



In the limelight

Mauritius-Turkey Business Meet, Thursday 18 August 2016, MCCI, Port Louis

A Business Meet will be organized by the MCCI on Thursday 18 August 2016 at the seat of the institution in the context of the visit of a 15-member delegation from the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK) of Turkey.

The sectors to be represented are as follows: Textiles (including workwear and catering uniforms), Furniture manufacturing and interior design, Chemical Products, Food, Energy, Construction and Real Estate, Tourism, Investment consultancy, Event management, Film production and Seafood, among others.

Interested members are requested to confirm their participation to Mrs. Christiane Charlot (Tel: 208 3301) by Tuesday 16 August 2016, at latest.

Local News

Increase of 4 % in the Business Confidence Indicator

The MCCI released its Business Confidence Indicator for the 2nd quarter of 2016 on Thursday 11th August 2016. The index registered an increase of 4% to settle at 98 points.

To access the full report, please click [here](#).

MCCI Afternoon Coffee: Personal Financial Planning for Business People

The next edition of the MCCI Afternoon Coffee will be held on Wednesday 17 August 2016 from 14hrs30 to 16hrs30 in the Conference room of the MCCI, Port Louis, on the theme: Personal Financial Planning for Top Executives, Professionals and Entrepreneurs.

The presentation will be delivered by Tailored Financial Solutions Ltd. and aims at apprising business people of the alternative investments and financial planning available, including protection of wealth and income.

Interested members are requested to confirm their participation to Mrs. Christiane Charlot (Tel: 208 3301 or Email: ccharlot@mcci.org) by Tuesday 16 August 2016, at latest.

Workshop on MRE System of SADC Trade Protocol

A 5-day sensitisation workshop on the SADC Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation (MRE) System of the SADC Trade Protocol and Non-Tariff Barriers organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, in collaboration with the Customs Department and the SADC Secretariat, was opened on 8 August 2016 at the Customs Department of the Mauritius Revenue Authority.

For the first cycle of the self-reporting (2015), Member States were expected to submit annual reports showing progress made on implementation of the Protocol relative to status reported during the previous year as well as implementation plans for 2016. The aim of the workshop is to assist Mauritian stakeholders to identify implementation gaps and prepare the annual plan for 2016.

Read full article [here](#).

(Source: GIS)

Perspectives for the Textiles and Clothing Sectors in the Tripartite Region

The setting up of the Tripartite FTA among three major regional trading blocs - COMESA, EAC and SADC - has refocused attention on regional integration in the Eastern and Southern African region. Between them, the three blocs comprise twenty-six countries with a market of over 600 million people. Besides harmonization and simplification of procedures in the regulatory environment, regional integration comes with opportunities for the textiles and clothing sectors for increasing the production capacity making it possible for entrepreneurs to compete on the regional and global stage.

For the Tripartite region, the textiles and clothing industry has always been a key sector with a strong potential for growth. The synergies brought by integration are expected to give the industry a new dimension for global competitiveness in the years ahead.

Read full article on page 5 of [Origin Africa](#).

GS1® Mauritius contributes to increasing the efficiency of the Mauritian Apparel Sector

Since its creation in 1994, GS1 Mauritius has continuously contributed to improving the efficiency in the Apparel Sector in Mauritius by providing barcodes for business facilitation.

With the support of GS1 Mauritius, operators in the Apparel Sector in Mauritius have implemented GS1 Barcodes to enable tagging at item-level, allowing traceability, inventory accuracy, and improved stock flow. These ultimately increase company efficiency as well as drive sales.



Furthermore, by adopting GS1 Standards, Mauritian operators in the Apparel Sector can cut through the complexity of retail's global supply chain for better ways to collaborate and conduct business.

Due to the numerous benefits of GS1 Standards, GS1 Mauritius has seen an increase in its membership base in the Apparel Sector over the last decade.

For more information, please visit our dedicated section on [Apparel Sector](#).

International News

Peru and Saudi Arabia ratify the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement

Peru and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have ratified the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). The submission of the instruments of acceptance means that more than 80% of the ratifications needed to bring the TFA into force have now been received.

The TFA contains provisions for expediting the movement, release and clearance of goods, including goods in transit. It also sets out measures for effective cooperation between customs and other appropriate authorities on trade facilitation and customs compliance issues.

A Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF) was also created at the request of developing and least-developed country members to help ensure that they receive the assistance needed to reap the full benefits of the TFA. Further information on TFAF is available at www.TFAFacility.org.

Read full article [here](#).

(Source: WTO)

ICC #TradeMatters: boosting trade through e-commerce for small businesses

In line with the initiative of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) to enhance international trade, [#TradeMatters](#), the institution participated in a series of high-level meetings with tech giants and startups on how we can accelerate the development of digital trade for the benefit of all in Silicon Valley last week.

ICC's [vision](#) on how to promote small business growth through e-commerce and digital trade can be resumed in three simple steps: enhancing awareness and training, facilitating speedy and cost-effective delivery and by simplifying rules and regulations.

During a roundtable event organized by the ICC at Facebook's headquarters, on the 4th and 5th of August 2016, Director-General of WTO, Mr. Roberto Azevêdo said that e-commerce is a transformative force in global trade, supporting growth, development and job creation. He also stated that by reducing the trade costs associated with physical distance, e-commerce allows businesses to access the global marketplace, reach a broader network of buyers and participate in international trade.

Read full article [here](#).

(Source: ICC and WTO)

Business Opportunities

Trade and Investment

India

SEO & Design Company offers dedicated search engine optimization (SEO) and Web design services to help you score over your competition.

Contact: Mrs. Riya Kapoor - Business Developer, Email: riya@techsaga.es

Company wishes to export general foodstuffs as well as leather products to Mauritius.

Contact: Mr. Samiran Chakraborty; Email: samiran2002us@yahoo.com

South Africa

Italian Cheeses like mozzarella, pecorino, provolone, mascarpone, ricotta, fior di latte, bocconcini are available for export from Italian company based in South Africa.

Contact: Mr. Hendrick Smuts; Email: hendriksmuts@hyperionunlimited.com

Trade Fairs

Swaziland

Swaziland International Trade Fair 2016

Date: 26 August to 5 September 2016, Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre

More info: www.sitf.co.za

France

Les Rencontres Africa 2016

Date: 22 to 23 September 2016, Palais d'Iéna, Paris 16e

More info:

http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/IMG/pdf/ra_2016_plaquette_10_05_16_cle4f6c7f.pdf

Indonesia

31st Trade Expo Indonesia 2016

Date: 12 to 16 October 2016, Jakarta Fairground, Kemayoran

More info: www.tradexpoindonesia.com

Appels à manifestation d'intérêt

L'Union des Chambres de Commerce et d'Industrie de l'océan Indien (UCCIOI), qui est constituée des CCI de Maurice, de Madagascar, des Comores, de la Réunion, des Seychelles et de Mayotte, a pour objectif de promouvoir la coopération inter-îles et de soutenir le développement économique de la zone océan Indien.

1. La Coordination de l'Émergence et de la Structuration d'un Réseau d'Échanges Inter-Clusters entre les Îles du Sud-Ouest de l'océan Indien

L'UCCIOI invite les consultants à manifester leur intérêt à fournir les services décrits [ici](#).

2. La Coordination de la Structuration de la Coopération Régionale entre les Acteurs de la Filière des Technologies de l'Information et de la Communication de l'océan Indien

L'UCCIOI invite les consultants à manifester leur intérêt à fournir les services décrits [ici](#).

Les manifestations d'intérêt doivent être déposées ou envoyées par mail aux coordonnées ci-dessous:

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