



MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY Communiqué

Call for Participants – 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

The National Assembly invites the public to participate in a campaign forming part of the United Nations global initiative “*16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence*”.

At the initiative of the Speaker, the Parliamentary Gender Caucus, with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Mauritius & Seychelles Office is coordinating this campaign to sensitise the public on the prevention of all forms of violence in Mauritius, with a particular focus on gender-based violence.

Art Exhibition

Selected works will be displayed in the Sir Harilal Vaghjee Memorial Hall and the precincts of the National Assembly, with an official opening on **25 November 2025 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women)** and running until **10 December 2025 (Human Rights Day)**.

Participation Guidelines

- **Who can participate:** Open to **all residents of the Republic of Mauritius**.
- **Submission format:** A photo or sketch of the artwork, accompanied by a short description (maximum **100 words**) in English, French, or Kreol Morisien explaining its relevance to the theme.
- **Deadline:** Submissions can be made at latest by **30 October 2025 at 2.00 p.m.** via the online application form. Hard copies of the application form will also be available at the main entrance of the National Assembly.
- **Selection:** Entries will be reviewed by an independent jury.
- **Artwork criteria:**
 - Artworks may be new or existing creations, and may take any artistic form
 - Works must not be oversized, in order to ensure balance within the exhibition.
 - Art may express emotions such as grief or sadness, but should also highlight positive values such as empathy, love, respect and kindness.
 - If portrayed, violence should be conveyed with restraint, sensitivity, and respect, rendered with care, subtlety and dignity.

Additional Requirements

- Once selected, artworks must be delivered to the National Assembly before 22 November 2025, to allow sufficient time for installation. Details on where and how to deliver artworks will be communicated to participants and arrangements will be made to ensure their safekeeping.
- The National Assembly will host the exhibition as part of a public awareness campaign and selected participants are required to provide their explicit consent for the reproduction and diffusion of their artworks during the campaign, both in print and digital formats.

Further details and the application form are available on the **website of the National Assembly of Mauritius at <https://mauritiusassembly.govmu.org>**

This campaign offers a unique opportunity for artists and the wider public to use creativity as a tool for change and to contribute towards a violence-free and more compassionate society.

**National Assembly of Mauritius
Port Louis**

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