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**THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND
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INFORMATION NOTE

RCE-OECD Hybrid Event

On

Sovereign debt management, sustainable bonds and debt transparency

Date and Venue for physical participants.

The RCE-OECD hybrid event is on Sovereign debt management, sustainable bonds and debt transparency.

The event will take place on:

*Wednesday 26 July 2023 at 13:00 – 16:00 & Thursday 27 July 2023 at 13:00 – 16:00,
Mauritius time.*

Venue: Regional Centre of Excellence, Nex Tower, 7th Floor, Rue du savoir, Ebene.

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The agenda is available on the event website:

<https://www.fscmauritius.org/en> or rce@fscmauritius.org

Registration

The link for physical registration is <https://www.fscmauritius.org/en/others/sovereign-debt-management-sustainable-bonds-and-debt-transparency>

Deadline to register is Wednesday, 19 July 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 1,278,096 as of Thursday, July 6, 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 Bhojpuri 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 12 °C-22 °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*

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 hotel which is closest to the RCE is Hennessy hotel, accessible on:*

<https://ninety-six-hotels.com/hennessy-park-hotel-eben-cybercity-mauritius.html>

*The hotel is proposing a corporate rate for a Bed & Breakfast; approximately USD 164 or 152 EUR, MUR 7,100 (USD= MUR 46.00, as at 6 July 2023. The rate is subjected to fluctuations depending on the date of payment). During your reservation, **you need to state that you are coming for the upcoming RCE/FSC event 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 and the duration of the trip is approximately one hour.

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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