

# MAURITIUS

## DEVELOPING CAPACITY AMONGST RODRIGUANS TO ADOPT GREEN BUSINESSES THROUGH TRAINING TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GREEN BUSINESS GUIDEBOOK

### BACKGROUND

The low development in Rodrigues could be considered an opportunity to do the right thing the first time. Rodrigues has therefore an opportunity to excel in the preservation of its natural environment. The recent banning of plastic bags is certainly one big first step. Alternatives must be identified because plastic bags had almost become a way of life for the population as it is in the island. The island of Mauritius is now coming forward with the banning of plastic bags at the national level. A green business guidebook developed after extensive field research and consultations will provide to potential entrepreneurs the opportunity to develop sustainable businesses involved in the production of alternatives to plastics. This expected result correlates directly with the objective of minimising plastic wastes on the island of Rodrigues.

### COMMISSION OF ENVIRONMENT, RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

#### PARTNER:

Ter-Mer Rodriguez Association, Mauritius  
Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority, Mauritius

#### LOCATION:

Mauritius

#### Budget



**\$250,000.00**

#### Timeline



**30 Months**

### OBJECTIVES

The main objective is to contribute in the transition of Rodrigues Island towards an inclusive green economy through minimising plastic waste. The action will create the perfect environment for small sustainable green businesses to be set up and to flourish at micro level in the first instance but may also encourage large manufacturers of plastic bags in Mauritius to convert to greener products. Along the same line, consumers will have access to all relevant information thus enabling them to make wiser choices of products for the benefit of their health, the environment and local business development.

### ACTIONS

- » Organise training and implement internship and exchange programs to boost aptitudes for green entrepreneurs.
- » Boost the utilisation of locally available materials into value added products
- » Encourage the greening of existing businesses - Organise training and implement internship and exchange programs to boost aptitudes for green entrepreneurs.
- » Facilitate the implementation of green businesses by making information about setting up potential green businesses readily available