



## In the limelight

### Call for nominations for an Aid for Trade Training Course for SMEs in the Indian Ocean States

The Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in collaboration with trade experts from the Economic Development Services Ltd and the Institute for International Trade in Australia, are offering an 8-day short course trade-training program for Small and Medium Enterprises in the Indian Ocean Region from the **14th February to 23rd February 2017**.

The focus of this training is mainly to provide participants with the knowledge, skills and information to better understand the benefits they can avail to themselves from trade agreements.

More information concerning the course and the conditions for participation can be viewed [here](#).

Interested participants are invited to contact Mr. Mikaël Gujadhur at the MCCI Business School on Tel: (+230) 4548950 or by email on: [mgujadhur@mccibs.ac.mu](mailto:mgujadhur@mccibs.ac.mu), for registration.

**Deadline for registration: 30 November 2016**

## MCCI Updates

### MoU related to a Joint Feasibility Study on the Mauritius-China Free Trade Agreement signed

In the context of the 10th Sino-Mauritius Joint Economic Commission, a Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to a Joint Feasibility Study on the Mauritius-China Free Trade Agreement to boost trade and investment was signed during the visit of the Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, in Beijing from 1st to 4th November 2016.

The delegates comprised high officials of the public sector as well as leading representatives of the private sector, including the President of the MCCI, Mr. Azim Currimjee.

The Joint Feasibility Study is expected to analyse the economies of Mauritius and China, relevant economic policies and bilateral trade and investment relations. The Study will also analyse the existing and potential trade between the two countries.

In 2015, Mauritius exported goods worth Rs 662 million to China with the main items being fish meal, shirts, yarn, cane sugar and parts for watches, amongst others. On the other side, imports accounted for Rs 30 billion and the major items imported from China were mobile phones, raw materials for the garment industry, computers and laptops, aluminium profiles and plastic granules, amongst others.

Read more [here](#).

### Business opportunities in and through Mauritius uncovered during TABEF 2016

Turkish business people had the opportunity to explore the numerous business scopes available in Mauritius through the Mauritius Business Forum held on 1st November 2016 in Istanbul. The Forum also focused on the different profitable sectors for investments that the Turkish business operators can benefit from.

The event was jointly organized by the MCCI, BOI and Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEIK) in the context of the Turkey-Africa Business Economic Forum (TABEF) which took place from the 2-3 November 2016.

The Mauritian delegates who participated in the Forum were co-led by Mr. Raju Jadoo, Secretary-General of the MCCI and by Mr. Heerun Ghurburrin, Advisor of the Paris Office of BOI.

Turkish President, HE Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who graced the opening of TABEF 2016 said that he was confident that this Forum would provide a unique platform for business people of Turkey and Africa to create long-lasting cooperation.

### Déchets électroniques : Quels enjeux économiques pour leur prévention ?

Le Premier Forum Régional des éco-entreprises, organisé par L'Agence de l'Environnement et de la Maîtrise de l'Énergie (ADEME), la Région Réunion et le Groupement Régional des Entreprises engagés pour l'Environnement (GREEN), s'est tenu le jeudi 27 octobre 2016 à NORDEV à l'île de La Réunion.



Les éco-entreprises qui commercialisent des solutions visant explicitement à prévenir, réduire ou mesurer les atteintes des activités humaines sur l'environnement, se sont mobilisées lors de ce forum. Des conférences sur divers thèmes d'actualités - comme les enjeux économiques de la prévention des déchets pour les collectivités et les entreprises - des mini-conférences ainsi que des rendez-vous B2B étaient organisés.

La MCCI, la CCIR (Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de la Réunion) et le SICR (Syndicat de l'Importation et du Commerce de la Réunion) étaient représentés au Forum.

*Légende: Jean-Michel Bordage, Directeur Régional de l'ADEME*

### Meeting with the Ambassador of the Czech Republic

The new Ambassador of the Czech Republic, H.E. Michal Král, paid a courtesy visit to the Secretary General of the MCCI, Mr. Raju Jadoo, on Friday 11 November 2016.

The Ambassador H.E. Michal Král expressed his satisfaction regarding the good relations prevailing between the business people of Mauritius and the Czech Republic.



Moreover, he said that there are further avenues of cooperation which can be explored, namely in the field of innovation and training.

The Secretary General of the MCCI, Mr. Raju Jadoo, stated that the Czech business people can use Mauritius as a hub to tap into the African Market. He recalled that at the Mauritius-Czech Business Forum organized last year in Mauritius, Czech business people had expressed a keen interest to work into African countries.

Both parties shared the view that similar events should be organised on a regular basis to better explore available opportunities between the two countries.

*Legend: Mrs. Anna Sykova, Consul at the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Pretoria, Mr. Raju Jadoo, H.E. Ambassador Michal Král, Mr. Gulshan Jugroo, Honorary Consul of Czech Republic, Ms. Faeza Ibrahimsah, Manager - Communications and Promotion division at the MCCI.*

## Local News

### Mauritius Research Council: Call for Proposals

The Mauritius Research Council (MRC) invites researchers/individuals as well as institutions to submit applications under the following schemes:

#### **A. Capacity Building Award Scheme:**

1. MRC Post Graduate Award (PGA)

#### **B. Research Support Schemes:**

1. Conference/Workshop Organisation Funding Scheme (CWOFS)
2. Mauritian Diaspora Research Funding Scheme (MDRFS)
3. Publication Sponsorship (PS)

4.Conference/Workshop Attendance Sponsorship (CWAS)

**C. Research and Innovation Grant Schemes:**

- 1. Unsolicited Research and Innovation Grant Scheme (URIGS)
- 2.Small Scale Research and Innovation Grant Scheme (SSRIGS)

The Mauritius Research Council (MRC), operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation, is the apex body for the promotion and coordination of Government investment in research and innovation.

More information on the schemes and priority areas can be found [here](#).

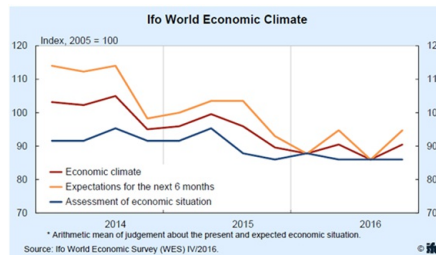
**Deadline: Tuesday 6th December 2016 at 15hrs**

# International News

## Ifo\* World Economic Climate Brightens Again

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 improved, with the index for the world economy rising to 90.5 points from 86.0 points.



Despite this improvement the figure remains around six index points below its long-term average. Experts' assessments of the current economic situation remain unfavourable, while their economic expectations for the future somewhat brightened, with a moderate recovery in the world economy.

WES experts believe that Donald Trump's election as US President represents a major risk for the world economy. They are further concerned by the slowdown in the Chinese economy, problems in the EU and an emerging markets crisis.

Average short- and long-term interest rates worldwide are expected to rise over the next six months and the US dollar is expected to continue to strengthen over the six months.

Read full article [here](#).

*\*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.*

(Source: Ifo Institute)

## World Trade Outlook Indicator suggests modest pick-up in trade during fourth quarter

The WTO's latest World Trade Outlook Indicator (WTOI) suggests that global trade will pick up slightly in the fourth quarter of 2016. Air freight in particular has shown quite strong recent growth, while export orders and container shipping have recorded more modest gains.

The WTOI is a leading indicator of world trade, designed to provide "real time" information on the trajectory of merchandise trade three to four months ahead of trade volume statistics. Combining several trade-related indices into a single composite indicator, the WTOI measures short run performance against medium-run trends.

The full World Trade Outlook Indicator published on 8 November 2016 is available [here](#).

## Safer, more efficient care starts with a simple scan

Barcodes can transform patient safety and supply chain efficiency in hospitals.

Find out how GS1 standards can help improve patient safety and cost efficiency and increase adoption of GS1 amongst healthcare providers by clicking on this video.



# Business Opportunities

## Trade and Investment

### Germany

Helm AG, a German trading company, would like to get in touch with importers of fertilizers in Mauritius.

**Contact:** Mr. Alain Dedic - Sales Office

**Email:** [a.dedic@helmag.com](mailto:a.dedic@helmag.com)

### Turkey

A turkish company, supplier of cosmetics as well as personal and hygienic products is looking for potential importers of their products.

**Contact:** Mr.Caner Hosver - Sales Executive

**Email:** [chosver@evyap.com.tr](mailto:chosver@evyap.com.tr)

Siyahkalem, a turkish company engaged in the construction sector is willing to establish joint ventures with local companies.

**Contact:** Mr. Suat Ozaytekin - Procurement Logistics Manager (Mobile in Mauritius: 59030862)

**Email:** [suatozaytekin@siyahkalem.com](mailto:suatozaytekin@siyahkalem.com)

### Switzerland

Alpha Commodities, a large independent salt supplier based in Switzerland, dealing with shipments of salt in large quantities is willing to develop some business with local importers and distributors of salt.

**Contact:** Naomi Setton - VP & Head of Marketing

**Email:** [naomi@alphacommodities.net](mailto:naomi@alphacommodities.net)

## Trade Fairs

### Algeria

Business Leaders' Forum

**Date:** 3 to 5 December 2016, International Conference Centre, Algiers

**More info:** <http://www.rdv-alger.com/en/>

### India

India Medical Device 2017

**Date:** 9 to 11 January, Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, Bengaluru

**More info:** <http://www.indiamediexpo.in>

## Tenders

### **Procurement of different IT Equipment, Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing and Provision of Training, Ethiopia**

The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has received financing from International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of Statistics For Result Project (SFR) project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract for procurement of different IT Equipment, Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing and Provision of Training for the implementation Different Software's, Backup UPS, and Video Conference Service Hall.

Eligible bidders are invited to submit their bids for the procurement of the following IT equipment such as Desk top computers, Projectors with 10 extra lamp, Centralized UPS System 160KVA, Network (N/W) Printers, Extra Toner Cartridges for NW printers, Enterprise network switch (Poe), Video Conferencing System Material Supply, Implementation, including Rooms renovation, Training and Commissioning Project for Central Statistics Agency (CSA), Supply, Installation and Deployment of Microsoft Products in a VMWare vSphere Infrastructure.

**Deadline: 16 December 2016.**

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

More tender offers are available on the [UN Development Business](#) website.

Tuesday 15 November 2016

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