



Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (SMEs Division)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

TRAINING OF SMES/COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES AND ENTREPRENEURS ON POTATO AND VEGETABLES PROCESSING

The Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (SMEs Division) is inviting Expressions of Interest from existing and/or potential Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)/Cooperative Societies willing to be trained in potato/vegetables processing, that is to convert locally produced potato/vegetables (banana, cassava, breadfruit, sweet potato, taro) into value added agricultural products such as chips, wedges, French fries, etc.

The objectives of the training are to:

- empower SMEs/Cooperative Societies and potential entrepreneurs;
- assist existing and new entrepreneurs to grow and to develop new and formal businesses, and
- ensure economic growth through employment and empowerment.

The training sessions will be free of charge and cover the following topics:

1. Introduction to agro-processing;
2. Basic principles and techniques in food processing and preservation;
3. Personal hygiene -Code of hygienic practices to be observed by food processors;
4. Cleaning and disinfection of premises & equipment;
5. Harvest, post-harvest and selection of raw materials for chips making;
6. Packaging and labeling; types of packaging materials;
7. Labelling requirements according to Local Food Act;
8. Product presentation;
9. Conditioning and storage; and
10. Calculation of cost of production.

2. Interested SMEs/Cooperative Societies and potential entrepreneurs are invited to submit their application form (**available on this Ministry's website: <https://enterbusiness.govmu.org/>**), to the Acting Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (SMEs Division) at 16th floor, Newton Tower, Sir William Newton Street, Port Louis and/or by email on mbe@govmu.org at latest by **10 July 2024**.

Expressions of Interest received after the closing date will not be considered.

The Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (SMEs Division) reserves the right NOT to proceed with this Expression of Interest without showing any cause thereof.

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