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AFRICA DAY CELEBRATIONS 2024

***“Educate an African Fit for the 21st Century:
Building Resilient Education Systems for Increased Access
to Inclusive, Lifelong, Quality, and Relevant
Learning in Africa”***

Programme

Friday 24 May 2024

Paul Octave Wiéhé Auditorium, University of Mauritius, Réduit

- 16:00 - 16:02** Introductory Remarks by the Master of Ceremonies - Professor B. M. Françoise Driver, OSK, SSR Chair of African Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Mauritius
- 16:02 - 16:05** Paying Tribute to the Flag and the Continent - African Union Anthem, National Anthem of Mauritius
- 16:05 - 16:10** Welcome Address by The Chancellor of the University of Mauritius - Dr Louis Jean Claude Autrey, GCSK, CSK
- 16:10 - 16:15** Welcome Song by Students
- 16:15 - 16:25** Address by His Excellency Albert M. Muchanga, African Union Commissioner for Economic Development, Tourism, Trade, Industry, Mining (ETTIM)
- 16:25 - 16:35** Address by The Honourable Maneesh Gobin, Attorney General, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade
- 16:35 - 17:35** **Inspiring Keynote Addresses: 'Empowering Communities through Academic Excellence and Inclusive Education - Facing the Challenges in Africa'**
- Professor Goolam Mohamedbhai, GOSK (Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mauritius, Former Secretary-General, Association of African Universities)

'Relevance and Impact of Higher Education for Africa's Development'
 - Professor Aldo Stroebe (Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Innovation and Internationalisation at the University of Mpumalanga, South Africa)

'Strategic Partnerships for Impact and Social Justice'

- Associate Professor (Dr) Brinda Ramasawmy Molaye (Associate Professor, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Mauritius)

'HAAGRIM - A Fruitful Journey from St Louis to Reduit'

- Associate Professor Sunil K. Bundoo (Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Mauritius)

'The African Economic Research Consortium and the University of Mauritius Interfacing to Promote Training and Applied Research in Africa'

- Ms Love Akiimbom Achondo (Alumna, African Leadership College, Mauritius)

'The Power of Empowering Communities through Academic Excellence in Addressing Africa's Challenges'

17:35 - 17:50 Address by The Honourable Mrs Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun, GCSK, Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology

17:50 - 18:00 Closing Remarks by Professor Sanjeev K. Sobhee, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mauritius

18:00 - 18:05 Award of Token to Keynote Speakers followed by Group Photo

18:05 - 18:25 Cultural Show by Students - Showcasing a Mix of Rich and Diverse Cultures from the Continent

18:25 Refreshments

