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## **Publication of "FSC Policy Research Series"**

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The Financial Services Commission, Mauritius ("FSC") is pleased to announce the publication of the first project for its Policy Research series under the Policy Research Group (PRG) Phase I (2015/16) initiative.

This research entitled "A Feasibility Study of Social Investment in Mauritius" underlines the significance which the FSC devotes to research and development in spearheading its mission.

The authors have assessed the potential for the emergence of social impact investment in Mauritius. The main findings of the study have brought forth valuable insights which could be useful for gearing social impact investment in Mauritius.

A mixed methodology comprising a survey questionnaire and focus group discussion with representatives of Ministries, public sector agencies, fund managers, foundations and commercial banks in Mauritius has been adopted. The findings highlight the need for a social investment market in Mauritius and the importance of social investment as an innovative way to finance projects which have societal and/or environmental impact.

A SWOT analysis conducted has led to the formulation of a number of recommendations such as the setting up of an Interagency Task Force, promotion of social investment culture, building a strong intermediation, consolidating social investment ecosystem on existing framework and paving the way for social entrepreneurship to embrace social investment in Mauritius.

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