



In the **Limelight**



Economy

Increase of 4.5 percent in the Business Confidence Indicator

The MCCI Business Confidence Indicator for the 1st quarter of 2017 was released on Thursday 04 May 2017. The index registered an increase of 4.5 percent (4.4 percentage points) to settle at 101.9 points. This increase comes after a favourable last quarter in the business climate.

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MCCI **Updates**



Maurice-Comores : Renforcement des Relations entre les Deux Pays

Un protocole d'accord a été signé entre la MCCI et l'Union des Chambres de Commerce, d'Industrie et d'Agriculture des Comores dans le cadre du Forum des Affaires Maurice-Comores qui a eu lieu le jeudi 27 avril 2017. Ce protocole d'accord vise à consolider et dynamiser les liens existants entre la communauté des affaires de Maurice et celle de l'Union des Comores, notamment en matière de coopération commerciale et industrielle, d'investissement, de transferts de savoir-faire et de formation.

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MCCI Annual Report 2016-2017

The MCCI Annual Report 2016-2017 has been published and is available online.

The publication includes the latest MCCI Membership List, the Report of the President for the year 2016-2017, as well as, the State of the Economy address delivered by the President during the 168th Annual General Meeting of the MCCI.

Similar to the previous year, we wish to inform you that this edition is available in softcopy only.

[Download the Annual Report](#)





Trade

Application for Export Permit through Mauritius Trade Link

The Consumer Protection Regulations 2000 have been amended to make provision for an exporter to apply for an export permit for controlled goods through the Mauritius Trade Link. The Regulations are operational as from Tuesday 2nd May 2017.

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Cooperation

Visit of the New Ambassador of the Republic of Slovakia

The new ambassador of the Republic of Slovakia to Mauritius, HE Mrs. Monika Tomasovicova paid a courtesy call on the Vice-President of the MCCI, Mr. Marday Venkatasamy, on Monday 24th April 2017.



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Tax Tourist Refund

MCCI teams up with Car Rental Companies to promote TFS

By partnering with the car rental companies as a marketing medium, tourists are informed, since their very arrival, of the Tax Tourist Refund service available in the country.

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GS1 Mauritius

'How can I identify and barcode my pallets?'

As a support to GS1 Mauritius members to understand how to adopt GS1 standards and boost efficiency, a short and simple video on 'How can I identify and barcode my pallets?' is now available.



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Trade

Technical Barriers to Trade on Cosmetics, Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices

The MCCI has received several WTO TBT notifications from the Mauritius Standards Bureau on products including cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, medical devices & related products.

As per the WTO Agreement, exporters have 60 days as from the date prescribed under the notification number, to submit their comments, if any, to the Mauritius Standards Bureau.

Comments to MSB should be addressed to msb@intnet.mu and kramsarrun@msb.intnet.mu.

[Access the WTO TBT notifications](#)

Local News



Economy

Statistics Mauritius forecasts GDP Growth of 3.8 percent for 2017

Based on latest figures on key sectors of the economy and past trends, Statistics Mauritius has forecasted a Growth rate of 3.8 percent at basic prices in 2017, higher than the 3.5 growth in 2016.

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SME

SME Innovation Award 2017

The Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives is organizing the SME Innovation Award (SIA) 2017. The objectives of the SIA are to enhance the competitiveness and productivity of the SME sector and to promote and reward innovative SMEs.

SMEs who wish to participate are kindly invited to contact the SIA Secretariat on mbe-admin@govmu.org, or Tel: 405 3100.

[Visit the SME Innovation Award webpage](#)



Mauritius-Swaziland

Signature of Bilateral Air Services Agreement

The Agreement provides for multiple designation of airlines by each country and seven weekly frequencies to be operated by the designated airlines of each Party.

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International News

International Chamber of Commerce

ICC IP Roadmap – Overview of current and emerging issues for business and policymakers

The 2017 Intellectual Property (IP) Roadmap is an essential IP reference tool which provides an authoritative overview of the most pressing issues currently faced by policymakers and businesses that seek to innovate in a constantly changing world.

[Read full article](#)

World Trade Organization

Trade recovery expected in 2017 and 2018, amid policy uncertainty

Growth in the volume of world merchandise trade is expected to rebound this year from its tepid performance in 2016, but only if the global economy recovers as expected and governments pursue the right policy mix, WTO economists reported.

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Events

INTERNATIONAL
SME INNOVATION AND
TECHNOLOGY
FAIR 2017

12-14 MAY 2017
SVICC, PAILLES

FREE ENTRANCE
www.internationalfair.mu

Mauritius SMEDA MCCI SBM MAU BANK telecom mauritius

International SME Innovation and Technology Fair 2017 Invitation to participate in B2B meetings

The International SME Innovation and Technology Fair 2017, organised under the

under the aegis of Ministry of Business, Enterprises and Cooperatives, will be held on 12-14 May 2017 at the SVICC, with the MCCI as the official private sector partner.

The event is the ideal platform to connect several foreign and local technology providers and their innovative ideas to SMEs and investors to promote investment and cooperation.

Alongside the event, B2B meetings will be organized. Members who wish to participate in these sessions are kindly invited to fill in the form available and to send it to the SMEDA.

[Download registration form](#)

Business Opportunities

Trade and Investment

India

Indian Company is looking for potential vegetables buyers from Mauritius, especially potatoes buyers.

 Mr. Rupabhai Patel

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Trade Fairs

China

Guangzhou International Lighting Exhibition

 9-12 June 2017, Guangzhou

 <http://guangzhou-international-lighting-exhibition.hk.messefrankfurt.com>

Thailand

Thaifex - World of Food Asia

 31 May - 04 June 2017, Bangkok

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

APPEL D'OFFRES

Fourniture de matériel de branchements

La Société Nigérienne d'Electricité (NIGELEC) sollicite des offres fermées pour le Projet d'Expansion de l'Accès à l'Electricité (NELACEP) de la part de soumissionnaires éligibles et répondant aux qualifications requises pour la **Fourniture de matériel de branchements**.

Les offres devront être soumises au **plus tard le 15 juin 2017 à 9 heures à l'adresse ci-dessous** :

201, Avenue du Général de GAULLE (PL30), Plateau I, Niamey, BP 11 202, NIGER.

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For more tender offers, you are requested to go through the [UN Development Business website](#).

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