

**THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL
(AMENDMENT) BILL**
(No. XX of 2009)

Explanatory Memorandum

The object of this Bill is to amend the Food and Agricultural Research Council Act in order to –

- (a) provide for the setting up of agricultural youth clubs and agricultural entrepreneur clubs so as to promote and encourage agricultural and agribusiness development; and
- (b) repeal the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs Act.

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ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

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A BILL

To amend the Food and Agricultural Research Council Act

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows –

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Food and Agricultural Research Council (Amendment) Act 2009.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Food and Agricultural Research Council Act.

3. Section 9 of principal Act amended

Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (4) and replacing it by the following subsection –

- (4) The functions of the Unit shall be to –
 - (a) conduct research and extension activities in non – sugar crops, livestock and food production;
 - (b) promote and encourage agricultural and agribusiness development through the setting up of agricultural youth clubs and agricultural entrepreneur clubs.

4. Section 16 of principal Act amended

Section 16 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) –

- (a) in paragraph (b), by deleting the word “and”;
- (b) in paragraph (c), by deleting the full stop and replacing it by a semicolon;
- (c) by adding, after paragraph (c), the following new paragraph –
 - (a) the setting up of agricultural youth clubs and agricultural entrepreneur clubs.

5. Repeal

The National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs Act is repealed.

6. Transitional provisions

(1) All rights, obligations and liabilities subsisting in favour of, or against, the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs shall, at the commencement of this Act, continue to exist under the same terms and conditions in favour of, or against, the Council.

(2) All proceedings, judicial or otherwise, commenced before and pending at the commencement of this Act, by or against the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, shall be deemed to have been commenced and may be continued by or against the Council.

7. Commencement

This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.
