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Training Course for Diplomats and Officials Launched

GIS - Apr 28, 2009: The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Dr. Arvin Boolell, launched yesterday in the Lunch Room of the National Assembly, in Port Louis, a training course on "Writing and Reporting Skills" for diplomats and officials. A total of 33 staff and officials of the diplomatic service are following the training course which is organised under the aegis of the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Trade.

In his address, Minister Boolell pointed out that at a time when there are so many crises and challenges of change, Mauritius cannot afford to remain indifferent to those changes that are unfolding on the international scene. In this context, it is essential that diplomats and officials of the Ministry be given the appropriate training so as to deliver effectively whatever tasks may be assigned to them, he said.

The Minister stressed on the importance for diplomats and officials to demonstrate efficiency at work, which is one of the requirements of diplomatic practice. Capacity building is therefore necessary, he said, and recalled that developing analytical approaches and skills should be an ongoing process. Moreover, with a view to sharing information, promoting interaction and building consensual approaches, the Ministry organized last week a lecture on the theme "The Extended Continental Shelf in the Mascarene Plateau Region: Joint Submission by Mauritius and the Seychelles".

The training course on "Writing and Reporting Skills" will cover the following topics, Communication with Multilateral Agencies, Multilateral Diplomatic Practices and Reporting in the Multilateral Context. The resource person for the course is Ambassador Bhaskar Balakrishnan from the Foreign Service Institute of India.

During this year, the Ministry, under the aegis of the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Trade, will organise training courses relating to Protocol and Ceremonials, Anti-Dumping with particular focus on the practical operation of the anti-dumping mechanism and Negotiating Skills. It will be recalled that Mauritius and India signed a Memorandum of Understanding in December 2007 pertaining to the establishment of an Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Trade.

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