

## Celebration of the International Africa Day

The Financial Services Commission, Mauritius (FSC Mauritius) celebrated the International Africa Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014 at the FSC House. The event was held in the presence of Mr. Rajeshsharma Ramloll, Board Member of the FSC Mauritius, Ms. Clairette Ah-Hen, the Chief Executive and the FSC staff. Representatives of African Embassies and Consulates, expatriates from the African Continent (working in the financial services industry in Ebène) including FSC licensees whose major client base is in Africa, as well as, expatriate students from other African Countries who are currently studying Finance at Masters level at the University of Mauritius were also invited.

As an integral part of the African continent, the FSC Mauritius plays a vital role in policy making through its active membership and participation in a number of regional organisations, namely the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Committee for Insurance, Securities and Non-Bank Authorities (CISNA), the International Organisation of Securities Commission (IOSCO) Africa Middle East Regional Committee (AMERC) and the Financial Stability Board's Regional Consultative Group (FSB-RCG) for Sub Saharan Africa.





The function was officially opened with the National Anthems of Mauritius and of the African Union. In her welcoming address, the FSC Chief Executive spoke on the strong cultural, economic and bilateral ties between Mauritius and mainland Africa. Ms. Clairette Ah-Hen said that Mauritius holds a high respect for the African continent, and reiterated the commitment of the FSC to contribute further towards reinforcing Mauritius' partnership with Africa. The event was followed by presentations and testimonies from African students on their respective countries namely Congo Brazaville, Eritrea, Nigeria, Kingdom of Lesotho, Sierra Leone and Zambia.



Mrs. Marie Agnes Sanon of the African Reinsurance Corporation commended, in her closing remarks, the FSC Mauritius "for this laudable initiative which the African community has really appreciated". This event, according to her, contributes towards a greater dimension in the celebration of the International Africa Day.



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