Promoting Financial Literacy

Briefing session on Young Talent Competition (YTC) 2014

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Communications, Media, PR & Financial Literacy

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The Promoting Financial Literacy & Young Talent Competition (YTC) 2014

- The Promoting Financial Literacy & Young Talent Competition (YTC) was launched by the FSC in line with the Celebration of its 10th Anniversary
- FSC’s mandate under Section 6 (f) of FSA 2007:
  “promote public understanding of the financial system including awareness of the benefits and risks associated with different kinds of Investment”

Other initiatives .......
Les produits financiers: les assurances et les investissements vous concernent?

La FSC est là pour vous informer...

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## Outreach Programme 2013

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| **January** | • CAB / Social Welfare Officers  
              • Cooperative Union Ltd - North                                      |
| **April**   | • Senior Citizens Associations – Pointe Aux Sables                      |
| **May**     | • Mun. of Curepipe  
              • NGOs & Consumer agencies  
              • Arya Sabha Vacoas  
              • Cooperative Union Ltd - South                                       |
| **June**    | • Prize Giving - YTC  
              • Ex Civil Servants - Club Flamboyant                                |
| **August**  | • Women Centre – Rose Belle                                            |
| **October** | • NGOs - APEA/Act together                                             |
| **November** | • Senior Citizens Associations - SSR Recreational Centre Belle Mare    |
Outreach Programme 2014

January
- Municipal Council of Vacoas/Phoenix

February
- Mauritius Alliance of Women

March
- Launch of YTC 2014
- Senior Citizens – Pointe aux Sables Recreational Centre

April
- Briefing session – YTC 2014
Consumer Education Poster Campaign

- Be Informed on the Product and Company in which you are Investing
- Return on Investment is linked to level of Risks
- Verify / Seek Advice before Investing
OBJECTIVES OF YTC

Create awareness and encourage interest of financial services amongst students

Enable students to get a better understanding of financial services for general knowledge and future employability.

Prompt research by students in the field of financial services.
“Presentation to Jury panel”
YTC 2013

“Jury Panel”
YTC 2013

Winners of Secondary Category (Project) – Droopnath Ramphul State College
YTC 2013

Winners of Secondary Category (Creative) – Hindu Girls College
DISSEMINATION

Posters in secondary schools

Media Coverage

Young Talent Competition (YTC) 2014

The Financial Services Commission (FSC), the integrated regulator for the financial services sector other than banking and for global business, is pleased to launch the third edition of the Young Talent Competition (YTC). The objectives are to create and enhance awareness of financial services among the youth.

The main theme of the competition is:

The Mauritius International Financial Centre (IFC)

Category 1 - Quiz Competition
Form IV & V (Teams of 3 participants)
Questions will be based on all sectors regulated by the FSC
8 teams will qualify for quarter finals following preliminaries. Best teams will progress to semi-finals and finals.

Category 2 - Essay Competition
Lower VI & Upper VI (Teams of 2 participants)
Title of Essay: The future of the Mauritius International Financial Centre
Teams will have to submit essay of 2,500 - 3,000 words. Finalists will be called for a presentation of their essays.

Application forms and terms & conditions can be downloaded from the FSC website.

Cash Prizes
1st Prize: Rs 20,000 per participant
2nd Prize: Rs 10,000 per participant

Closing date for application: Tuesday 01 April 2014
Briefing session: Friday 04 April 2014
Publication of results: Monday 16 June 2014
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Eligibility

Category 1 – Quiz Competition
• Form IV & Form V students of any registered secondary schools in Mauritius (Team of 3 participants);

Category 2 – Essay Competition
• Lower Six and Upper Six students of any registered secondary schools of Mauritius (Team of 2 participants)

Specific Requirements for each category

Category 1
• Questions will be based on all sectors regulated by the FSC
• 8 Teams will qualify following preliminaries. Best teams will progress to semi-finals and finals

Category 2
• Teams will have to submit an essay of 2,500 – 3,000 words
• Finalists will be called for a presentation of their essays
Application and submission of projects

- Application forms and terms and conditions may be downloaded from the website of the Financial Services Commission (www.fscmauritius.org).
- Completed application form to be sent to the Financial Services Commission by Tuesday 1st April 2014.
- Briefing session with participants on Friday 4th April 2014
- Essays to be submitted to the FSC at latest by Friday 9th May 2014.
  Preliminary for quiz will be held on Tuesday 6th May 2014.
- Results will be proclaimed on Monday 16th June 2014.
YTC 2014 - Entries received

- 231 teams registered
- 57 schools
- Category 1 (Quiz): 90 teams
- Category 2 (Essay): 141 teams
- All districts of Mauritius covered
Quiz Competition - Preliminary

- Will be held on 6\textsuperscript{th} May 2014 – FSC House Ebene
- 90 teams concerned
- 40 Multiple Choice Questions Based on Sectors Regulated by the FSC
- 8 teams to qualify for final Rounds
Quiz Competition – Final Rounds

• Final Rounds – Knock out style

• 8 teams qualify for quarter finals

• 4 teams proceed to semi finals

• 2 teams proceed to finals

• Proposed broadcast of semi finals and finals on MBC TV

• Results Proclaimed on 16 June 2014
Essay Competition

- 141 teams concerned
- 10 finalists chosen following Preliminary assessment
- **Finalists will be called for a presentation of their essays in Front of Jury Panel on 09 June 2014**
- **Results Proclaimed on 16 June 2014**
Application Forms

All duly completed application Forms to be submitted by Monday 14 April 2014 (where applicable)

Forms to include:

- Exact title, relevant to the theme chosen “The Future of the Mauritius International Financial centre”
- Seal of School/Authorised Signature
- Authorisation of responsible parties (where applicable)
- Signature of Participants
Overview of Financial Services Sector and FSC’s Objectives

Presented by: Rinasha Appavoo
04 April 2014
Agenda

1. Non-Bank financial regulation prior to 2001
2. Financial Services Commission
3. Regulation of Mauritius Financial Services Sector
4. FSC – an Internationally Recognised Supervisor
5. Way Forward
Non-Bank financial regulation prior to 2001
Distinct & separate specialist regulatory agencies:

- **Insurance Division** – Under the Ministry of Finance and regulated the Insurance Business

- **Stock Exchange Commission** - established under the Stock Exchange Act 1988 which controlled and supervised stock exchange operations

- **Mauritius Offshore Business Activities Authority (MOBAA)** – Regulated the non-bank offshore business since 1992
Financial Services Commission
Financial Services Commission (FSC)

Stock Exchange Commission

Mauritius Offshore Business Activities Authority

Insurance Division of the Ministry of Finance

Financial Services Development Act 2001

Financial Services Act 2007
Statutory Objectives of FSC

Our Statutory objectives include *inter alia*:

- Ensure the *orderly administration* of the financial services and global business activities;

- Ensure the *sound conduct* of business in the financial services sector and in the global business sector;

- Elaborate policies which are directed to ensure *fairness, efficiency and transparency* of financial and capital markets in Mauritius; … (Section 6 FSA)
Vision, Mission

• Vision

“To be an internationally recognised Financial Supervisor committed to the sustained development of Mauritius as a sound and competitive Financial Services Centre”

• Mission

- Promote development, fairness, efficiency and transparency of financial institutions and capital markets in Mauritius
- Suppress crime and malpractices so as to provide protection to members of the public investing in non-bank financial products
- Ensure soundness and stability of the financial system in Mauritius
Regulation of Mauritius Financial Services Sector

Financial Services Commission (FSC)

- Insurance
- Pensions
- Capital Markets
- Global Business (GB)
- Other NBFIs

Bank of Mauritius (BOM)

- Banking Services
FSC: An Internationally Recognised Financial Supervisor
# International/Regional Co-operation

## International
- **International Organisation of Securities Commission (IOSCO)**
- **International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS)**
- **International Organisation of Pension Supervisors (IOPS)**

## Regional
- **Cisna**: Southern Africa Development Community - Committee for Insurance, Securities and Non-Bank Financial Authorities (CISNA)
- **AMERC** (Africa/Middle East Regional Committee of IOSCO)
- **FSB**: Financial Stability Board’s Regional Consultative Group for Sub-Saharan Africa
### Exchange of Information

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**MoUs with European Securities Regulators – 23**

| 2013    | FSC signed the MOU in the first tranche with 23 European Union / European Economic Area Securities Regulator |

**Regional MOUs - 2**

| 2013    | Africa Middle East Regional Committee                                     |
| 2005    | South Asian Securities Regulators Forum                                   |

**Other MOUs – 25**

| 2002-2012 | 19 with foreign counterparts (11 with African Countries) |
|           | 6 with local counterparts (BOM, FRC, FIU, Statistics Mauritius etc)      |
OECD Peer Review Report

• The Report noted that Mauritius has never refused to sign an exchange of information agreement and “it is recognised that Mauritius is putting in place a national strategy for an efficient exchange of information system, and answers most requests within 90 days.”

• The Report proves Mauritius as a trusted, transparent and well-established International Financial Centre
Way Forward
The financial sector has evolved over the years to pose as a potential area of change in terms of:

1) generating further growth;
2) ensuring price stability; and
3) contributing to productive employment

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*Source: Statistics Mauritius National Accounts – March 2014 issue*

### Survey on Employment and Earnings

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*Source: Statistics Mauritius Survey on Employment and Earnings, Preliminary Results, March 2013 * Provisional
Financial Services Commission
Mauritius
Future of the Mauritian IFC

Presented by Gamal Ballam

Date 04.04.14
Introduction

“There are many dimensions to an International Financial Centre, with various factors integrating to provide the necessary infrastructure to support international financial business”.
Agenda

• What is an International Financial Centre (IFC)?

• Evolution of Mauritius as an IFC

• Where we stand...

• Future Pillars…
What is an IFC (1/2)

Definitions

• A centre with deep liquid and sophisticated capital market and world competitive tax and regulatory regimes with foreign investment and offshore business flow;

• A centre that can add significant value to financial services provided from it, through a workforce that can respond promptly and in an innovative manner;

• A centre with the World’s best telecommunications and IT capacity and imbued with plentiful, well educated, multilingual workforce;

• A centre with convivial and alluring environment for business
What is an IFC (1/2)

Characteristics

• A centre from which international financial business can be conducted profitably, easily and efficiently;

• A centre with skilled management and intellectual talent covering Business, Finance and interdependent services such as legal and accounting, to provide multi-disciplined teams that facilitate large cross borders transactions in the shortest possible time frame.
Evolution of Mauritius as an IFC

1992: Official launch of Mauritius Offshore Centre


2007/2008: Introducing New Products & Bringing in Greater Flexibility

2010/2011 onwards: Products Innovation & Moving to Substantive, High Value Added Financial Services

Mauritius has been an established centre for banking and finance since the early 1900’s
## Where we stand..

### Indicators

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### Employment

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## Where we stand..

### Competitiveness

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<td>2014</td>
<td>World Bank</td>
<td>Doing Business</td>
<td>189 Countries</td>
<td>20th (1st in Africa)</td>
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<td>83 Countries</td>
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<td>178 Countries</td>
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## Where we stand…

### Top 10 Comparison

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Future Pillars

Features

Mauritius IFC

People: Availability of good personnel and Development of ‘human capital’

Infrastructure: Crucial to ensure overall stability of the financial system

Effectiveness: Availability of a broad range of products, services and markets

Business Environment: Prudential Regulations, competitiveness, tax, ease of doing business

Efficiency: Improvement in productivity and higher returns on assets for the financial institutions
Future Pillars

How do we go about?

• How do we respond to the needs of global community?

• How responsive / adaptive is our Jurisdiction? …production, depth, knowledge…;

• Who should bring in the developments/changes, if any?

• WHO, WHAT, WHEN, HOW…
Conclusion

• A well-diversified and competitive financial system is vital for the long-term economic growth and development of a forward looking country;

• In a future environment, the ability of the financial institutions to deliver products and services in the most efficient and effective manner will be the key;

• The range of financial products and services should be offered at the lowest cost to both institutional and individual consumers.
Any Questions
Links

- www.fscmauritius.org
- http://www.stockexchangeofmauritius.com/
- http://www.bourseafrica.com/
- http://statsmauritius.gov.mu/English/Pages/default.aspx
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Vision

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