



In the **Limelight**



Signature d'une convention entre la MCCI et la Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Mayotte

La MCCI, à travers son centre de formation - la MCCI Business School, a signé un accord de partenariat avec la Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Mayotte dans le but de développer des filières de formation destinées à renforcer les liens régionaux et de promouvoir l'éducation au sein de la région.

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MCCI **Updates**

Economy

MCCI Economic Review 2016

The MCCI released its annual review of the economy for 2016 at its 168th AGM on

Thursday 30th March 2017.

The MCCI Economic Review 2016 offers an assessment of the international and local economic situations for the preceding year. The publication includes an analysis of the evolution of the country's main-macro-economic indicators as well as the Business Confidence Indicator for the year 2016.

The review also gives an outlook of the economic prospects for 2017, both at the global level and locally.

[Download the publication here](#)



MCCI Annual Dinner

Guest speaker, Ms. Arancha Gonzalez: Mauritius needs to invest in empowering citizens to cushion the impact of the on-going transformations

Ms. Arancha Gonzalez, Executive Director of the International Trade Centre, delivered a much-appreciated address at the 27th Annual Dinner of the MCCI, held on 1 April 2017. The theme of her speech was "Making trade work for inclusive growth and jobs".

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MCCI Annual General Meeting

President Azim Currimjee expressed the need to incentivise

innovation activities at all levels

During the MCCI AGM held on 30 March 2017, the President of the MCCI, Mr. Azim Currimjee, emphasised on a shifting global economic landscape and a new world economic order. He stressed on the main challenges facing the Mauritian economy at Horizon 2050.

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Trade Launching of the National Export Strategy for Mauritius

The NES for Mauritius will serve as a blueprint for the Government, the private sector and Mauritius' development partners to help SMEs improve their competitiveness and generate higher-value jobs.

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Mauritius-Tanzania Consolidating business between the two countries

Mauritius-Tanzania Trade and Investment Forum was the ideal platform for both Mauritian and Tanzanian business operators for networking and further discuss about the investment opportunities available.

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Trade

Trade Statistics for January to December 2016 online

Members are informed that the figures for the external trade statistics for the complete year period January to December 2016 are online.

The external trade statistics provide detailed information on exports and imports by product HS codes including their description and their respective countries of destination and origin.

For any information and clarification on the trade statistics, please contact Mr. Vivagen Amoomoogum on 203-4830.

[The Statistics are available here](#)



Tax Tourist Refund MCCI partners with hotels to promote Tax Free Shopping

The MCCI Tax Tourist Refund service is enhancing its marketing campaign to target the hotel industry. The aim is to ensure that all the hotel shops are registered in the Tax Tourist Refund (TTR) scheme.

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"Les modes alternatifs de règlement des litiges, vers une justice plus efficace pour les opérateurs économiques"

The primary goal of the seminar was to sensitize economic operators about the crucial importance and outcome of mediation.

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Local News



Trade

Air Freight Rebate Scheme on Exports of Textiles and Apparels to the EU

As announced in the Budget Speech 2016-2017, a freight rebate scheme of 40% for exports of textiles and apparels to the European Union is being introduced. The Scheme aims at giving a boost to textile and apparel exports to the European countries and to enhance product delivery in terms of Speed-to-Market.

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Tanzania applies to maintain tariff on imports of paper and paper board under the SADC Trade Protocol

Tanzania has applied to SADC to maintain a 25% customs duty on its imports of paper and paper board from other SADC Member States till 2019.

According to the country, "the grace period would provide essential intervention that will reduce investment risk to the Tanzanian Paper Mill, allow it to proceed with its capital intensive investment plans to reach the required economy of scale and reduce its cost of production and be competitive to 'zero' rated imports from SADC".

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AGOA Preparedness Workshop for SMEs

The objectives of the Workshop were to examine the constraints affecting product diversification on the US market and to help SMEs to be aware of the existing opportunities provided under the AGOA.

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International News

International Chamber of Commerce
ICC releases new guidelines on tax principles for multinational businesses

In response to a growing lack of trust between multinational companies and the general public over tax matters, ICC has released a new set guidelines on tax principles as business seeks to publicly commit itself to international standards of transparency and cooperation.

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GS1 welcomes the adoption of the EU UDI system and the recognition of GS1's role and experience in the new Regulations

GS1 welcomes the adoption of the final EU Regulations on medical devices and on in-vitro diagnostics. GS1 global standards will be used by manufacturers to implement the new EU system of Unique Device Identification (UDI), which aims to support patient safety and supply chain security.

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GS1 Mexico and GS1 Germany accredited by GLEIF

GS1 Mexico and GS1 Germany have recently been certified amongst the world's very first Local Operating Units (LOU) by the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF).

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Mo Ibrahim Foundation's 2017 Forum Report

Africa's future depends on its ability to meet the expectations of its young people

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation's 2017 Forum report, ***Africa at a Tipping Point***, finds the continent still making progress, but faced with a real risk of falling back. The future will depend, more than anything else, on Africa's ability to harness the energy and meet the expectations of its young people.

[Download report here](#)

Events

International SME Innovation and Technology Fair, 12-14 May 2017

The Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority (SMEDA), under the aegis of the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives is organising an International SME Innovation & Technology Fair from 12 to 14 May 2017 at the Swami Vivekananda International Convention Centre (SVICC), Mauritius.

The International SME Innovation and Technology Fair 2017 aims at facilitating the transfer of technology, know-how and skills to Mauritian and overseas enterprises through the showcasing and eventual acquisition of technological tools and equipment as well as innovative solutions that are of particular interest to SMEs.

[View website here](#)

Business Opportunities

Trade and Investment

Egypt

Reftruck Egypt, Egyptian company specialised in insulation and refrigeration solutions of truck bodies, is looking for partners to increase its export business to Mauritius.



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United States of America

Falcons International Limited (www.FalconsInt.com) is a USA based company looking for contacts who import industrial textiles such as Automotive, Tent/Tarpaulin, Flooring, Blinds/Blackout, Furniture and Curtain etc.



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Trade Fairs

Egypt

17th International Medical Exhibition and Conference



4-6 May 2017, Cairo



<https://www.egymedica.com/>

Malaysia

Global Timber Conference 2017



15-17 May 2017, Sarawak



<http://www.globaltimberconference.com/>

TENDERS

AMADE International Tenders

A list of international tenders compiled in connection with the AMADE (Accès aux marchés publics pour le Développement Économique) project, is available [here](#).

AMADE project is an initiative of the *Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)* to provide assistance to institutions in at least 20 French-speaking developing countries to enhance the capacity of local enterprises in participating in national and international public tenders/business opportunities.

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