

Clean Up the World 2009

Overview

CLEAN UP THE WORLD is an event which was initiated in Australia in 1989 by Yachtman Ian Kiernan, and since then has won universal acceptance and is celebrated all over the world during the month of September. Over the years there have been an increasing number of countries participating in this activity. Since the first campaign in 1993, Clean Up the World has inspired an estimated 35 million volunteers in 120 countries each year.

CLEAN UP THE WORLD is a community based environmental campaign that inspires and empowers communities from every corner of the globe to clean up, fix up and conserve their local environment. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in collaboration with CLEAN UP THE WORLD brings businesses, community groups, schools and governments together in a range of activities and programs that positively improve local environments.

Clean Up the World weekend, celebrated globally on the 3rd weekend in September is the Campaign's flagship event of the Clean Up the World Campaign. Clean Up the World encourages its member organisations to organise an event on, or around, Clean Up the World Weekend and to think of ways to engage the community in long-term environmental initiatives.

Clean Up the World in Mauritius

In Mauritius, clean up the world was first organised in 1993 by CLEAN UP THE WORLD – MAURITIUS in collaboration with Ministry of Environment. The clean up the world campaign was held during the weekend 18 and 19 September 1993 whereby several spots were identified and cleaned with the collaboration of volunteers, NGO's and all the concerned authorities.

Theme of Clean Up the World 2009

For 2009, Clean Up the World will be celebrated under the theme: *“Communities Uniting to Combat Climate Change”*, which clearly reflects UNEP's World Environment Day 2009 theme “Your Planet Needs You! UNite to Combat Climate Change”.



The chosen theme “*Communities Uniting to Combat Climate Change – Un Jour Pour Maurice*” is very much in line with Government’s policy and the Hon. Prime Minister’s vision of “*Maurice Ile Durable*” . The objective is to highlight important environmental issues and to inform, inspire, motivate and enable people to improve and sustain the quality of life through the protection of the environment.

This year the celebration of the event will be an occasion to organise activities prior to the launching of the Branding Mauritius campaigns. Further it is aimed to prevent the resurgence of disease such as Chikungunya and Dengue, which besides causing human suffering can give a severe blow to the economy.

Activities organised for Clean up the World 2009, in the local context, in collaboration with various stakeholders:

Phase 1 : 18-20 September 2009

Operation Nettoyage - Drain/La Foire/La Gare

- Operation storm water drains along classified roads
- Cleaning of Market Fair
- Cleaning of Bus Terminal

Phase 2: 26-27 September 2009

Operation Plage/Ilot/Cave Propre

- Operation ‘ Plage Propre’

- Mon Choisy Public Beach
- Belle Mare Public Beach
- Flic en Flac Public Beach
- Blue Bay Public Beach

- Operation 'Ilot Propre'
 - Ile Aux Phares
 - Ile aux Bernaches
 - Ile aux Margenie ot Flat Island

- Operation 'Cave propre'
 - Cave madame Roche Noires
 - Cave Pont Bon Dieu
 - Cave La Caverne Vacoas

Phase 3: 3 to 4 October 2009

Operation Zone Industrielle

- Operation Water Courses
- Operation Bulky waste
- Operation Industrial Estates

Phase 4: 10 -11 October 2009

Operation Recyclage

- **Components:** recycling of: - Paper (newspaper, magazine, textbook)

- Plastic
- Aluminium
- Electronic wastes

- **Collection points:** Local Authorities

Other Activities

- **16 September 2009 :** National Workshop on the Phasing Out of Ozone Depleting Substances(HCFCs), at La Plantation Resort & Spa, Balaclava

- **14 – 18 September 2009:** National Oil Spill Contingency Plan Auditing & Simulation Exercise under GEF Western Indian Ocean Marine Highway Development & Coastal & Marine Contamination Prevention Project.