



In the limelight

MARC Conference: Arbitration – It's Time for Africa – A View from the Arbitral Institutions

The MCCI Arbitration and Mediation Center (MARC) will host a Conference entitled: "Arbitration - It's Time for Africa! A View from the Arbitral Institutions" on 11 May 2016, from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm, at the Labourdonnais Waterfront Hotel, Caudan, Port Louis. The event is being organised in collaboration with several prestigious arbitration centers from around the world.

The MARC Conference will be held just after the ICCA 2016 and will take place in two successive panel discussions, on the following themes:

- Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in African Countries – Does it make a difference when the award is issued by a Center?
- Promoting African Arbitrators: What can institutions do?

The programme of the Conference can be downloaded [here](#).

For registration and more information, please contact Mrs. Anjana Chikhuri on 208 33 01 or by mail on akhemraz@mcci.org.

Local News

Masterclass on the new EU General Data Protection Regulations and the Cybersecurity Nexus

The MCCI is currently organising a Masterclass on Monday 25 April 2016 at the Labourdonnais Waterfront Hotel, Caudan, Port Louis. It is being conducted by the Estonian Industry Expert, Mr. Joseph Carson, from Estonia's foremost Centre of Excellence, the ESC Global Security and is based on the following themes:

- The New EU General Data Protection Regulations – Consequences and Actions for Mauritian Businesses
- The Cybersecurity Nexus – Dealing with Threats through Best Practices and Practical Strategies

Exclusive tailor-made sessions of 1.5 to 2 hours are also available for companies and institutions on Tuesday 26 April 2016.

For more information, contact the Business Development Division of the MCCI on 208 33 01.

HE Dr. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim invites Business People of Pakistan to Mauritius

The President of the Republic of Mauritius, HE Dr. Bibi Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, met with Pakistan business people on 20 April 2016,



in Karachi. Separate meetings were held with representatives of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) and All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (Aptma).



The President has invited members of the business community of Pakistan to a Pakistan Week, scheduled to be held in Mauritius in August 2016. She said the event would also provide an opportunity for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the MCCI.

The working sessions had been organized in the context of the official visit of the President of the Republic of Mauritius to Pakistan from 17 to 20 April 2016. The Mauritian delegation included the President of the Mauritius-Pakistan Joint Business Council, Mr. Shehzad A. Ahmed, the Secretary General of the MCCI, Mr. Raju Jaddoo, and a representative of the Board of Investment.

The Prime Minister meets with representatives of the private sector in view of Budget 2016/2017

The Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Sir Anerood Jugnauth chaired a meeting with representatives of the private sector on Wednesday 20th April 2016, at the Cybercity 1, BPML, in Ébène in the context of the 2016-2017 Pre-Budget Consultations.



In his opening remarks, the Prime Minister called upon the private sector to show their entrepreneurial drive, the innovative approach and the risk taking appetite they have shown to achieve the first economic miracle and transform the country.

During the meeting, representatives of different private sector organisations and captains of industries voiced their concerns and presented their proposals for the upcoming budget.

The MCCI was represented by its President, Mr. Azim Currimjee, and the Manager of the Economic and Industry Division, Mr. Renganaden Padayachy.

Promoting SMEs

The importance of Standards and Certification for SMEs highlighted

The Importance of Standards and Certification for SMEs was brought forward in a half-day workshop organized by the MCCI. Participants were apprised of the "Secrets of a successful Enterprise for export readiness" and "Global excellence & local expertise for SMEs' certification" by speakers from Mauritius Standards Bureau and SGS (Mauritius) Ltd, respectively.



The MSB explained to participants how certifying products and respecting standards could be potential gateways for export. SGS Mauritius Ltd spoke about the importance of certifying management systems and processes.

This first MCCI SME Marketplace workshop, held on Friday 15th April 2016, gathered around 40 SMEs participants from various sectors including Agro, ICT, Cosmetics, Food and distribution.

Workshop based on the Promotion of Local Products for SMEs

The MCCI formed part of the panel discussions held at a one-day workshop organised by the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives. The theme of the workshop, held at the Hennessy Park Hotel, Ebène, on Monday 18 April 2016, was "Promoting Local Products for SMEs".

A presentation on the MCCI SME Marketplace project, launched last February, was made by a representative of the MCCI. Through this online platform, present on the official website of the MCCI, SMEs can benefit products and services provided by Member companies, at an exclusive rate.

National Seminar on the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade in collaboration with the World Trade Organisation (WTO) organised a three-day National Seminar on the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (SCM) on Monday 18 April 2016.

The objectives of the seminar were to examine the existing support mechanism provided by Mauritius and assess its compliance with the SCM Agreement and identify support measures that Mauritius could provide to support the development of its specific sectors without contravening WTO rules.

Some 40 participants from the public and private sectors participated in the workshop.

Read full article [here](#).

(Source: GIS)

International News

UCCIOI : CCI de Mayotte à la Présidence

C'est la CCI de Mayotte, représentée par Mme Isabelle Chevreuil, qui a été désignée présidente de l'Union des Chambres de Commerce et d'Industrie de l'Océan Indien lors de la réunion du Conseil exécutif qui s'est tenue au siège de la CCIR à Saint Denis, le 19 avril 2016.

L'organisation régionale, créée en 2005 lors du 1er Forum Économique des Îles de l'Océan indien à Madagascar, rassemble les CCI des Comores, de Madagascar, de Maurice, de Mayotte, de La Réunion et des Seychelles.



L'UCCIOI a pour objectif de favoriser la croissance à l'intérieur de la région et de promouvoir son attractivité et sa compétitivité, de permettre l'émergence de partenariats économiques internationaux, dans une optique de co-développement et de conquête de marchés extérieurs.

Légende : de gauche à droite : Yvès Claude Hoarau, 1er vice-président de la CCI Réunion ; Raziah Locate, Directrice du Pôle international de la CCI Réunion ; Azim Currimjee, Président de la CCI de Maurice ; Isabelle Chevreuil, Présidente de l'UCCIOI ; Juliette Sicobo-Azaïs, Secrétaire Générale de la CCI des Seychelles ; Herland Cerveaux, Directeur de Programme auprès de l'UCCIOI ; Mohamed Ali Ahmid, Président de la CCI de Mayotte ; et Noro Andriamamonjarison, Présidente de la CCI d'Antananarivo.

IMF predicts global growth of 3.2 percent in 2016

The IMF, in its latest World Economic Outlook, predicted a modest global growth of 3.2 percent. It is projected that the recovery will strengthen in 2017, at 3.5 percent. Nonetheless, the report points to increasing uncertainty and risks of weaker growth scenarios.

In 2016, growth in emerging markets is expected to remain uneven and generally weaker than over the past decades. In particular, a number of large emerging markets, including Brazil and Russia, are still stuck in deep recessions. Moreover, several oil-exporting countries are faced with weaker terms of trade and tighter external financial conditions.

Growth in advanced economies is projected to remain modest, in line with 2015 outcomes. Unfavourable demographic trends, low productivity growth, and legacies from the global financial crisis continue to affect a pickup in activity.

In her address, the IMF Managing Director, Mrs. Christiane Lagarde advocated for a three-pronged approach to strengthening growth. In an effort to accommodate deflationary pressures on the world economy, there is a need for continued monetary accommodation and the latter should be supported by fiscal and structural policies.

The April release of the World Economic Outlook can be accessed [here](#).

ISQua and GS1 join forces to improve the quality of care in hospitals around the world



ISQua, the International Society for Quality in Healthcare, and GS1 have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in April 2016 to promote and enhance quality of care and patient safety on a global scale.



ISQua is the global leader responsible for assessing the standards of national, regional and global agencies. These accreditation agencies in turn set the benchmarks in healthcare safety and quality for hospitals, and strive to be accredited by ISQua.

The collaboration between ISQua and GS1 will support and encourage the link between hospital accreditation and implementation of harmonised standards for automatic identification of patients, caregivers and products in hospitals.

Read full article [here](#).

ICC calls for improved trade and investment conditions to reinvigorate global growth

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Chairman Terry McGraw joined global business leaders at a B20 meeting in Washington and urged the private sector to intensify engagement with the G20 to promote international trade and investment.

Presided by B20 China Sherpa Yu Ping, the B20 Joint Task Force meeting was held on the margins of the Spring Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group and in the lead up to the G20 Summit in Hangzhou, China next September.

Read full article [here](#).

(Source: ICC)

ICC outlines 8 principles to mobilize investment for the SDGs

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) estimates that the annual investment gap in key development sectors for developing nations stands at US\$2.5 trillion. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda, which provides a new global framework for financing sustainable development, underscores the importance of mobilizing private sector capital to support implementation of the UN's 2030 development agenda.

As the international community now grapples with the task of implementing the SDGs, the new ICC paper stresses the need for governments to maintain and strengthen investment promotion and protection agreements to help realize the vision of driving foreign direct investment in sustainable development.

Read full article [here](#).

(Source: ICC)

Business Opportunities

Businesses Matchmaking Platform

Business to Brazil Digital platform

Companies planning to be in Brazil in the lead-up before and during the Rio Olympics of August 2016 are invited to register on the businesses matchmaking platform [BIZ2BR](#). ("Business to Brazil"), developed by the Rio Chamber of Commerce (ACRio) and Brazilian Confederation of Trade and Business Association (CACB).

Through the digital platform [BIZ2BR](#), opportunities of connections among investors, buyers and sellers, by linking counterparties based on affinities and the likelihood of meetings that will generate business are available.

ICC and the World Chambers Federation are the international supporters for this service, which helps partner businesses together with Brazilian businesses.

For further information, please contact Mrs. Helene Kolmodin, World Chambers Federation (hkn@iccwbo.org) or Mrs. Marylis Fantoni (marylis@acrj.org.br), ACRio.

Trade and Investment

Sudan

Investment Policies, Concessions and Opportunities in Agro-Business in the Republic of Sudan.

Contact: H.E. the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Government of the Republic of the Sudan, P.O. Box 285, Khartoum, Republic of Sudan; Email: sshalawani@gmail.com

Egypt

Export of furniture.

Contact: Mr. Nasr Ahmed Mansour Ahmed; Tel: 01289080198; Email: nasseranteg2014@gmail.com

China

Export of injection mould products.

Contact: yoyo@hitip-mold.com

India

Export of fresh vegetables, fruits, fresh flowers, spices, massala powders, etc.

Contact: Mr. C. Bhaskaran; Tel: +91 98424 48199; Email: ssvimportandexport@gmail.com

Export of seeds and pulses.

Contact: Mr. Paresh Patel; Tel: +91 79 6515 4421; Email: paresh@harsons.org

Export of toys, children's stationery and novelty products.

Contact: Mr. Sana Khan; Tel: +91 22 2676 3899; Email: sana@buddyz.in

Madagascar

Export of dry beans, animal feed.

Contact: Mr. Hirdjee Komel; Tel: 00261320311400; Email: komeldjina@gmail.com

Trade Fairs

Hong Kong

Hong Kong Gifts & Premium Fair 2016

Date: 27 to 30 April 2016, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre

More info: <http://www.hktdc.com/fair/hkgiftspremiumfair-en/HKTDC-Hong-Kong-Gifts-and-Premium-Fair.html>

South Africa

Food & Hospitality Africa 2016 – Africa's International Food & Drink Event

Date: 3 to 5 May 2016, Gallagher Convention Centre, Johannesburg

More info: <http://www.foodandhospitalityafrica.co.za/>

Tenders from UN DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

Projet d'aménagement de la route Batshamba-Tshikapa, République Démocratique du Congo

Le Gouvernement de la République Démocratique du Congo (RDC) a reçu un financement auprès du Fonds Africain de Développement (FAD) pour couvrir le coût du Projet d'aménagement de la route Batshamba-Tshikapa, section Pont Lovua-Tshikapa, y compris la construction du pont sur la rivière Kasai. La Cellule Infrastructures du Ministère des Infrastructures et Travaux Publics, agissant au nom du Gouvernement de la RDC, invite par le présent appel d'offres les soumissionnaires admis à concourir et présenter leurs offres sous pli fermé **au plus tard le 23 juin 2016.**

Les membres intéressés sont priés de se mettre en contact avec Mme. Arline Sookahet à la MCCI pour plus d'informations.

D'autres appels d'offres sont disponibles sur le site suivant : <https://www.devbusiness.com>.

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