



**MCCI News**  
BRINGING BUSINESS INSIGHTS

## In the limelight

### India-Mauritius Global Partnership Forum, 24-27 July 2016, Intercontinental Hotel, Balaclava

A prime business and corporate conference, involving key business and economic players of India and Mauritius, is being organized by the India Mauritius Trade and Cultural Friendship Forum (IMTCFF) from 24-27 July 2016, at Intercontinental Hotel, Balaclava.

The main objectives of the Conference will be to bring together eminent intellectuals, successful businesspersons, potential investors and prominent artists of the Indian Diaspora to showcase and promote partnership opportunities in various fields of socio-economic activity. Some 300 foreign participants are expected to attend the Conference.

For more information and registration, click [here](#).

## Local News

### Rencontre entre le Président Azali Assoumani et les opérateurs économiques à la MCCI

Le Président de l'Union des Comores, SE Monsieur Azali Assoumani se dit confiant que les relations entre les opérateurs économiques de Maurice et des Comores vont se consolider davantage.



C'est un discours d'encouragement qu'a prononcé le Président Assoumani lors de sa rencontre avec les membres de la MCCI, qui s'est tenue au siège de l'institution à Port Louis le 14 juillet 2016.

Le Président de l'Union des Comores dit que son pays prône une politique d'ouverture afin d'encourager l'investissement étranger. Il a incité les opérateurs mauriciens et comoriens à travailler davantage en partenariat afin de promouvoir le commerce et l'investissement entre les deux îles.

Le Président de la MCCI, Monsieur Azim Currimjee a, pour sa part, fait ressortir qu'au niveau du secteur privé des deux pays, les relations ont été consolidées au fil des ans, que ce soit de manière bilatérale et régionale grâce à l'Union des Chambres de Commerce et d'Industrie de l'océan Indien.

Il ajoute toutefois qu'il y a de nouvelles pistes de collaboration qui peuvent être exploitées entre les deux îles.

COI : Hamada Madi Boléro  
officiellement Secrétaire-Général



Le mandat de M. Jean Claude de l'Estrac touche à sa fin après quatre années consécutives de règne à la Commission de l'océan Indien (COI). La COI a comme nouveau Secrétaire-Général, M. Hamada Madi Boléro.



Dans un discours empreint d'émotion, M. Jean Claude de l'Estrac, le Secrétaire-Général sortant, a souligné sa fierté d'avoir contribué à l'émergence de l'Indianocéanie et donné un nouvel élan à la coopération régionale.

Pour sa part, M. Hamada Madi Boléro souligne que la sécurité intérieure, maritime, alimentaire, sanitaire ou encore environnementale – la sécurité dans toutes les formes, ainsi que l'élargissement des partenariats de la COI et la diversification de ses financements, sont ses priorités durant son mandat.

La cérémonie, qui a réuni plusieurs personnalités, députés, ministres et hommes d'affaires, s'est tenue ce mercredi 13 juillet 2016.

*(Source Photo : Defi Média)*

### Statistics Mauritius forecasts GDP Growth of 3.9 percent for 2016

Based on latest figures on key sectors of the economy and past trends, Statistics Mauritius has forecasted a GDP Growth rate of 3.9 percent in 2016, higher than the 3.0 growth in 2015.

The agricultural sector is expected to recover by 4.5 percent after a contraction in 2015 caused by lower production of food crops, fish and livestock. The manufacturing sector is also forecasted to experience increased growth of around 9.6 percent with an expected expansion of local sugar production and refining of imported raw sugar. After 5 years of contraction, the construction industry is expected to rebound by 1.6 percent with the implementation of a number of public and private projects. The tourism industry is similarly expected to grow by around 6.9 percent based on a forecast of around 1,240,000 tourist arrivals in 2016.

A full report of the National Account Estimates can be accessed [here](#)

*(Source: Statistics Mauritius)*

### MCCI Business Club: Focus on Real Estate Value Creation and Environment-friendly Innovation

The next edition of the MCCI Business Club is being held on **Friday 22 July 2016 at 17.00hrs** at the seat of the MCCI, Port Louis.

The guest for this event is Crystal Lagoons who will introduce participants to the world's top amenity through its state-of-the-art, eco-friendly and sustainable technology, patented in 160 countries.

The presentation will focus on the following: Real Estate Value Creation and Environment-friendly Innovation.

For more information on participate, please contact Miss Sandrina Rasen on 208 3301 or by mail: [srasen@mcci.org](mailto:srasen@mcci.org).

**Deadline for registration:** Wednesday 20 July 2016

Seats will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Awareness Session on Mauritius Trade Link (Single Window)

The MCCI, in collaboration with MRA Customs, will be organizing an Awareness Session on the Mauritius Trade Link (Single Window) platform on **Tuesday 26 July 2016 from 09.30hrs to 11.30hrs** in the MCCI Conference Room, Port Louis.

The Mauritius Trade Link was officially launched in January 2016 with the objective of providing an online platform for the application of import and export permits. The project is currently in its pilot phase and the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection will be the first Government Agency to be integrated on the platform.

A presentation will be made by representatives of MRA Customs on the procedures for submitting electronic applications for import permits on the new portal. The presentation will be focused on permits issued by the Trade Division of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Members interested are invited to contact Mrs. Christiane Charlot on 208-3301 for registration.

**Deadline:** Friday 22 July 2016.

**Please note that seats are limited.**

## International News

### GS1 publishes New Simple and Clear GTIN Management Rules

Published on 30 June 2016, the new GTIN\* Management Standard simplifies and clarifies the old GTIN Allocation Rules for retail and sets a strong foundation for omni-channel commerce.



The standard contains a streamlined set of 10 rules, organised around a set of clear business principles and presented in an easy-to-understand format. The GS1 GTIN Management Standard makes it easier for businesses to make clear decisions about GTIN management and get unique product identification 'right' from the start. Access the new GS1 Management Standards [here](#).

*\*The Global Trade Item Number (GTIN), commonly known as barcode, is an important tool for businesses. A separate unique GTIN is required whenever there is a change in the pre-defined characteristics of a product: size, weight, ingredients, brand. These changes are classified under the GTIN Allocation Rules.*

### Brazil operates ATA Carnet system ahead of Olympics

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) welcomed Brazil as the 76th member of the ATA Carnet system. The ATA Carnet is an international customs document that allows duty- and tax-free temporary admission of goods into a country.

Following the ICC Governing Bodies' meetings in Sao Paulo last month, the Confederation of National Industry (CNI) and Brazilian Customs (RFB) signed an agreement by which CNI was appointed as the national guaranteeing and issuing associations of ATA Carnets in the country. Officially entering into force on 28 June 2016, Brazil is the third Latin-American country, after Chile and Mexico, to utilize the ATA Carnet system.

Read full article [here](#).

(Source: ICC)

### WTO welcomes Liberia as its 163rd member

Liberia joined the WTO on 14 July 2016 as its 163rd member, after nearly 10 years of negotiating its accession terms with WTO members. Liberia is the eighth least-developed country (LDC) to accede to the WTO through negotiations.

On this occasion, Mr. Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General of WTO, stated: "Liberia's accession underscores the WTO's commitment to supporting the participation of LDCs in the multilateral trading system [...] WTO membership will help Liberia to benefit from the international trade and investment that is essential to build the economy and improve people's lives."

To find key information on trade statistics, WTO commitments, trade policy reviews on WTO member states, click [here](#).

Read full article [here](#).

(Source: WTO)

## Business Opportunities

### Trade and Investment

#### South Africa

South African supplier of S26 Infacare baby milk formula is looking for local distributors.

**Contact:** Mr. Rajeeve Lalsab; **Email:** [wmservices@telkomsa.net](mailto:wmservices@telkomsa.net)

#### India

Exporter of textiles and garments, rough diamonds and seafood wishes to liaise with potential importers.

**Contact:** Mr. Sreyas of Global Tradings; **Email:** [talk2global@gmail.com](mailto:talk2global@gmail.com)

#### **Ukraine**

Grade 'A' halal chicken products are available from Ukrainian company applying dry freeze technology.

**Contact:** Sales department of RW Impex; **Email:** [ua.rwimpex@gmail.com](mailto:ua.rwimpex@gmail.com)

### **Trade Fairs**

#### **India**

India SME Manufacturing Summit

**Date:** 19 August 2016, Hotel Sahara Star, Mumbai

**More info:** [www.smechamberofindia.com](http://www.smechamberofindia.com)

#### **China**

China International (Guangzhou) Fishery and Seafood Exposition 2016 (FISHEX 2016)

**Date:** 26 to 28 August 2016, China Import & Export (Canton Fair) Complex, Guangzhou

**More info:** [www.chinafishex.com](http://www.chinafishex.com)

### **Tenders from UN DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Consultancy services in nutrition security and capacity building, Zambia**

The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Zambia invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest to undertake Nutrition Security and Capacity Building in six districts of Zambia under the **Agriculture Productivity and Market Enhancement Project (APMEP)**.

The Government of the Republic of Zambia has received financing from the African Development Bank towards the cost of the above-named project. The project is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, through the 6 districts in Sinazongwe and Gwembe (Southern Province), Chongwe and Rufunsa (Lusaka Province) and Serenje and Chitambo Districts (Central Province).

**Deadline: Friday 22nd July 2016, 10:00 am.**

More tenders are available at <https://www.devbusiness.com>.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Arline Sookahet at the MCCI.

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