

**Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) - Funded Virtual Brainstorming  
Workshop**  
**“Post-COVID-19 – Sustainable Innovation to set the economy back on track”**  
**23 and 24 February 2022**

**Overview Section**

The University of Mauritius in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade and the IORA Secretariat is organising a 2-day virtual brainstorming workshop on the theme “Post-COVID-19 – Sustainable Innovation to set the economy back on track”.

This virtual brainstorming workshop aims at bringing together Government, Academia and Industry representatives from the IORA Member States and Dialogue Partners to discuss innovative strategies adopted by the IORA Member States to cope with the pandemic and share good country practices. It will provide a platform to reflect on a sectoral approach and build innovation clusters, enable Member States to tap opportunities and build on proven experience as well as address capacity gaps. The event will focus on 4 key sectors namely: (1) The Blue Economy; (2) Tourism; (3) Health, and (4) the Circular Economy. A half-day brainstorming will be devoted for each sector.

**Draft Programme**

<b>Opening Session</b>			
<b>Time</b> <i>MUT (GMT+4)<sup>1</sup></i>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Institution/ Country</b>
<b>10.00 –10.05 hrs</b>	Professor Dhanjay JHURRY Vice-Chancellor	Welcome Address	<i>University of Mauritius</i>
<b>10.05 –10.10 hrs</b>	H.E. Ambassador Salman AL FARISI Secretary General	Address	<i>Indian Ocean Rim Association</i>
<b>10.10 –10.15 hrs</b>	Mrs Minakshi DABEE- HAUZAREE Director Co-operation	Address & Launching	<i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Mauritius</i>

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<sup>1</sup> MUT : Mauritius Time

Session wise

<b>Day 1- Wednesday 23 February 2022</b> <b>Morning Session</b> <b>First Sector: Blue Economy</b>			
Time <i>MUT (GMT+4)</i>	Name	Description	Institution/ Country
10.15 –10.45 hrs	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> Dr M V Ramana Murthy Director	Innovation in the Maritime Sector	<i>National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Chennai, India</i>
10.45 –11.00 hrs	Mr Sunil Jeetah Divisional Scientific Officer	Sustainable Exploitation of Marine Resources	<i>Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, Mauritius</i>
11.15 –11.30 hrs	Rear Admiral (Retd) Md. Khurshed Alam Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit	Blue Economy from an Industry Perspective ( <i>Bangladesh</i> )	<i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh</i>
11.30 –11.45 hrs	Dr Saroj Kumar Mohanty Professor	Blue Economy from an Industry Perspective ( <i>India</i> )	<i>Research &amp; Information System For Developing Countries (RIS), India</i>
11.45 –12.00 hrs	Mr Johan Spamer PhD Researcher	Research and Innovation in the Marine Sciences	<i>Erasmus University Rotterdam South Africa</i>
12.00 –12.15 hrs	Dr. K M Azam Chowdhury Chairman & Assistant Professor	The Convergence Of The Blue Economy and Marine Ecosystem	<i>Department of Oceanography, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh</i>
12.15 –12.40 hrs	Discussions and Way Forward for Partnerships		
	Dr Ranjeet Bhagooli Associate Professor, Department of Biosciences & Ocean Studies	Moderator	<i>University of Mauritius</i>

	Mr Shakeel Yavan Jogee MPhil/PhD student	Rapporteur	<i>University of Mauritius</i>
<b>12:40- 13.00 hrs</b>	Lunch Break		

<b>Day 1- Wednesday 23 February 2022</b>			
<b>Afternoon Session</b>			
<b><i>Second Sector : Tourism</i></b>			
<b>Time</b> <i>MUT (GMT+4)</i>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Institution/ Country</b>
<b>13.00–13.30 hrs</b>	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> Dr Susanne Becken Professor of Sustainable Tourism	Common Strategies to Revive the Tourism Industry Post-Covid	<i>Griffith University, Australia</i>
<b>13.30–13.45 hrs</b>	Victoria Alis Sustainability Consultant	Sustainable Tourism	<i>Seychelles Sustainable Touris m Foundation (SSTF), Seychelles</i>
<b>13.45–14.00 hrs</b>	Mrs Lyla Azhdari Director General for Marketing and International Tourism Development	Responsible Tourism( <i>perspective from Iran</i> )	<i>Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts, Iran</i>
<b>14.00–14.15 hrs</b>	Mr Philip Taylor Director	Digital Transformation in the Tourism Industry	<i>Hospitality Plus, Mauritius</i>
<b>14.15–14.30 hrs</b>	Mr Daren Moodely Project Coordinator, SIM Project	Sustainable Tourism as part of the Sustainable Island Mauritius (SIM) Project	<i>Mauritius Tourism Authority, Mauritius</i>
<b>14.30–15.30 hrs</b>	Discussions and Way Forward for Partnerships		
	Dr Robin Nunkoo Associate Professor & Head, International Center for Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality (ICSTH)	Moderator	<i>University of Mauritius</i>
	Ms Jeyna Ladsawut, PhD student at the ICSTH	Rapporteur	<i>University of Mauritius</i>

<b>Day 2- Thursday 24 February 2022</b> <b>Morning Session</b> <b>Third Sector: Health</b>			
<b>Time</b> <i>MUT (GMT+4)</i>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Institution/ Country</b>
<b>10.05 – 10.45 hrs</b>	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> Professor Sachin Chaturvedi Director General	The Digital Healthcare Revolution	<i>Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India</i>
<b>10.45 – 11.00 hrs</b>	Dr S R Rao Vice President	Covid 19 Vaccine	<i>Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth University, India</i>
<b>11.15 – 11.30 hrs</b>	Professeur Riana Rakotosaona Director	Research and Innovation in the Development of Drug Therapy against COVID-19	<i>Centre National d'Application de Recherches Pharmaceutiques, Madagascar</i>
<b>11.30 – 11.45 hrs</b>	Dr Drishty Ramdenee Director of the Emerging Sector	Development of a Life Science & Pharmaceutical Industry in Mauritius	<i>Economic Development Board, Mauritius</i>
<b>11.45 – 12.30 hrs</b>	Discussions and Way Forward for Partnerships		
	Dr Rajesh Jeewon Associate Professor & Head, Department of Health Sciences	Moderator	<i>University of Mauritius</i>
	Dr Vidushi S Neergheen Associate Professor Centre for Biomedical and Biomaterials Research	Rapporteur	<i>University of Mauritius</i>
<b>12:30- 13.00 hrs</b>	Lunch Break		

<b>Day 2- Thursday 24 February 2022</b> <b>Afternoon Session</b> <b>Fourth Sector : Circular Economy</b>			
<b>Time</b> <i>MUT (GMT+4)</i>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Institution/ Country</b>
<b>13.00 –13.30 hrs</b>	<b>Keynote speaker</b> Dr Venkatachalam Anbumozhi Director of Research Strategy and Innovation	Support to and Benefit from the Circular Economy	<i>Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia ( ERIA), Indonesia</i>
<b>13.30–13.45 hrs</b>	Mr Alain Law Min Chief Executive Officer	Transitioning to a Green Economy	<i>Mauritius Commercial Bank Group, Mauritius</i>
<b>13.45–14.00 hrs</b>	Mr Shiv Rao Challa Founder and Chief Executive Officer	Waste and Raw Materials Management:	<i>3 R ZeroWaste Pvt Limited Company, India</i>
<b>14.00-14.15 hrs</b>	Mr Bob Paul Principal	Advancing the Circular Economy	<i>E5 Solutions, Canada</i>
<b>14.15– 14.30 hrs</b>	Professor Simron Singh Professor	Why do we need an Island Circular Economy? Insights from Socio- metabolic Research.	<i>University of Waterloo, Canada</i>
<b>14.30 – 14.45 hrs</b>	Dr Ing. Harro Von Blotnitz (Also an Industrial Ecologist)	The relationship between circular economy and industrial ecology	<i>University of Cape Town, South Africa</i>
<b>14.45– 15.30 hrs</b>	Discussions and Way Forward for Partnerships		
	Dr Vimi Dookhun Senior Lecturer, Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering	Moderator	<i>University of Mauritius</i>
	Miss Anushka Ramiah MPhil/PhD Student	Rapporteur	<i>University of Mauritius</i>
<b>15.30– 15.45 hrs</b>	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Vote of Thanks</b> <b>Professor D Jhurry, UoM</b>		