



UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS



UoM VIRTUAL RESEARCH WEEK 2021

*Building Resilience through Research
in the COVID-19 Era*

Award Ceremony Programme

Friday 12 November 2021

Agriculture

Engineering

Information, Communication and
Digital Technologies

Law and Management

Medicine and Health Sciences

Science

Social Sciences and Humanities

Innovative and Lifelong Learning

Biomedical and Biomaterials Research

Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality



Background

Dissemination of research findings is an important component of the research process. In this context, since 2007, the University of Mauritius (UoM) has been organising almost every year the Research Week with the aim of providing a forum to researchers in all fields of study to present their work and achievements.

The Research Week aims at providing a consolidated platform for staff, students and researchers to interact and carry out peer discussions on ongoing and emerging research issues. The main objective of the Research Week is, therefore, to showcase research being undertaken at the University which, to a large extent, is in line with national interest.

This year's Edition will again be virtual while involving best oral and poster presentation awards. The main thrust of the UoM Virtual Research Week 2021 titled '***Building Resilience through Research in the COVID-19 Era***' is a very topical one that cuts across several disciplines and could be addressed from various perspectives. It is expected that researchers will provide insights into the extent to which the society, the economy and institutions have been or are being able being to absorb the shocks of the pandemic. Academics and students have been invited to disseminate outcomes of their research on topics essentially on or related to the theme encompassing national and regional if not international priorities.

Award Ceremony Programme

- 14.00 - 14.05 Welcome Address by
Prof Sanjeev Kumar Sobhee,
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academia), University of Mauritius
- 14.05 - 14.20 Keynote Address on **Research and Innovation in the ‘New Normal’** by
Mr Awad Kaidoo,
Head of Product & Technology, Ceridian Mauritius
- 14.20 - 14.30 Announcement of Awardees for the Best Oral Presentation per Department/Faculty/Centre/Research Centre
- 14.30 - 14.40 Announcement of Awardees for the Best Poster Presentation per Department/Faculty
- 14.40 – 14.45 Vote of Thanks by
Prof Ponnadurai Ramasami,
Chairperson, UoM Virtual Research Week 2021 Organising Committee

Refreshments

Brief Profile

Mr Awad Kaidoo has over 20 years of experience in various industry verticals namely Travel & Aviation, Financial Services, Manufacturing, Healthcare, Automobile, Retail and Logistics covering a wide range of business functions throughout his career. Prior to joining Ceridian, Mr Kaidoo has worked in numerous countries including Singapore and UAE with the likes of Singapore Airlines and Emirates in strategic, technological and operational roles. In the past 10+ years, Mr Kaidoo has occupied strategic Senior Leadership roles focusing on Business Transformation, Digital Technologies and Disruptive Innovation.



He is currently heading the Product & Technology cluster of Ceridian in Mauritius, a global leader in Intelligent Human Capital Management solutions.

Mr Kaidoo holds a Bachelor of Computing in Applied Information Technology from the National University of Singapore and a Certificate in Project Management & Leadership from The George Washington University School of Business, both in Singapore.