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AUSTRALIA-MAURITIUS RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FORUM 2018

Commemorating the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Independence of Mauritius and links with Australia

ABOUT THIS EVENT

The Australia-Mauritius Research and Innovation Forum (AMRIF 2018) will bring together Australian and Mauritian policy makers, researchers, academics, industry players, innovators and thought leaders from various sectors of the economy, on the same platform to discuss the central theme **“The role of research and private sector partnerships to drive innovation and promote inclusiveness to deliver sustainable economic development”**.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

- Experience first-hand the power of innovation that is paving the way for new and emerging areas of activity.
- Connect with high level decision-makers (Ministers, policy makers, researchers and captains of industry) and your peers to spark new ideas.
- Learn about the new funded schemes launched in Mauritius to encourage international collaborations.
- Understand the implications of regional focus and perspectives like the Mauritius Strategy for Africa in spurring economic growth.
- Mauritius can be an alternate entry point for Australian start-ups interested in going global.
- Understand the realities, competition and trends in new sectors that would strengthen future prosperity in Mauritius, Australia and the region.
- Gain insights into opportunities to grow your footprint in the fields of education, research and innovation.
- Explore joint-venture opportunities through bilateral or multilateral collaboration, involving Australia, Mauritius and other countries.

SPEAKERS

- Panellists will comprise experts and academics from both Australia and Mauritius.

Important information

Date:

19 February 2018

Time:

8.00am – 5.30pm

Location:

Hennessy Park Hotel, Cybercity, Mauritius

Register by:

15 January 2018

Seats are limited on a **first come first served basis** to qualified participants.

Cost: Free of charge

Who should attend?

Australian and Mauritian policy makers, academics/researchers, businesses, innovators and entrepreneurs in the following sectors:

- Food security
 - Fisheries and Aquaculture
 - Agriculture
- Education and training
- Advanced technology
 - ICT
 - Health/Biotech
 - Energy
 - Manufacturing.

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MARKET INSIGHTS

- Mauritius is a well-known tourism destination that also relies on the traditional agricultural and manufacturing sectors. Thanks to its strategy of economic diversification, the island has successfully navigated global economic pressures to shift to a more diversified and services oriented economy.
- Former sugar giants in the island have broadened their investments and are specialising in services, innovation incubators and education facilities, heralding a new era of development for Mauritius and the region.
- Students in Mauritius can now earn foreign degrees and qualifications (including from Australia) without even leaving the country.
- Mauritius has launched an attractive set of incentives to attract world class organisations to build linkages and progress their research towards commercialisation.
- Incentives to promote international collaborations in research and innovation include provision of funds (matching grants), facilities by incubators, seed funding and other professional support.
- A significant number of Australian education and research institutions have signed MOUs to formalise collaboration agreements with Mauritian counterparts.
- Australia has known a record breaking 26 years plus of consecutive economic growth, underpinned by the efficiency of its principal tradeable sectors, mining and agriculture, expanding services sector and driven by sustained innovation and risk taking.
- Australia is the birthplace of a wide range of innovation-led global breakthroughs like penicillin, atomic absorption spectroscopy, the black box flight recorder, polymer bank notes, xerography and X-ray crystallography, the pacemaker, cochlear implant, sleep apnoea therapy, novel plants and seeds, Wi-Fi, cervical cancer vaccine, spray on skin repair, and so much more.

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<http://sites.uom.ac.mu/mdc2018/>