

**Launch of the FSC's Regional Centre of Excellence
15 – 16 March 2019
Financial Services Commission Mauritius (FSC)
Ebene, Mauritius**

The FSC Mauritius is setting up, in collaboration with the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development ('the OECD'), a Regional Centre of Excellence for capacity building, research and best practices for the financial sector and to combat financial malpractices.

Logistical Information Note

In an effort to ensure a smooth trip, we have prepared this information note to assist you in your preparation. We look forward to welcoming you in Mauritius.

Registration/ Flight and Accommodation

Please note that attendance to this event is by invitation only. You are requested to fill in the [online registration form](#) to confirm your attendance.

Deadline for registration is **04 March 2019**.

Flights

Attendees are responsible for arranging their own flights.

Hotel Accommodation

No hotel booking has been made by the organiser. However a list of nearby hotels (offering corporate rates) is provided in the Annex 1. Please mention the FSC Mauritius when booking to benefit from the preferential rate. Please pay special attention to methods of payment and cancellation policies when booking hotels.

Venue

The Regional Centre of Excellence will be hosted in Ebene – next to the premises of the FSC.

Entry to Mauritius

The Republic of Mauritius is an island nation in the Indian Ocean, located about 2,000 kilometres (1,200 miles) off the south-east coast of the African continent. Mauritius includes the islands of

Rodrigues, Agalega and St. Brandon and the capital and largest city is Port Louis. Mauritius became independent in 1968 and a Republic in 1992.

The main languages written and spoken are English, French and Creole.

Visa

Citizens of most countries do not need a visa to travel to Mauritius or may obtain a visa on arrival to Mauritius. Visitors to Mauritius must hold a valid passport or travel document with a minimum validity of one month beyond the intended visiting period. Visa requirements may differ from country to country and we urge participants to check in advance with the Mauritian embassy/consulate in respective countries to see the requirements. Invitation letters for visa purposes will be made available upon request.

Please consult the [link](#) for more information regarding visa requirements.

Attendees are responsible for ensuring that they are in possession of the correct documentation prior to their departure. Please ensure that your traveller's insurance is valid and that coverage will be available in Mauritius for the duration of your stay.

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for travellers over 1 year of age coming from infected areas. The countries and areas included in the endemic zones are considered as infected areas. A list of these countries can be found [here](#).

Port of Arrival – Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport

Airport transfers (Pick-Up and Drop) – Airport Transfers will be provided by the FSC Mauritius. Participants are requested to communicate the exact information about flight details while registering for the training for needful arrangement to be made in respect of Airport Transfers. The FSC Mauritius will also provide transport to and from proposed hotels to the venue and back.

Currency Exchange

The local currency is Mauritian Rupee (MUR). Bureau de Change (Foreign Exchange Dealers) and ATM cash machines are available at the airport and all around the island.

For more information on currency exchange rate, [click here](#).

CREDIT CARDS

Credit cards are normally accepted by banks and most hotels, restaurants and tourist shops.

Other General Information

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AND VOLTAGE

Electricity in Mauritius is 220 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. If you travel to Mauritius with a device that does not accept 230 Volts at 50 Hertz, you will need a voltage converter. Outlets in Mauritius generally accept 2 types of plug namely two round pins and two parallel flat pins with ground pin.

CLIMATE and TEMPERATURE

Mauritius enjoys a mild tropical maritime climate throughout the year. The country has two seasons: a warm humid summer extending from November to April and a relatively cool dry winter from June to September. March is generally a hot month, average temperatures usually stay around 26°C, while low temperatures still reach a sizzling 24°C. For more information click [here](#). The Mauritian local time is GMT+4.

TOURIST INFORMATION

The Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority (MTPA) may be contacted for further tourist information. Their offices are located at the SSR International airport and in Port Louis. For more information about Mauritius and attractions, please [click here](#) .

SHOPPING

Shopping hours in our main cities range from 09.30 hrs to 19.30 hrs (Monday-Saturday). Some shops are open till noon on Sundays and public holidays. Many duty free shops and modern shopping centres (Caudan, La Croisette, Bagatelle Mall of Mauritius, Cascavelle Mall, Phoenix Commercial Centre, Riche Terre Mall – Riche Terre, Curepipe, Floréal Square, Orchard Centre) offer a wide choice of products. Shops are normally closed in Flacq, Rose-Hill, Curepipe and Quatre-Bornes on Thursday afternoon.

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Annex 1

Name of Hotel	Distance from meeting venue	Contacts (email address, telephone)	Rate per room per person (including breakfast in Mauritian Rupees)
Hennessy Park Hotel, 65 Cybercity, Ebene 4*	500 Metres (walking distance)	sales@indigohotels.com reservations@indigohotels.com + 230 4037200	Standard room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bed & breakfast: MUR 5,300 • half board: MUR 6,300 Please mention the FSC Mauritius to benefit from the corporate rate
Palms Hotel, St Jean Road Quatre Bornes 3*	3 km	reservations@palmshotelmauriti.us +230 4657575	Standard room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bed & breakfast: MUR 2,990 • half board: MUR 3,490 Please mention the FSC Mauritius to benefit from the corporate rate
Voila Hotel Bagatelle 3*	5.3 km	radam@voilahotel.mu +230 4068000	Standard room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bed & breakfast: MUR 3599 Please mention the FSC Mauritius to benefit from the corporate rate
Le Suffren Marina, Port Louis 4*	12.3 km	sales@indigohotels.com reservations@indigohotels.com + 230 202 4900	Standard room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bed & breakfast: MUR 6,600 • half board: MUR 7,600 Please mention the FSC Mauritius to benefit from the corporate rate
Le Labourdonnais Waterfront, Port Louis 5*	12.7 km	sales@indigohotels.com reservations@indigohotels.com +230 202 4000	Standard room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bed & breakfast: MUR 8,990 • half board: MUR 10,190 Please mention the FSC Mauritius to benefit from the corporate rate