

## **AGOA Week to be held from 6-10 April 2009**

Dr. the Hon. Arvin Boolell, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, and Hon. Dharam Gokhool, Minister of Industry, Science and Research, made a press conference on Thursday 2 April 2009, at the Labourdonnais Hotel, in Port Louis. They announced the upcoming African and Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) Week to be held from Monday 6 to Friday 10 April 2009.

The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) was signed into law on May 18, 2000 as Title 1 of The Trade and Development Act of 2000. The Act offers tangible incentives for African countries to continue their efforts to open their economies and build free markets.

Mauritius qualified under AGOA's 'Wearing Apparel' provisions on 18 January 2001, being one of the first AGOA-eligible Sub-Saharan African (SSA) countries to do so.