



**UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS  
FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE**

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**CONFERENCE ON**

**Food Loss & Food Waste  
Reduction and Recovery**

27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

R Burrenchobay Lecture Theatre (RBLT),  
University of Mauritius

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## *Opening Ceremony*

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08.30 - 09.10	Registration of Participants
09.10 - 09.15	Welcome Address <b>Associate Professor Françoise DRIVER, OSK</b> <i>Acting Dean of Faculty of Agriculture</i>
09.15 - 09.25	Address by <b>Professor Dhanjay JHURRY, CSK</b> <i>Vice-Chancellor, University of Mauritius</i>
09.25 - 09.40	Address by <b>The Honourable Mahen Kumar SEERUTTUN</b> <i>Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security</i>
09.40 - 09.45	Launching of the “Food Loss and Food Waste Reduction and Recovery Initiative” by <b>The Honourable Mahen Kumar SEERUTTUN</b> <i>Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security</i>
09.45 - 10.35	Keynote address <i>“The global effort on food loss and waste reduction”</i> by <b>Dr Mireille TOTOBESOLA-BARBIER</b> <i>Project Manager of FAO/ IFAD/ WFP Joint Project</i> <i>“Mainstreaming food loss reduction initiatives for smallholders in food deficit areas”</i>
10.35 - 10.40	Vote of thanks by <b>Dr Louis Jean Claude AUTREY, CSK</b> <i>Chancellor, University of Mauritius</i>
10.40 - 11.15	Tea Break

**DAY 1 – TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2018 (RBLT)**

11.15h - 11.45h	<b>Introduction to the Food Loss and Food Waste Reduction and Recovery Initiative</b> Daya Goburdhun, Associate Professor, Faculty of Agriculture , University of Mauritius
11.45h - 12.15h	<b>The Postharvest Education Foundation: Postharvest capacity building for global food loss and waste reduction</b> Mr Vijay Yadav Tokala, Member, Board of Directors, The Postharvest Education Foundation, USA
12.15h – 13.15h	<i>Lunch</i>
13.15h - 13.45h	<b>From the fields to the shelves, a case study on fruits and vegetable wastes and losses throughout the supply chain</b> Mr Yan Mayer, Managing Director, Proxifresh
13.45h - 14.15h	<b>L'ordre des Disciples d'Escoffier et son rôle dans la chaîne de valeur agro-alimentaire mauricienne</b> Chef Yves Dumont, Administrateur Général de l'ordre des Disciples d'Escoffier de l'île Maurice
14.15h - 14.45h	<b>Losses in horticultural produce and challenges in addressing them under Mauritian conditions</b> Mrs I Ramma, Principal Research Scientist, Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute
14.45h-15.15h	Discussion session

**DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2018 (RBLT)**

09.00h - 09.45h	<b>Application of predictive microbiology to reduce food waste</b> Professor Elna Buys, Head, Department of Consumer and Food Sciences, University of Pretoria
09.45h - 10.15h	<b>Up-cycling of food waste for innovative products</b> Dr (Mrs) Anagha Vaidya Sookcheta , Senior Lecturer, University of Mauritius
10.15h – 10.50h	<i>Tea Break</i>
10.50h – 11.20h	<b>Food waste reduction strategies - Best practices at retail and hospitality services</b> Dr Mireille Totobesola-Barbier
11.20h – 11.40h	<b>Proposal to reduce food waste-MRC National Innovation Challenge</b> Miss Dhanishta Meetoo and Mrs Shameerah Khan Domun
11.40h – 12.00h	<b>Is food waste a concern in markets and fairs?</b> Mrs Shameerah Khan Domun, Senior Health Inspector, Grand Port District Council
12.00h – 13.00h	<i>Lunch</i>
13.00h – 13.15h	Movie on food waste
13.15h – 14.30h	Roundtable discussion with international experts

## EXPERT WORKING SESSION

THURSDAY 01 MARCH 2018 (UMASU Room, Old Stone Building)	
09.00h – 09.45h	Introduction and organization of working session
09.45h – 10.30h	Group discussion on Framework for Food Loss and Food Waste Reduction and Recovery – Part I
10.30h – 10.45h	<i>Tea Break</i>
10.45h - 12.15h	Group Presentation on Framework for Food Loss and Food Waste Reduction and Recovery - Part 2
12.15h – 13.15h	<i>Lunch</i>
13.15h -14.15h	Group Presentations
14.15h -15.15h	Discussion and way forward

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