



# NEWSLETTER – MISSION VERTE

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## RANDO RAID: PRESS CONFERENCE AND A DONATION CHEQUE AS THEY RODE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Mission Verte strongly believes in the relationship between environment and sportive health. La Trobe Ltd kindly offered Mission Verte among other 3 NGO's to receive funds collected at the Rando Raid "Ride for the Environment". Mission Verte was present at both [press conference](#) and the [event day](#) at Bagatelle.

We would like to send a special thank you to the organization team and all the athletes that made this a true and valuable opportunity.



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT EXCHANGE BETWEEN MAURITIUS AND REUNION

Sustainable development is the trendy word. We are so close to a country that is well implementing all their strategies around what sustainable development should be, yet we still have so much to learn and share. The 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of October, at Swami Vivekananda, "[Les Rencontres du Développement Durable Réunion-Maurice](#)" will be held and with its door opened to whoever believes can contribute or exchange valuable information to cooperate with our neighbouring island. Of course, we won't miss out this chance! Don't forget to subscribe before it's too late! We will be there enriching our experience and information as much as we can.



## COASTAL EAST AFRICA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

We were kindly offered a little spot for our stand and mission diffusion at the [Coastal East Africa Solid Waste Management Workshop](#). Many waste management experts and government officers got to see our actions and all the progress that need to be carried out in this country. We also got the chance to visit Mare Chicose and its new CEB methane burning project. We had an enriching give-and-take from our neighbour countries and listened to their implementation efforts in terms of appropriate waste management. It was a profitable exchanging experience.



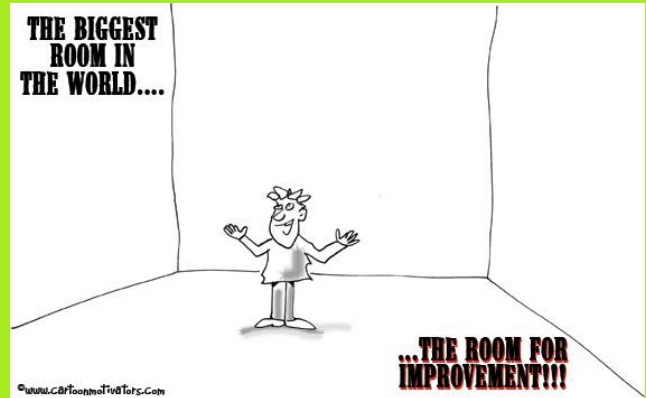


## OCA – Organizational Capacity Assessment

As many of our members, sponsors and partners received a little evaluation sent a couple of weeks ago, we are thirsty for progress in order to fill-in the gaps that are missing to accomplish our goal.

Along with 3 other NGO's, TIPA, CUT and Safire, we have decided to be part of a reassessment on how our NGO works based on what external and internal people think about us. For those who participated and helped us by evaluation and filling in the OCA ([Organisational Capacity Assessment](#) link to an explanatory document) thank you very much!

The report will be sent to you in our next newsletter as our stepping guideline for 2013! Any further feedback is always kindly accepted for our improvement.



## ECO-SENSIBILISATION DANS LES ENTREPRISES

Eco-gestures should be diffused in as many ways as possible and education is not only restricted to schools; thus said, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September we started to carry out our educational DVD sessions in Mauritian companies too. From the first week of September we have attained a number of 10 presentations in 8 different enterprises: Abax, Axy's, AfrAsia Bank, Lux Resorts, City Brokers, Talentaris, UBP and PBL. The number to accomplish is expected to extend to as many companies as possible. Please don't forget to fill in our enrolment form ([link to the form](#)) to book a day and time so we come over and deliver this session to your company employees. This is only the beginning! The message is to be spread everywhere before it's too late.

## HOUSEHOLD COMPOST WORKSHOPS DELIVERY

Possibilities should never be limited or restricted. We are therefore in aims to extend our compost workshops to households. It is estimated that 70% of household waste is organic and compostable. Please contact us if you are interested in contributing to a greener waste management rather than sending your waste to landfill. You can gather some friends or good neighbours to make it more profitable. We will be more than happy to come over and explain how to compost and the ideal conditions needed..



## PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION – AIESEC'S LEAD GREEN AND MISSION VERTE

Remember in our last newsletter our clean-up collaborator AIESEC?

Well we have got excellent news. We are teaming up with the Lead Green interns. Lead Green is a 6 weeks environmental campaign to inspire the people of Mauritius especially the youth to clean up, fix up and conserve their local environment and adopt eco-friendly lifestyles.

They will come over in January and February in order to sensitize more schools but this time with a practical added side: the proper and correct usage of our containers.

Not only is it important to show our future generations why to do something but also how. We will keep you updated on how this project gets on board at the beginning of next year.



## FACTS OF THE MONTH

We wish to inform our recent office address change, which has been relocated from Floréal to Curepipe. All post should be sent to the following address: [3A Avrillon Street, Curepipe](#)

Some beautiful and amazing ideas are coming our way! How about a Zero Waste Project? Despite Mission Verte's main activity which is recycling, the first step towards a more sustainable world is to avoid all overconsumption of our natural resources which are limited. This is the main axe by which the following project is trying to run by: "[World Waste Status Project: The Startling Line for the Run towards Zero Waste](#)". How difficult do you think this type of project can be implemented? Who would need to make the most of an effort? Can it be sustainable in such an economically dependent and dynamic world? What are the little changes you can do in order to avoid overexploitation and overconsumption but also pollution?

Some food for thought: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Always in that order our dear green fellows and companions.

(Source: [Let's do it world!](#))



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"What's the use of a fine house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?"*

- Henry David Thoreau



## WHO IS MISSION VERTE ?

Mission Verte was registered as an NGO back in August 2007. It was created by a small group of people concerned by the increasing exploitation and abuse of our environment.

The objective of our actions is to raise environmental awareness through real life actions which can be tied up to tangible results.

Our first and foremost desire is to bring the public and private sectors, and the public in general to realize that our resources and spare are very limited on our small island, and that we all need to reduce our consumption and waste production, as well as recycle whatever we can to ensure a healthier and safer future for the next generations.



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**Opération Ramassage  
Portables et Piles Usagés**



## WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

- **20 recycling containers** (supported by our members, and with the donations and CSR funds from the private sector as well as a grant from GEF Small Grants Programme implemented by **UNDP**)
- **1 pick-up van** (sponsored by **GML/FJL, Terra Foundation** and **IFS Ltd.**) and **2 employees** for the prosperity and sustainability of our containers project
- Part of recycling project “**Je recycle les mobiles et les piles**” that **Mauritius Telecom Foundation** has been carrying out since 2009
- **Composting workshops** given since April 2011, financed by the **MCB Forward Foundation** and partnered by the **University of Mauritius** and **MAMCF**
- An **educational DVD**, with the sponsorship of **Fondation Joseph Lagesse** and **AfrAsia Bank**
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