



MCCI News
BRINGING BUSINESS INSIGHTS

In the limelight

Training in Commercial Mediation, 31 October to 4 November 2016

MARC is partnering with Mediation in Motion (MiM Training) to offer a mediation training course for professionals aspiring to become mediators in their respective field or area of practice. The course will be held from 31 October to 4 November 2016 at Voilà Bagatelle Hotel, Moka.

The five-day course is MQA approved and is consistent with international best practice for commercial mediation training and is expected to benefit a wide range of professionals namely: Lawyers; Quantity Surveyors; Health professionals; Government officials; Senior managers; In house counsels; Engineers; Project managers; Leaders of industries and professions. The course will be conducted by Mr. Jacques Joubert and Mr. Alan Nelson (SC).

Registration can be done [here](#) and the course outline and trainers' profile can also be [downloaded](#).

For additional information, please contact the MARC Secretariat on 208 3301 or at akhemraz@mcci.org.

Local News

Maurice-Madagascar : Sensibiliser les opérateurs mauriciens sur les mécanismes d'appui au commerce

«Multiplier les manifestations commerciales entre Maurice et Madagascar est un des moyens de promouvoir les échanges entre les deux îles», selon le Directeur de la Promotion des Échanges Extérieurs, M. Gilchrist Rakotoson. Il intervenait lors de la conférence qui s'est tenue à la MCCI le jeudi 25 août 2016 et qui avait pour thème "Les pistes pour une synergie plus conséquente entre Madagascar et Maurice".



Des représentants d'organismes de promotion et d'organismes d'appui à l'exportation ainsi que ceux du secteur touristique étaient également présents lors de cet événement. Les présentations sont disponibles sur les liens suivants :

[Manifestation Commerciale et Culturelle entre Maurice et Madagascar](#)

[ITBM : Dispositif privé d'appui aux exportations](#)

[Ortana : Office Régional du Tourisme d'Analamanga](#)

[Vivier de l'océan Indien pour le Développement du Numérique](#)

[Valorisation de produits transformés pour l'exportation : cas de trois Régions](#)

Cette rencontre a permis aux opérateurs mauriciens présents de mieux comprendre le dispositif mis sur pied pour les autorités malgaches pour faciliter l'investissement et le commerce régional et international.

The Africa Partnership Conference 2016: Promoting sustainable investment in Africa

The Africa Partnership Conference 2016, themed "Creating shared value through sustainable investment", will provide a unique platform to address the infrastructural funding gap – a major challenge to optimising Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) inflows in Africa.

This two-day conference will bring together representatives of all African Investment Promotion Agencies, private sector promoters and investors from across the globe, policy makers and Government officials. The conference will see the participation of around 300 delegates.

The Africa Partnership Conference 2016 is being organized by the Board of Investment in collaboration with the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) and will be held on the 20th and 21st September 2016 at Intercontinental Resort, Balaclava, Mauritius.

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

Thriving business collaboration between Mauritius and Turkey

The multitude of trade and investment prospects available in Turkey and Mauritius were discussed between business people of a high-level delegation from the Foreign Exchange Relations Board of Turkey (DEIK) and members of the Mauritian business community, during a Business Meet organized by the MCCI on Thursday 18 August 2016.



In his speech, the vice-president of the MCCI, Mr. Marday Venkatasamy, loaded the keen interest showed by the Turkish business people to consolidate business relations with Mauritius. Mr. Ömer Hakan Baki, Chairperson of the Turkish-Mauritian Joint Business Council, and head of the delegation, stated that Turkey intends to set up new ventures not only between Turkey and Mauritius, but also in the regional countries.

Read full article [here](#).

Scholarships for professionals

Chevening Scholarships are the UK government's global scholarship programme funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The scholarships offer the opportunity to study for a one-year master's degree at any of the UK's leading universities, and are awarded to outstanding professionals across a wide range of fields.

In this context, 6 scholarships are being offered to Mauritian professionals for the academic year 2016/2017.

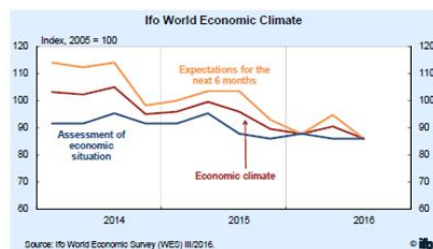
Applications from **all** fields of study are encouraged. Prospective applicants need to have completed an undergraduate degree and have at least 2 years of work experience.

The full guidance can be consulted at <http://chevening.org/apply/guidance> and applications can be submitted at <http://www.chevening.org/apply>. Deadline: 8 November 2016.

International News

Ifo* World Economic Climate suffers setback

The World Economic Survey (WES) assesses economic trends worldwide by polling transnational as well as national organisations on current economic developments in their respective countries.



In this quarter, the world economic climate slowed down, with the index for the world economy falling from 90.5 points to 86.0 points. In this quarter, it has dipped to its lowest level in over three years at ten index points below its long-term average of 96.0 points. Experts' assessments of the current economic situation remain unfavourable, while their

economic expectations for the future are far more negative than the last quarter, with subdued sentiment in the world economy.

WES experts believe that recent upward trend has ground to a halt in nearly all regions, in the wake of the Brexit vote and continued instability in a number of regions. Average short and long-term interest rates worldwide are expected to remain almost stable over the next six months, while long-term interest rates will increase in the second half of 2016. The US dollar is expected to strengthen over the six months.

**The Ifo Institute is one of the leading economic research institutes in Europe. Based in Germany, Ifo brings together economists from all over the world for discussion and exchange of knowledge and ideas.*

Read full article [here](#).

GS1® Healthcare 'Project Imagine' launched to engage healthcare providers

Project Imagine has recently been launched at Geneva University Hospital, Switzerland. This Project, relevant for the next 5+ years, involves engagement of healthcare providers and patient advocacy organisations to drive understanding of the benefits of GS1 standards, particularly in an environment of increasing patient empowerment.



This is particularly important when all healthcare stakeholders are being challenged to provide safe and efficient patient care and at the same time improve processes to control increasing costs.

GS1® Mauritius has been supporting the Mauritian Healthcare providers for nearly a decade. With Project Imagine, GS1 Mauritius is even more equipped to engage local healthcare providers.

Read more and access relevant guidelines by visiting our dedicated [Healthcare Section](#).

Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) Summit: Japan to invest USD 30 billion from 2016 to 2018 in Africa

Japanese Prime Minister, Hon. Shinzo Abe, declared that Africa will benefit from a \$30 billion investment package by 2018, including a \$10 billion investment in infrastructural development. This announcement was made during the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) Summit, which was held on 27 and 28 August 2016 at Kenyatta International Convention Center in Nairobi, Kenya.

About 35 African heads of state and government, including members of the African Union Commission and 10,000 delegates from the economic community, attended the conference.

Kenyan president, H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta opened the summit expressing satisfaction with the platform which allows Africa to embrace partnership, mutual respect and long-term thinking.

The main objectives of TICAD VI were to refocus international attention on the importance and urgency of African development issues as well as to promote high-level policy dialogue between African leaders and development partners.

Read full article on [Africa News](#)

ICC Academy to tackle crucial industry issues at upcoming conference

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Academy* is to hold its first Regulation and Compliance in Trade Finance Conference on 26 October 2016 in Singapore.

This high-level event will gather some of the trade finance industry's leading professionals to discuss regulatory trends - both in the regulatory capital and financial crime fields - which have had a major impact on the financing of trade in recent years.

The conference is open to Chief Executive Officers, Managing Directors, Chief Operating Officers, Chief Compliance Officers, Chief Risk Officers, Regulators, Senior individuals and Heads of Risk, Compliance, Legal and Audit groups.

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

**The ICC Academy is a part of the Paris-based International Chamber of Commerce, which was founded in 2015 to provide industry-leading business education and to set international standards for practitioners in various industries.*

Click [here](#) for a complete list of ICC's upcoming events.

Trade and Investment

India

Leading manufacturer and exporter of jute, cotton, and canvas bags from India is looking for potential importers of their products.

Contact: Mr. Mousami Nandan, Business Development Executive of SARA, **Email:** info.sarainternational@gmail.com

Sri Lanka

Exporter of Sri Lanka spices wishes to contact Mauritian importers.

Contact: Contact: Asian Flavours (Pvt) Limited, **Email:** asianflavourspvt@gmail.com

France

Distributrice de produits alimentaires à l'international pour la Restauration Hors Domicile et le catering souhaite contacter les grossistes/importateurs de l'île Maurice pour proposer leurs services.

Contact: Mme Gisèle CHATÉ, Export Manager ; **Email:** gisele.chate@frenchgi.com

Madagascar

Une compagnie malgache recherche en urgence un partenaire spécialiste dans le travail de la pierre industrielle, qui serait intéressé à apporter les équipements et le savoir faire, sur la Côte Ouest de Madagascar.

Contact: Mr. Franck Djaffardjy - Ramcom Engineering; **Email:** ramcom@moov.mg

Trade Fairs

Korea

Smart Cities Conference

Date: 24 to 26 October 2016, Incheon

More info: <http://smartcities-lse.marcusevans.com/EventDetails.asp?EventID=22894&PageID=520>

Canada

Canada-Africa Business Summit 2016

Date: 7 to 9 November 2016, Sheraton Hotel, Toronto

More info: www.ccafrica.ca

UNDP Tenders

Sectoral Expertise for Detailed Energy Audits in Industry, Turkey

The UNDP in Turkey invites eligible bidders to submit proposals for the Provision of Services for "Sectoral Expertise for Detailed Energy Audits in Industry in Turkey".

Deadline: 22 September 2016, 17:30 hrs (local time)

More tender offers are available at UN Development Business site: <https://www.devbusiness.com/>

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

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