



Republic of Mauritius

Message of Hon. Maneesh Gobin Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade

Human Rights Day 2023

We are pleased to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which was adopted by the United Nations on 10 December 1948. This is the single most important document for human freedom and dignity in the world. The UDHR is a set of universal, indivisible and inalienable rights, recognising the equal dignity and worth of every person and the equal rights of men and women.

The Government of Mauritius is committed to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of individuals, as enshrined in our Constitution. It ensures that a human rights based approach is adopted for the socio-economic and cultural development of the country.

Our development model aims at a high-growth, sustainable economy and inclusive society, where citizens are able to enjoy their civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. This will pave the way for us to achieve our United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and African Union Agenda 2063 goals.

The Government is determined to maintain its welfare policies including the provision of free public health care services, free public education and social protection. We will also continue to prioritise low cost social housing, improved structure for the protection of children and a society free from Gender Base Violence.

Various activities are being organized by my Ministry in the context of this important commemoration. In collaboration with the Creole Speaking Union we have translated the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Kreol Morisien. This publication will make the 30 articles of the Declaration more accessible to our citizens and improve understanding of Human Rights. The UDHR is widely admired but rarely read. We believe that to be truly universal, the UDHR has to be published and disseminated in as many languages as possible – including Kreol Morisien.

Human Rights are the foundation of freedom, justice and peace. We should resolutely act for a more sustainable, just and prosperous world.

Let us all stand up for Human Rights!

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