

## PRESS RELEASE

### NLE 2022 best regional projects assessed at national level



**Ebène, 5 November 2022:** The ten best projects selected at regional level in the context of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Leadership Engine (NLE) programme were assessed at national level today at the NPCC.

This year, a total of 30 projects were implemented by some 300 participants, who started their training in leadership skills in June across ten regions. The three-months training included six weeks during which participants were required to implement projects with the potential to positively impact their communities.

The ten projects were as follows:

- A better tomorrow (Black River)
- A Nou Viv Bien (Lower Plaines Wilhems)
- Anou Donn Lavi Later (Upper Plaines Wilhems)
- Brave Mauritius (Flacq)
- Nou Nat Li (Grand Port)
- Soil Strong (Moka)
- Laiss Pousser (Pamplemousses)
- Good Push (Port Louis)
- Soft Skills Support (Rivière du Rempart)
- Saver Banane (Savanne)

Participants, who were regrouped in small teams, presented their projects in front of a jury panel composed of Dr. Dhruv Sharma from the African Leadership College, Mr. Bheerajlall Ramdoyal from the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives and Mr. Bhaguthsing Beerachee from the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change. The projects were implemented in areas including social work, youth guidance, agriculture and environment.

The best project and the two runner ups will be announced during a convention which will culminate the present edition of the NLE project.

*“We are really overwhelmed to see the quality of projects improving year on year. This is a reflection of the enthusiasm and commitment of our young participants who want to emerge as 21<sup>st</sup> century leaders and participate in the continuous transformation and modernisation of our society,”* the Executive Director of the NPCC, Mr. Ashit Gungah points out.

The 2022 edition intends to bring the NLE project to newer heights with a greater emphasis on sensitising and empowering youth on leadership and its intrinsic link to productivity. The NLE programme actually intends to take the quest and effort of developing a pipeline of leaders that lives up to the values of the National Leadership Brand of **Together, Innovating, Trusted and Excellence**.

During the past three editions, the NLE project has touched more than 1500 youth across the island while more than 100 community projects have been implemented in the areas of education, environment, social work, agriculture, health and animal welfare.

It is worth mentioning that the NPCC's Strategic Plan 2021-2025 lays strong emphasis on Leadership which is defined as a critical factor that would shape Mauritius' future. The Strategic Plan further underscores that there is a need to develop leaders who can counter volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity with vision, empathy, understanding, clarity, and agility. There is a need for visionary and accountable leadership in all fields and at all levels.

The NLE is a project by the NPCC in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation that aims at developing a leadership pipeline to achieve higher productivity and better living for the nation. Empowering youth to be the agents of change at community level will strengthen socio-economic well-being at national level.

Experiences around the world have demonstrated that rapid, inclusive, sustainable socio-economic development is achieved by strong leadership. Strong leadership and management is a key factor in fostering innovation, unlocking the potential of the workforce and ensuring organisations have the right strategies to drive productivity and growth.

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#### **Note to Editors**

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