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**Earth Day: the face of climate change on Facebook**

**Port Louis, April 10, 2013:** The United States will observe the 43rd commemoration of Earth Day on Monday, April 22. This theme recognizes the impacts of climate change on humans and the environment while calling for a more sustainable future.

“Mauritius: The Face of Climate Change” – As Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Mauritius is characterized by the inherent vulnerabilities of SIDS, such as limited natural resources, heavy reliance on tourism and fisheries, high sensitivity to external shocks, risks from tsunamis, climate change, global warming, sea level rise, and coastal erosion. Now, climate change has many faces. This year, U.S. Embassy Port Louis went on a road trip ahead of Earth Day, camera in hand. We invite you to submit your photos accompanied by a short description on [portlouispas@gmail.com](mailto:portlouispas@gmail.com) by latest April 17, 2013. You may submit up to three photos. The best photos will be posted on our Facebook page and sent to Earth Day network. These will be used to create an interactive digital display. The display will be available to the public on the internet. All photos must be originals.

Earth Day is celebrated each year on April 22 and is viewed as the anniversary of the birth of the modern U.S. environmental movement. Former U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin founded Earth Day to insert environmental issues into the national agenda. Denis Hayes, the national organizer of Earth Day 1970, later co-founded the Earth Day Network (EDN) to coordinate both domestic and international Earth Day Events.

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