

BACKGROUND

The country is currently importing around 166 000 tonnes annually. Growing concern over the food security issue in Mauritius has led the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology, with the collaboration of the Mauritius Research Council, to undertake a feasibility project on wheat cultivation in Mauritius. The results have been very promising – an average yield of 4 t/ha of wheat grains were obtained with all six varieties under study. The wheat crop reached maturity 90 days after planting. Most varieties had high protein content and a high gluten index.

The next step is to go on large scale commercial plantation. The objectives of this Consultative Meeting are to plan a road map for large scale wheat cultivation in Mauritius and also to identify and define the role of the various stakeholders involved in this project.

DRAFT PROGRAMME - Thursday 31st January 2013

09:00 – 09:05	Welcome Address <i>Dr A Suddhoo, Executive Director, Mauritius Research Council</i>
09:05 – 09:10	Address <i>Prof S Jugessur, Chairman, Mauritius Research Council</i>
09:10 – 09:20	Opening Address <i>Dr the Hon. Rajeshwar Jeetah, Minister of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology</i>
09:20 – 09:25	Broad Overview <i>Representative, Mauritius Research Council</i>
09:25 – 09:45	Results of feasibility studies <i>Mr M Rughoo and Ms A Sewdoyal</i>
09:45 – 10:00	Proposed way forward and roles of different stakeholders <i>Representative, Mauritius Research Council</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Tea Break
10:15 – 11:30	Brainstorming/ Interactive Session
11:30 – 11:45	Rapporteur's summing up
11:45	Vote of Thanks