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**DEVELOPMENT**

**INFORMATION NOTE**

*RCE-OECD Hybrid Event*

*On*

*Financial inclusion: Trends, developments and policy tools*



***Date and Venue for physical participants.***

*The RCE-OECD Hybrid event is on Financial inclusion: Trends, developments and policy tools.*

*The event will take place on:*

*Tuesday 27 June 2023 at 13:00 – 15:30 & Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 13:00 – 16:00,  
Mauritius time.*

*Venue: Regional Centre of Excellence, Nex Tower, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rue du savoir, Ebene.*

*Direct Line: (+230) 404 56 52*

***Agenda and Meeting Format***

*The agenda is available on the event website:*

*<https://www.fscmauritius.org/en> or [rce@fscmauritius.org](mailto:rce@fscmauritius.org)*

***Registration***

*The link for physical registration is <https://www.fscmauritius.org/en/rce/events/financial-inclusion-trends-developments-and-policy-tools-27-28-june-2023#tab-6>*

*Deadline to register is Monday, 19 June 2023 at noon (Mauritius Time).*



## *Things to know before coming to Mauritius*

### **Location**

Mauritius is located in the Indian Ocean, approximately 500 miles/ 800 kilometers east of Madagascar and 125 miles/ 200 kilometers east of Réunion Island.

### **Geography**

With a total land mass of 784 square miles/ 2,030 square kilometers, Mauritius is approximately 11 times the size of Washington, D.C. In addition to the main island, the country includes the Agalega Islands, the Cargados Carajos Shoals and Rodrigues Island. The capital of Mauritius is Port Louis, located on the northwest coast.

### **Population**

The current population of Mauritius is 1,277,958 as of Monday, June 12, 2023, based on Worldometer elaboration of the latest United Nations data.

### **Language**

The official language of Mauritius is English, although it is spoken by less than 1% of the population. Instead the most widely spoken language is Creole, which accounts for 86.5% of the population. Other notable languages include Bhojpur and French.

### **Religion**

Hindu is the most popular religion in Mauritius (it is practiced by 48.5% of Mauritians).

### **Currency**

The country's official currency is the Mauritian rupee (MUR). For up-to-date exchange rates, use this online converter. The Bank notes consist of MUR 25, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000 and 2000.

### **Cash Withdrawal**

ATMs can be found at the airports and in shopping malls. Other locations allow you to withdraw cash by credit cards, debit cards including Visa and Master cards.





### *Climate*

*Mauritius has a mild tropical climate with two distinct seasons. The rainy season runs from November to April and is the hottest, most humid time of the year. The dry season runs from June to September and is relatively cool. October and May are shoulder months and have variable weather.*

*Source: Mauritius Meteorological services*

### *What to wear*

*The winter months of May, June, July, August, September and October are a little cooler by day, and you may need a pashmina or light sweater for the evenings. Temperature may vary from 17 °C- 24 °C. Rainfall varies widely across the island, with the Central Plateau being the wettest region. Local showers often pass quickly, hence a small travel umbrella and lightweight raincoat may come in handy.*

### *Travel information, Visa requirements and Covid information*

- *Mask is recommended in airport.*
- *Testing on arrival is no longer required for travellers.*
- *For more information, please visit [www.mauritiusnow.com](http://www.mauritiusnow.com)*



### *Direction & Transportation*

- *The workshop will be held in Ebene which is a suburb of Quatres Bornes.*
- *It is recommended to stay in the centre of the island as the RCE is located at Ebene. The closest hotel to the RCE is Hennessy hotel, <https://ninetysixhotels.com/hennessy-park-hotel-eben-cybercity-mauritius.html>*

*Currently, there is a corporate rate available on a Bed & Breakfast basis at approximately USD 164 or MUR 7,500 (USD= MUR 46.00, as at 14 June 2023. The rate is subject to fluctuations depending on the date of payment). During your reservation, you need to reserve under the upcoming RCE/FSC event on 27 & 28 June 2023 to benefit from the corporate rate.*

*The hotel is 4-5 minutes walking distance from the RCE.*

- *You can stay in the northern region or western region also and the duration of the trip is approximately one hour by car.*

### *Emergency Contacts*

*Embassies around the world <http://www.embassyworld.org>*

### *Further Enquiries*

*For further information or enquiries about the workshop please contact:*

*The RCE Team on:*

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