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National Computer Board

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

ITU ANNUAL REGIONAL HUMAN CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR SUB-SAHARAN COUNTRIES

28-30 JUNE 2017

Holiday Inn Mauritius, Mon Trésor, Plaine Magnien, Mauritius

ADVANCE INFORMATION DOCUMENT

1. COUNTRY PROFILE: Mauritius

Mauritius, an island of lagoons and palm-fringed beaches in the Indian Ocean, has a reputation for stability and racial harmony among its mixed population of Asians, Europeans and Africans. The island has maintained one of the developing world's most successful democracies and has enjoyed years of constitutional order. Mauritius has preserved its image as one of Africa's few social and economic success stories.

Mauritius was uninhabited when the Dutch took possession in 1598. Abandoned in 1710, it was taken over by the French in 1715 and seized by the British in 1810. It gained independence in 1968 as a constitutional monarchy, with executive power nominally vested in the British monarch. It became a republic in 1992. The island of Rodrigues and other smaller islets also form part of the country.

The people of Mauritius are multiethnic, multi-religious and multicultural. The island's government is closely modelled on the Westminster parliamentary system, and Mauritius is highly ranked for economic and political freedom. Along with the other Mascarene Islands, Mauritius is known for its varied flora and fauna, with many species endemic to the island. The island is widely recognized as the only known home of the dodo, which, along with several other avian species, was made extinct by human activities relatively shortly after the island's settlement.

The ICT sector is believed to be one of the most dynamic industries in Mauritius and it constitutes one of the most powerful tools needed to open up new prospects of sustainable development. The National Computer Board (NCB) which operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation (MTCI) promotes the

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development of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Mauritius. Its core mission is to accelerate the transition of the country into a regional ICT hub and ensure the swift realization of government's objective to make of the ICT sector a key pillar of the economy. Further, the Information & Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA) is responsible for the promotion of affordable and adequate access to quality ICT services.

The MTCI is dedicated to ICT innovation and its mission statement is to provide the right environment for the harnessing of ICTs to generate employment, increase national wealth, improve quality of life and create new opportunities for sustainable socio-economic development of Mauritius.

2. HOST

ITU Annual regional human Capacity building workshop for Sub Saharan African regions will be hosted by the National Computer Board (NCB) at the Holiday Inn Mauritius in Mon Trésor, Plaine Magnien, Republic of Mauritius.

3. VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

Holiday Inn Mauritius (located 3 minutes from the airport)
Mon Trésor,
Plaine Magnien, Mauritius
T: +230 601 27 00
Email: info@himaurlitius.mu
Website : <http://himaurlitius.mu/>

Contact Persons: Mr. Dev Ramessur

4. RECOMMENDED HOTELS

Delegates are welcome to reside at any of the hotels recommended by the host and participants are encouraged to book directly with the hotel management. Transfers will be arranged from the recommended hotels to the venue; however, the delegates must notify the organizers in advance with the details and duration of their stay to benefit from this service. Participants opting to stay in other Hotels not recommended by the host will be responsible for their own transportation.

Note: Please note that the price quoted for **Holiday Inn** is at negotiated rates and when making your booking, you need to mention that you will be attending the above workshop.

Hotels	Contact Information	PRICE (EURO)	Additional Details
Holiday Inn	Mr. Dev Ramessur, Holiday Inn, Mon Trésor, Plaine Magnien Mauritius Tel – (203) 6012700 Email - mice@himaurltius.mu Website : http://himaurltius.mu/	88.71 Euro - Bed and Breakfast basis 104.36 Euro - Half Board Basis	Conference Venue Free Shuttle provided from and to Airport
Preskil Breach Resort	Contact Central Reservations Preskil Beach Resort Pointe Jérôme, Mahébourg Mauritius Tel: (230) 604 1000 Fax: (230) 631 9603 Email: info@preskilbeachresort.mu Website : www.southerncrosshotels.mu/preskil-beach-resort/	145 Euro Half Board Category – Lagoon Ground floor / 1st floor Shower Sea view rooms	10km from conference venue
Le Peninsula Bay Beach Resort	Contact Central Reservations Le Peninsula Bay Beach Resort Pointe D'esny, Blue Bay Mahebourg Mauritius Phone 1 : + (230) 631 9046 / 9867 Phone 2 : + (230) 631 3677 / 9529 Fax: + (230) 631 9045 Email: resa@lepeninsulabay.com Website : http://lepeninsulabay.com	87 Euro -Comfort Rooms 112 Euro -Deluxe Rooms Half Board	10km from conference venue

5. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

All travel information, including flight number, arrival and departure dates and times should be forwarded to the points of contact indicated herein. The host will provide transport to delegates as follows:

- a) On arrival and departure from & to the airport (The SSR International Airport)
- b) From the designated hotels to the meeting venue and back.
- c) During the various social events organized for the delegates

Additionally, taxi-cab and car hire services are available at hotels. Delegates are strongly advised to use official taxis from hotels or as may be recommended by the host.

6. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Delegates are advised to have fever vaccination.

Before visiting Mauritius, delegates may check with their health-care providers about vaccinations and medications for preventable diseases according to the needs of the individual.

7. VISA REQUIREMENTS

All passengers travelling to Mauritius must be in possession of a valid passport issued and recognized by their governments.

Travelers coming to Mauritius must be holding valid passports and other acceptable travel documents. This may be issued with a visitor's pass on arrival at a port of entry into Mauritius valid for Six Months.

The final decision to admit a non-citizen rests with the Immigration Officer after examination at the point of entry in Mauritius. He/she decides how long the person can stay for any particular visit.

For complete details of visa requirements, delegates are advised to consult the web site of the Ministry of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade at: <http://foreign.govmu.org/>.

Any person entering Mauritius must:

1. Hold a valid passport and any other recognized travel document, with expiry date beyond the intended period of stay.
2. Hold appropriate visa or entry /residence permit as applicable.
3. Hold a valid return /onward passage tickets to his/ her country of origin or

- residence.
4. Have sufficient funds to meet the costs of stay in Mauritius (minimum of 100 us dollars per day).
 5. Have a confirmed booking for accommodation in Mauritius.
 6. Be eligible to re-enter his/ her country of origin or residence

Contact Details regarding Visa Requirements

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8. COMMUNICATION

The Conference venue will be furnished with fixed telephone line and broadband internet access.

9. LOCAL TIME

+4 hours Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

10. LANGUAGE

Mauritians are multilingual; they use Mauritian Creole, English, French, and Asian languages.

11. WATER & ELECTRICITY

The local water is relatively clean and is safe for drinking. Bottled water is also easily available.

The Electricity power voltage in Mauritius is 230 Volts and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. The power sockets that are used are of type C / G. You can use your electric appliances in Mauritius, if the standard voltage in your country is in between 220V - 240V

12. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The following are the telecommunications Service providers in Mauritius:

Mauritius

Telecom Operator	Primary Activity	Website
Emtel Ltd.	Mobile	www.emtel-ltd.com
Mahanagar Telephone	Mobile	www.mtmltd.net/mtml/
Orange	Mobile	www.mauritiustelecom.com

The country code is +230.

13. BANKING AND BUSINESS HOURS

The unit of currency is the Mauritian Rupee (Rs), divided into 100 cents. To check up to date exchange rates, please visit www.xe.com.

Major credit cards are widely accepted. There are different banks located in different parts of the city open from 9:00hrs to 15:00hrs Monday through Friday.

Mobile money transfer (e- Money transfer services from Western Union and Money Gram are also available in most banks.

14. WEATHER

Mauritius enjoys a pleasant tropical climate and July is considered the coolest month of the year with average temperature of around 20-21° C. During winter (May to October) the temperature is around 22° C on the coast and around 19° C on the Central Plateau. December, January and February are the warmest Months, with average temperature of around 27-28°C.

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