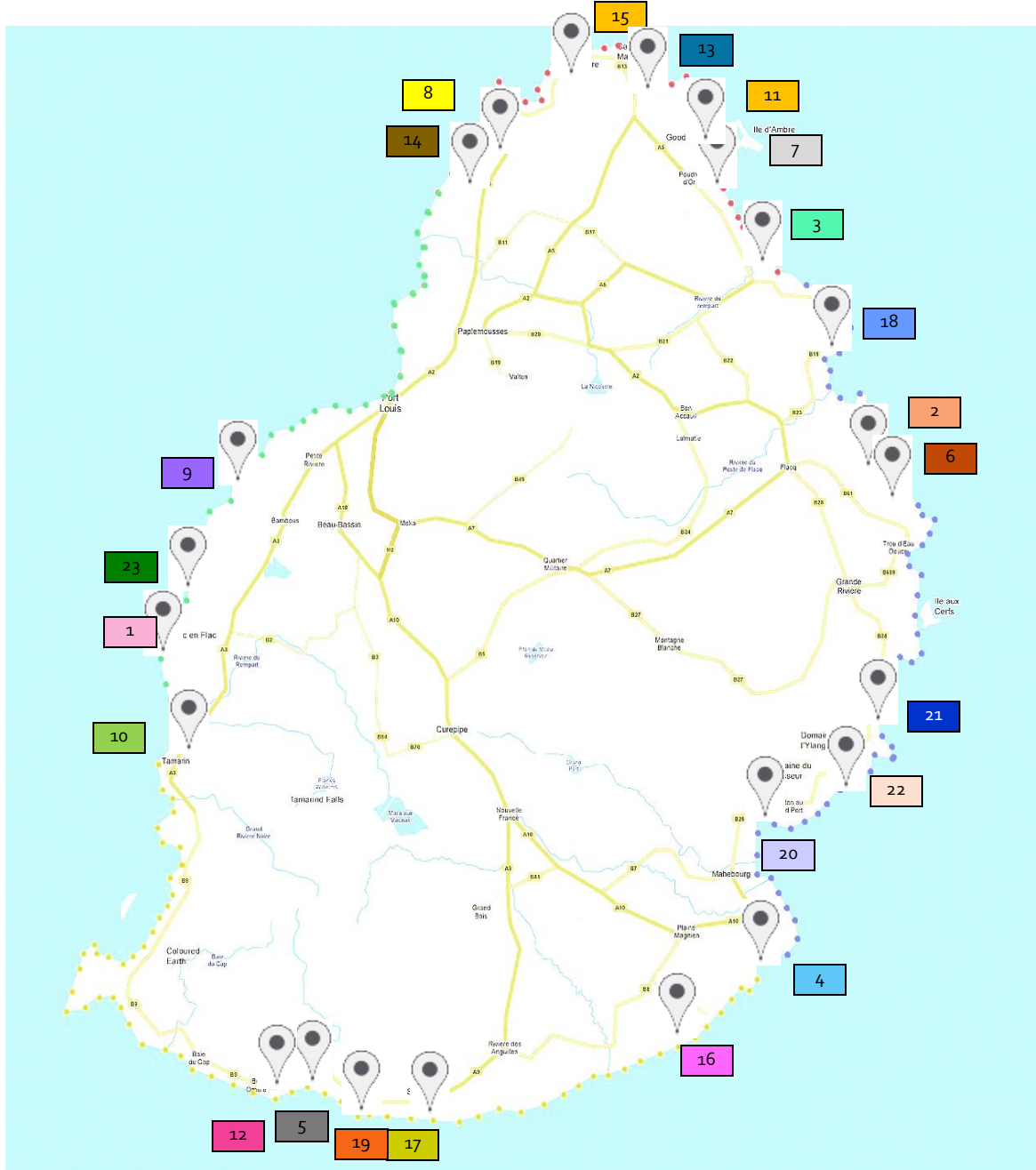
With a view to further enhance the knowledge of all Staff, a team building workshop was organised by the Beach Authority on 24 October, 2019 at Hilton Mauritius Resort & Spa.

This document gives a brief description of all the activities carried out by the Beach Authority during the month of **October, 2019**.

Participants:

1. Beach Authority
2. Mauritius Police Force (National Coast Guard, Special Mobile Force and Groupe d'Intervention de la Police Mauricienne)
3. Students from Ecole Hôtelière Sir Gâetan Duval
4. Village Councils
5. Hotel Groups
6. Non Governmental Organisations
7. Diving Associations
8. Scavenging Contractors

Public beaches where activities were carried out during the period of 01 October to 31 October, 2019:



1	Flic en Flac public beach	12	Rivière des Galets public beach
2	Belle Mare public beach	13	Belle Vue Cugnet public beach
3	Von Molke public beach	14	Pointe aux Piments public beach
4	Blue Bay public beach	15	Pereybère public beach
5	Saint Felix public beach	16	Le Bouchon public beach
6	Palmar public beach	17	Riambel public beach
7	Poudre d'or public beach	18	Bras d'Eau public beach
8	Trou aux Biches public beach	19	Pomponette public beach
9	Albion public beach	20	Old Grand Port public beach
10	Tamarin public beach	21	Petit Sable public beach
11	P. G. Melville public beach	22	Providence public beach

Activities:

- 1.0 Implementation of Action Plan for Cleaning of Beaches (including lagoons) and Embellishment of public beaches**
- 2.0 Implementation of projects under Financial Year 2018/2019 (ongoing)**
 - 2.1 Construction of a new Sub Office at Saint Felix public beach
 - 2.2 Construction of Parking Area at Palmar public beach
 - 2.3 Infrastructural Development Works at Riambel public beach
- 3.0 Minor Works carried out on public beaches**
 - 3.1 Minor Works carried out at the level of Pereybère Sub Office in the Northern Region (from Baie du Tombeau to Von Moltke public beaches)
 - 3.2 Minor Works carried out at the level of Saint Felix Sub Office in the Southern Region (from P. G. Comptesse La Marque to Remy Ollier public beaches)
 - 3.3 Minor Works carried out at the level of Belle Mare Sub Office in the Eastern Region (from Roches Noires to Rivière des Créoles public beaches)
 - 3.4 Minor Works carried out at the level of Flic en Flac Sub Office in the Western Region (from Grand River North West – Sable Noir to P. G. Petite Case Noyale public beaches)
- 4.0 Events held on public beaches**
 - 4.1 Sensitisation Campaign at Flic en Flac public beach
- 5.0 Meetings attended by Officers of the Beach Authority**
- 6.0 Team Building Workshop at Hilton Mauritius Resort & Spa**

Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur
General Manager
Beach Authority

October 2019

1.0 Implementation of Action Plan for Cleaning of Beaches (including lagoons) and Embellishment of public beaches

The following activities as per the Action Plan were carried out during the month of **October, 2019** at the level of the sub offices of the Authority:

- cleaning of beaches
- cleaning of lagoons
- tree plantation
- sensitisation campaign through distribution of plastic bin bags and pamphlets

The activities were carried out at Blue Bay and Flic en Flac public beaches in collaboration with several stakeholders.

1.1 Cleaning of lagoon and embellishment campaign at Blue Bay public beach held on 11 October, 2019

➤ *Cleaning of Blue Bay public beach*



➤ *Cleaning of lagoon at Blue Bay public beach*



Cleaning of lagoon by Divers from National Coast Guard



Staff of the Beach Authority together with students from Ecole Hôtelière Sir Gâetan Duval



Staff of the Beach Authority together with Divers from National Coast Guard



Waste collected at Blue Bay public beach

➤ *Tree plantation at Blue Bay public beach*



Planting and watering of coconut trees

➤ *Sensitisation campaign*



Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users at Blue Bay public beach

1.2 Cleaning of lagoon and embellishment campaign at Flic en Flac public beach held on 12 October, 2019

➤ *Cleaning of Flic en Flac public beach*



Cleaning of beach



Removal of roots

➤ *Cleaning of lagoon at Flic en Flac public beach*



➤ *Embellishment works at Flic en Flac public beach*





Staff of the Beach Authority together with participants of the cleaning of lagoon and embellishment campaign at Flic en Flac public beach

➤ *Sensitisation Campaign*



Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users at Flic en Flac public beach

2.0 Implementation of projects under Financial Year 2018/2019 (ongoing)

2.1 Construction of a new Sub Office at Saint Felix public beach

In the context of the decentralisation of its activities, a fourth sub office is presently under construction at Saint Felix (South) public beach as from June, 2019. Works are expected to be completed by end of **November, 2019**.



*Plastering of external walls
(Work completed)*

2.2 Construction of Parking Area at Palmar public beach

Vehicular access on the beach dynamic zone is one of the causes of beach erosion. Accordingly, with a view to protect and preserve the coastal zone, parking facilities are being provided on public beaches so as to restrict vehicular access up to the beach frontage. Restricting vehicular access to the public beach is also viewed as a measure to provide safety and security to the beach users.

The parking area at Palmar public beach has been completed on **30 October, 2019**.



Palmar parking area with traffic signs and crushed corals



Provision of evergreen blocks for the parking area at Palmar public beach

2.3 Infrastructural Development Works at Riambel public beach

In line with its mandate to embellish public beaches in Mauritius, the Beach Authority has embarked on infrastructural development projects on several public beaches. After Bel Ombre and Petit Sable public beaches, infrastructural development works are being carried out as from May, 2019 at Riambel public beach. The works are ongoing and are expected to be completed by end of **November, 2019**.

The project consists of:

- construction of a new toilet block
- construction of a parking area for 25 vehicles
- fixing of composite plastic bollards within the perimeter of the parking area and along the coastal road to prevent vehicular access to the beach
- landscaping works



Laying of ecoblocks and backfilling with crushed corals (Work completed)



Construction of a new toilet block at Riambel public beach (Work in progress)

3.0 Minor Works carried out on public beaches

The activities of the Beach Authority have been decentralised so as to ensure an effective service delivery through the setting up of four sub offices in the four geographical zones around the island namely Pereybère (North), St. Felix (South), Belle Mare (East) and Flic en Flac (West) public beaches. Various minor works are thus carried out in house (such as repairs and maintenance, mowing of grass, painting and landscaping, amongst others) on a region wise basis by a team of Handy Workers and General Workers posted at the sub offices.

3.1 Minor Works carried out at the level of Pereybère Sub Office in the Northern Region (from Baie du Tombeau to Von Moltke public beaches)

- Upgrading works at Von Moltke Public Beach

Reinstatement of stone masonry around planter
Before



After



Reinstatement of platform and painting of bench
Before



After



➤ Upgrading works at Poudre d'Or public beach

*Painting of concrete benches
Before*



After



Painting of bin - Before



After



- Upgrading works at Trou aux Biches (near Police Station) public beach

Reinstatement of stone masonry wall
Before



After



- Repair of lighting systems at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery)

Before



After



Before



After



- Repair of lighting systems at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Fish Landing Station)

Before



After



- Reinstatement of sand at children's playground at Belle Vue Cugnet public beach

Before



After



- Reinstatement of table and bench at P.G Melville public beach

Before



After



- Painting of benches at Grand Gaube public beach (ten units)

Before



After



- Coconut trees maintenance
Bain Boeuf public beach

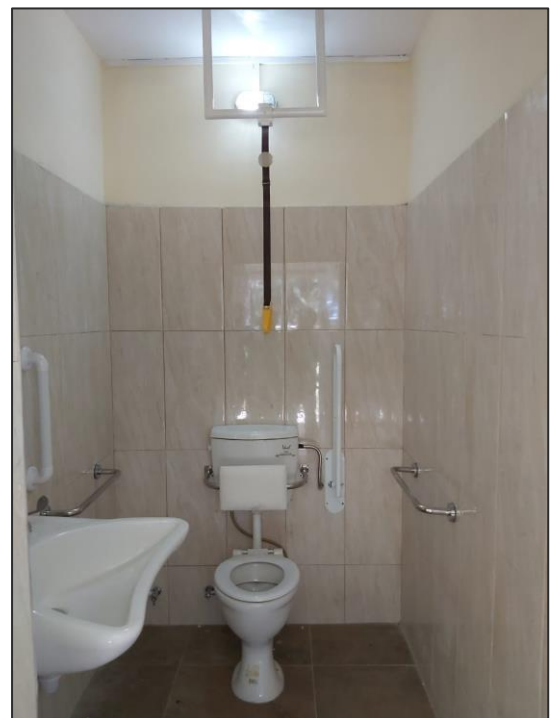


- Bins cleaning - Pereybère public beach



Bain Boeuf public beach

- Handing over of toilet block at Islet Matapan and P.G Melville public beach to the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development (Solid Waste Management Division) for cleaning and maintenance purposes.



3.2 Minor Works carried out at the level of Saint Felix Sub Office in the Southern Region (from P. G. Comptesse La Marque to Remy Ollier public beaches)

- Upgrading of Toilet Block at Blue Bay public beach

Before



After



- Maintenance of damaged solar lighting systems at Blue Bay public beach



Before



During



After

➤ Upgrading works at Le Bouchon public beach

Painting of bench – Before



After



*Reinstatement and painting of bench
Before*



After



Painting of bin - Before



After



Maintenance of coconut trees - Before



After



➤ Fixing of pine poles at Rivière des Galets public beach

Before



After



Before



After



➤ Painting of kiosks at La Prairie public beach

Before



After



- Mowing of grass at Ruisseau des Créoles public beach

Before



After



- Maintenance works undertaken by Scavenging Contractor at St. Felix public beach



Maintenance of concrete footpath



Cleaning of storm water drain

- Removal of stumps undertaken by Scavenging Contractor at Pomponette public beach



3.3 Minor Works carried out at the level of Belle Mare Sub Office in the Eastern Region (from Roches Noires to Rivière des Créoles public beaches)

- Upgrading works at Providence public beach

Painting of bench- Before



After



Painting of bin - Before



After



- Upgrading works at Old Grand Port public beach

Painting of kiosk and bin - Before



After



➤ Upgrading works at Old Grand Port public beach (continued)

Painting of monument - Before



After



Painting of bollard - Before



After



Painting of equipment at children playground - Before



After



➤ Upgrading works at Old Grand Port public beach (continued)

Painting of equipment at children playground - Before



After



➤ Removal of eyesore at Bras d'Eau public beach

Before



After



➤ Mowing of grass at Petit Sable public beach

Before



After



➤ Pressure Cleaning of toilet blocks on public beaches



Toilet Block at Bras d'Eau public beach



Toilet Block at Palmar public beach



Toilet Block at Belle Mare public beach

➤ Maintenance of coconut trees at Belle Mare public beach

Before



After



- Construction of concrete picnic table at Belle Mare public beach



3.4 Minor Works carried out at the level of Flic en Flac Sub Office in the Western Region (from Grand River North West - Sable Noir to P. G. Petite Case Noyale public beaches)

- Demolition of old toilet block and carting away of debris at Flic en Flac public beach

Before

After



- Installation of treated pine poles around new toilet block at Flic en Flac public beach

Before

After



- Provision of galvanised barbed wire around Flic en Flac Sub Office

Before



After



- Removal of eyesore at Flic en Flac public beach

Before



After



- Construction of soakaway near new toilet block at Flic en Flac public beach

Work in progress



After



➤ Upgrading works at Tamarin public beach

Painting of cubicle - Before



After



Painting of signage - Before



After



Painting of kiosk - Before



After



➤ Upgrading works at Tamarin public beach (continued)

Painting of lever arm - Before



After



➤ Removal of damaged bathing panel at Tamarin public beach

Before



After



Embellishment works around anchor



➤ Upgrading works at Tamarin public beach (continued)

Painting of toilet block - Before



After



Embellishment of pathway to kiosk - Before



After



➤ Levelling works near tuckshop at Albion public beach

Before



After



4.0 Events held on public beaches

4.1 Crackdown Operation at Pereybère public beach

A crackdown operation was carried out on **10 October, 2019** at Pereybère public beach in collaboration with Officers from the Tourism Authority following a complaint received against boat owners of the region.

Relevant pleasure craft licences were verified and the operators were sensitised about the existing regulations in force. **No** contravention was established during the crackdown operation.



Verification of Pleasure Craft Licence at Pereybère public beach



Pereybère public beach

5.0 Meetings attended by Officers of the Beach Authority

➤ Meetings held at the Head Office

S.N	Date	Name and Grade(s) of Officer(s) concerned	Subject/Purpose	Outcome of Meeting
1	1 October, 2019	Under the Chairmanship of Mr. L. Chaytoo, Administrative Manager with representative of stakeholders	Call for Expression of Interest for cleaning of lagoons	Views and comments awaited from stakeholders concerned
2	2 October, 2019	Under the chairmanship of Dr. D. Bissessur, General Manager with Head of Sections and Staff of the Technical Department	Management meeting	To discuss and report on status of projects under FY 2019/2020 and works undertaken at the level of each Sub Offices
3	4 October, 2019	Mr. O. Gobin, Project Officer Mr. R. Gowreea, Technical Officer and Officer in Charge of St. Felix Sub Office Mr. K. Beezadhur, Beach Works Inspector	Proposal for anti-drowning measures from National Coast Guard	Site visit to be carried out at Surinam public beach
4	9 October, 2019	Mr. O. Gobin, Project Officer	Contract Monitoring - Manufacturing, Supply and Fixing of 100 bins on public beaches	Supplier requested to submit the relevant sample as soon as possible
5	15 October, 2019	Mr. O. Gobin, Project Officer Mr. R. Gowreea, Technical Officer and Officer in Charge of St. Felix Sub Office Mr. K. Beezadhur, Beach Works Inspector	Contract monitoring on the construction of parking area and toilet block at Riambel public beach	Contractor requested to submit all samples, specifications for approval and reminded that works should be completed within three weeks as from 15 October, 2019
6	30 October, 2019	Dr. D. Bissessur, General Manager Mr. L. Chaytoo, Administrative Manager	9 th (2019) Board Meeting	Implementation of Board decisions taken

➤ Other Meetings at Ministries/Departments and on public beaches

S.N	Date and place of meeting	Name and Grade(s) of Officer(s)	Subject/Purpose	Outcome of Meeting
1	9 October, 2019 (Saint Felix public beach)	Mr. K. Beezadhur, Beach Works Inspector	Proposal for removal of jetty at Saint Felix public beach	Identification of jetty to be removed and proposal for construction of a swimming zone at Saint Felix public beach
2	10 October, 2019 (Hennessy Park Hotel, Ebène)	Mr. O. Gobin, Project Officer	Attending workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity into management of coastal zone – Communication and Awareness Consultancy	Stakeholders were identified and mode of communication established. Proposal made for the establishment of a logo of the project.
3	11 October, 2019 (Rivière La Chauv public beach)	Mr. R. Gowreea, Technical Officer and Officer in Charge of St. Felix Sub Office Mr. K. Beezadhur, Beach Works Inspector	Pegging exercise for newly proclaimed public beach	Boundaries of newly proclaimed public beach demarcated by Officers of the Ministry of Housing and Lands
4	11 October, 2019 (Palmar public beach)	Mr. H. Ramlochun, Beach Works Inspector	Proposal for demarcation of swimming zone at Palmar public beach	Location identified. Approval to be sought from Ministry of of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands (Fisheries Division).
5	14 October, 2019 (La Cambuse public beach)	Mr. K. Megha, Beach Enforcement Officer	Use of public beach by Grand Port District Council	Application for use of public beach for undertaking beach volley activities to be submitted by Grand Port District Council
6	15 October, 2019 (Mont Choisy public beach)	Mr. M.Bohorun, Beach Enforcement Officer	Application for Tourist Enterprise Licences at Mont Choisy public beach	Matter under consideration
7	17 October, 2019 (Parent Ministry)	Mr. R. Gowreea, Technical Officer and Officer in Charge of St. Felix Sub Office	Formulation of New Environmental Strategy	Self-analysis and assessment to be reviewed and submitted to the Parent Ministry
8	29 October, 2019 (Rivière des Galets public beach)	Mr. K. Megha, Beach Enforcement Officer	Construction of bridge at Sainte Marie - Rivière des Galets public beach	Views and comments to be sent to Road Development Authority

6.0 Team Building Workshop at Hilton Mauritius Resort and Spa

A team building workshop was organised by the Beach Authority on 24 October, 2019 at Hilton Mauritius Resort and Spa with a view to further enhance the knowledge of all Staff.

6.1 Welcome address and opening of Team Building Workshop by Mr. Roshan Singh SOWAMBAR, Chairman of the Beach Authority

Mr. Roshan Singh Sowambar, Chairman of the Beach Authority welcomed all the members of Staff and gave an overview of the achievements of the Beach Authority since January 2015, namely contraventions established, crackdown operations carried out on public beaches, authorisations issued for use of public beaches, Beach Traders' Licences issued, proclamation of new public beaches, protection and restoration of coastal wetlands, provision of amenities (bins, fireplaces, provision of parking areas, picnic tables, informative panels, dangerous bathing panels and lever arms), upgrading of toilet blocks, solar lightings, decentralisation of the activities of the Beach Authority, sensitisation and clean-up campaigns as well as consultancy services for preparation of Beach Management Plan for six highly frequented public beaches, amongst others. After his speech, the Chairman declared the workshop open and wished a good and fruitful day to all participants.



Welcome address and opening of Team Building Workshop by Mr. R. SOWAMBAR, Chairman of the Beach Authority

6.2 Welcome address by Dr. Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR, General Manager of the Beach Authority

In his welcoming speech, the General Manager, stated that the workshop will give every staff another opportunity to harness the possibilities invested in each and every one. He added that “Today is a red-letter day to one and all. Since I took office in 2015, my dream, my wish, my endeavour has always been to raise the Beach Authority to new Heights of quality and excellence. You will recall what I have been saying since 2015, that is we have to transform the Beach Authority into a Centre of Excellence.

My main focus has been the human resources because if the workforce is inefficient and non performing we are doomed to fail. So, I further enhanced the development of the human capital by fostering a performance-oriented culture. You will recall that I have always been for a deadline and results oriented strategy. Everything should be well planned in advance and always remember that if you fail to plan you are planning to fail.

I have pursued with the optimisation of the workforce by focusing on reshaping and resourcing the Beach Authority with effective recruits that remains one of my top priorities. To date our workforce has more than doubled and there is still more that will be done.

You are aware that a high standard of performance is expected from you and not merely doing your duties. In this respect, one of my key priorities has been to encourage members of staff who have a very proactive mindset, are disciplined, keep job performance at the required standard and has a high sense of belonging to the Authority.

I will agree that it has not been an easy job as the paradigm shift represented an uncomfortable change. Some did not understand the immense benefits to be gained and resisted to the change as they had to step out of their comfortable zone.

To conclude my main focus has been continued efforts on laying down the foundations for the transformation of the Beach Authority. As I always say, you will be the first ones to benefit from the meaningful changes brought to the Beach Authority and this has already started to happen. So much has been achieved in such a short time and the credit goes to each one of you. Our challenges are great but we can succeed in this journey together.

Do always remember if you fail to Plan you are planning to fail, always adopt a deadline and results oriented strategy, and last but not least la force d'un employé reside dans la qualité et la quantité (volume) de travail qu'il fournit a son employeur.”

Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur, General Manager ended his speech by saying that he has no doubt that this workshop will be inspiring, innovative, informative, enriching and fruitful to one and all.



Welcome address by Dr. Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR, General Manager of the Beach Authority



Mrs. Moobinah KHODABOCUS, Accounting Technician at the Beach Authority and Master of Ceremony

6.3 Presentation on the Administrative Section by Mr. Lekraj CHAYTOO, Administrative Manager (Registry Procedures, Departmental Bid Committee, Bid Evaluation Committee and Licensing Department)



6.4 Presentation on the Finance Department by Mrs. Moobinah Begum KHODABOCUS, Accounting Technician



6.5 Presentation on Procurement and Supply Section by Mr. Ghanrazsingh TEELUCK, Procurement and Supply Officer



6.6 Presentation on Human Resource Section by Mrs. P. DEWAN, Clerical/Higher Clerical Officer and Mr. Edouard d'Emmerz De Charmoy, Human Resource Officer





Mr. Edouard d'Emmerez De Charmoy, Human Resource Officer

6.7 Presentation on Beach Authority Employees Union by Mr. Joenathan MAMODE, Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Pereybère Sub Office as well as President of the Beach Authority Employees Union



6.8 Presentation on Reengineering of the Beach Authority and Project Implementation by Mr. Raviraj GOWREEA, Technical Officer and Officer in Charge of St. Felix Sub Office



6.9 Presentation on Management and Control of proclaimed public beaches in the Southern Region by Mr. K. BEEZADHUR, Beach Works Inspector



- 6.10 Presentation on Management and Control of proclaimed public beaches in the Eastern Region by Mr. Rishiraj GEERWAR, Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Belle Mare Sub Office



- 6.11 Presentation on Management and Control of proclaimed public beaches in the Western Region by Mr. Vikramahjit SUMESSUR, Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Flic en Flac Sub Office



6.12 Interactive session with Staff



*Mr. V. SUMESSUR,
Beach Enforcement Officer and
Officer in Charge of Flic en Flac
Sub Office*



*Mrs. P. DEWAN,
Clerical/Higher Clerical Officer*



*Mr. A. BEEPUTH,
Senior Beach Enforcement Officer*



*Mr. L. CHAYTOO,
Administrative Manager*



*Ms. B. NUNDOOSING,
Beach Works Inspector*



*Mr. G. TEELUCK,
Procurement and Supply Officer*



*Mr. J. MAMODE,
Beach Enforcement Officer and
Officer in Charge of Pereybère
Sub Office*



*Mrs. A. HEEROO,
Assistant Procurement and
Supply Officer*



*Mr. K. BEEZADHUR,
Beach Works Inspector*

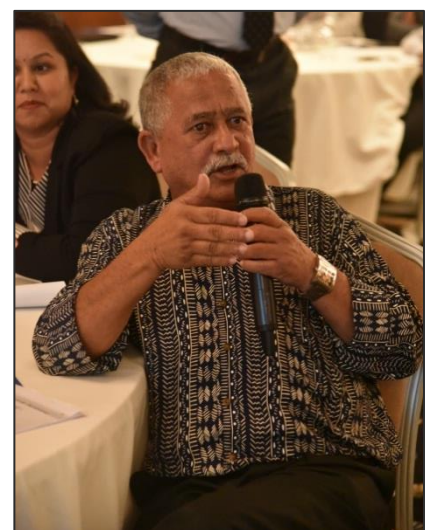
6.12 Interactive session with Staff (continued)



*Dr. D. BISSESSUR,
General Manager*



*Mrs. M.KHODABOCUS,
Accounting Technician*



*Mr. E. d'Emmerez
De CHARMOY,
Human Resource Officer*



*Mr. V. JEETUN,
Beach Works Inspector*



*Mrs. S. SEVERAM,
Clerk/Word Processing Operator*



*Mr. D. JEEBUN,
Driver*



*Mr. R. GOWREEA,
Technical Officer and Officer in
Charge of St. Felix Sub Office*



*Mrs. R. RAMSAMY,
Confidential Secretary*



*Mr. B. LATCHEMAN,
Executive Officer*



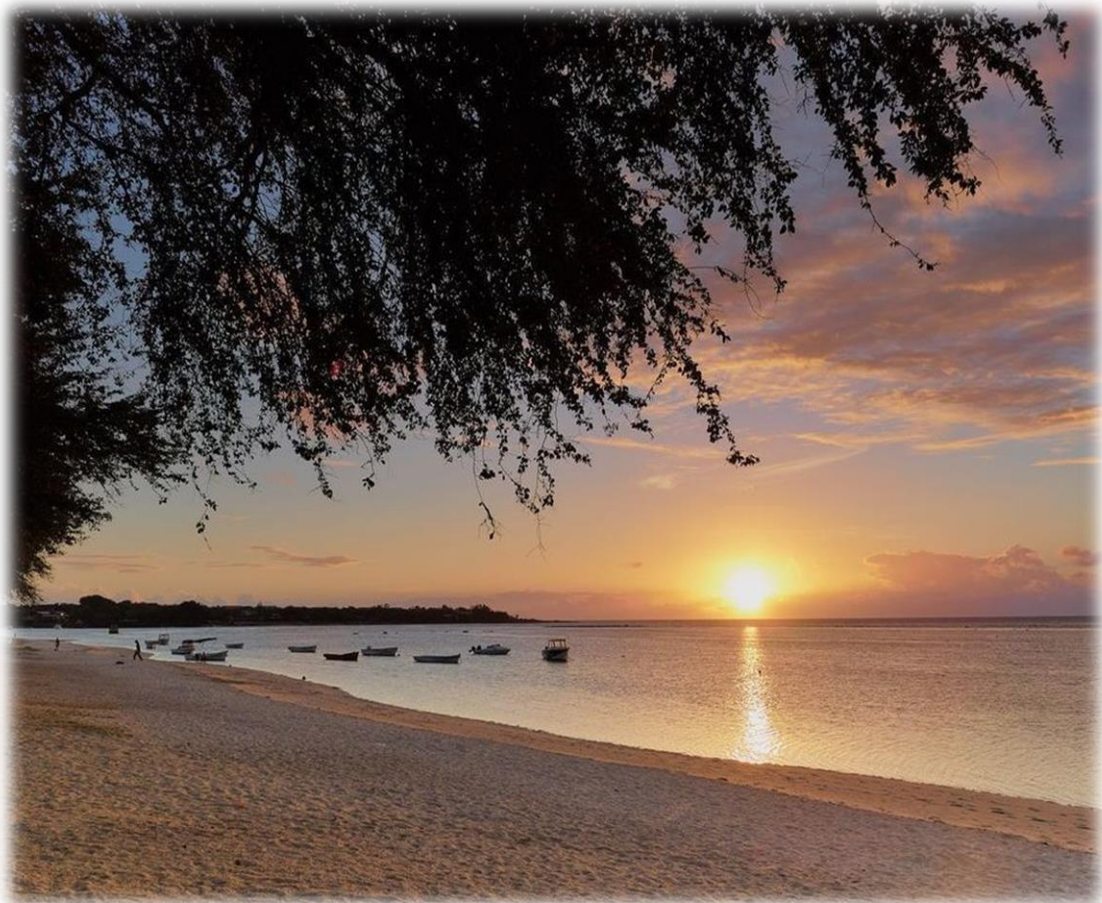
General Manager with Staff of Beach Authority

WAY FORWARD

In line with its mandate, the Beach Authority ensures that all public beaches around the island are clean and maintained throughout the whole day such that beach users do enjoy a safe and ecstatic environment.

The Beach Authority is taking measures to provide additional amenities to the public such as fireplaces, lighting facilities, picnic tables, kiosks and bins.

Furthermore, capacity building and other workshops will be organised to enhance the development of the human capital by fostering a performance-oriented culture at the Beach Authority while creating a better working environment conducive for members of Staff to be more efficient and effective.



Albion public beach (Sunset)

For cleaner, greener and safer public beaches