

**Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) - Funded Virtual Brainstorming
Workshop**
“Post-COVID-19 – Sustainable Innovation to set the economy back on track”
23 and 24 February 2022

Overview Section

The University of Mauritius in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade and the IORA Secretariat is organising a 2-day virtual brainstorming workshop on the theme “Post-COVID-19 – Sustainable Innovation to set the economy back on track”.

This virtual brainstorming workshop aims at bringing together Government, Academia and Industry representatives from the IORA Member States and Dialogue Partners to discuss innovative strategies adopted by the IORA Member States to cope with the pandemic and share good country practices. It will provide a platform to reflect on a sectoral approach and build innovation clusters, enable Member States to tap opportunities and build on proven experience as well as address capacity gaps. The event will focus on 4 key sectors namely: (1) The Blue Economy; (2) Tourism; (3) Health, and (4) the Circular Economy. A half-day brainstorming will be devoted for each sector.

Draft Programme

| Opening Session | | | |
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| Time <i>MUT (GMT+4)¹</i> | Name | Description | Institution/ Country |
| 10.00 –10.05 hrs | Professor Dhanjay JHURRY Vice-Chancellor | Welcome Address | <i>University of Mauritius</i> |
| 10.05 –10.10 hrs | H.E. Ambassador Salman AL FARISI Secretary General | Address | <i>Indian Ocean Rim Association</i> |
| 10.10 –10.15 hrs | Mrs Minakshi DABEE- HAUZAREE Director Co-operation | Address & Launching | <i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Mauritius</i> |

¹ MUT : Mauritius Time

Session wise

| Day 1- Wednesday 23 February 2022 Morning Session First Sector: Blue Economy | | | |
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| Time <i>MUT (GMT+4)</i> | Name | Description | Institution/ Country |
| 10.15 –10.45 hrs | Keynote Speaker Dr M V Ramana Murthy Director | Innovation in the Maritime Sector | <i>National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Chennai, India</i> |
| 10.45 –11.00 hrs | Mr Sunil Jeetah Divisional Scientific Officer | Sustainable Exploitation of Marine Resources | <i>Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, Mauritius</i> |
| 11.15 –11.30 hrs | Rear Admiral (Retd) Md. Khurshed Alam Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit | Blue Economy from an Industry Perspective (<i>Bangladesh</i>) | <i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh</i> |
| 11.30 –11.45 hrs | Dr Saroj Kumar Mohanty Professor | Blue Economy from an Industry Perspective (<i>India</i>) | <i>Research & Information System For Developing Countries (RIS), India</i> |
| 11.45 –12.00 hrs | Mr Johan Spamer PhD Researcher | Research and Innovation in the Marine Sciences | <i>Erasmus University Rotterdam South Africa</i> |
| 12.00 –12.15 hrs | Dr. K M Azam Chowdhury Chairman & Assistant Professor | The Convergence Of The Blue Economy and Marine Ecosystem | <i>Department of Oceanography, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh</i> |
| 12.15 –12.40 hrs | Discussions and Way Forward for Partnerships Dr Ranjeet Bhagooli Associate Professor, | Moderator | <i>University of Mauritius</i> |

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| | Department of Biosciences & Ocean Studies | | |
| 12:40- 13.00 hrs | Lunch Break | | |

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| Afternoon Session | | | |
| <i>Second Sector : Tourism</i> | | | |
| Time <i>MUT (GMT+4)</i> | Name | Description | Institution/ Country |
| 13.00–13.30 hrs | Keynote Speaker Dr Susanne Becken Professor of Sustainable Tourism | Common Strategies to Revive the Tourism Industry Post-Covid | <i>Griffith University, Australia</i> |
| 13.30–13.45 hrs | Victoria Alis Sustainability Consultant | Sustainable Tourism | <i>Seychelles Sustainable Tourism Foundation (SSTF), Seychelles</i> |
| 13.45–14.00 hrs | Ms Fathmath Shifa Assistant Director | Responsible Tourism | <i>Ministry of Tourism, Maldives</i> |
| 14.00–14.15 hrs | Mr Philip Taylor Director | Digital Transformation in the Tourism Industry | <i>Hospitality Plus, Mauritius</i> |
| 14.15–14.30 hrs | Representative | Cultural Tourism & Ecotourism as part of the Cultural Industry | <i>TBC</i> |
| 14.30–15.30 hrs | Discussions and Way Forward for Partnerships Dr Robin Nunkoo Associate Professor & Head, International Center for Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality | Moderator | <i>University of Mauritius</i> |

| Day 2- Thursday 24 February 2022 Morning Session Third Sector: Health | | | |
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| Time <i>MUT (GMT+4)</i> | Name | Description | Institution/ Country |
| 10.05 – 10.45 hrs | Keynote Speaker Professor Sachin Chaturvedi Director General | The Digital Healthcare Revolution | <i>Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India</i> |
| 10.45 – 11.00 hrs | Dr S R Rao Vice President | Covid 19 Vaccine | <i>Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth University, India</i> |
| 11.15 – 11.30 hrs | Representative | Telemedicine: Opportunities Ahead | <i>TBC</i> |
| 11.30 – 11.45 hrs | Dr Drishty Ramdenee Director of the Emerging Sector | Development of a Life Science & Pharmaceutical Industry in Mauritius | <i>Economic Development Board, Mauritius</i> |
| 11.45 – 12.00 hrs | Dr Razafimahatratra Rado Director-General of Healthcare provision | Research and Innovation from IORA MS in the Development of Drug Therapy against COVID-19 | <i>Ministry of Public Health, Madagascar</i> |
| 12.00 – 12.30 hrs | Discussions and Way Forward for Partnerships Dr Rajesh Jeewon Associate Professor & Head, Department of Health Sciences | Moderator | <i>University of Mauritius</i> |
| 12:30- 13.00 hrs | Lunch Break | | |

| Day 2- Thursday 24 February 2022 Afternoon Session Fourth Sector : Circular Economy | | | |
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| Time <i>MUT (GMT+4)</i> | Name | Description | Institution/ Country |
| 13.00 –13.30 hrs | Keynote speaker Dr Venkatachalam Anbumozhi Director of Research Strategy and Innovation | Support to and Benefit from the Circular Economy | <i>Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Indonesia</i> |
| 13.30–13.45 hrs | Mr Alain Law Min Chief Executive Officer | Transitioning to a Green Economy | <i>Mauritius Commercial Bank Group, Mauritius</i> |
| 13.45–14.00 hrs | Mr Shiv Rao Challa Founder and Chief Executive Officer | Waste and Raw Materials Management: | <i>3 R ZeroWaste Pvt Limited Company, India</i> |
| 14.00-14.15 hrs | Mr Bob Paul Principal | Advancing the Circular Economy | <i>E5 Solutions, Canada</i> |
| 14.15– 14.30 hrs | Professor Simron Singh Professor | Why do we need an Island Circular Economy? Insights from Socio- metabolic Research. | <i>University of Waterloo, Canada</i> |
| 14.30 – 14.45 hrs | Dr Ing. Harro Von Blotnitz Professor | The relationship between circular economy and industrial ecology | <i>University of Cape Town, South Africa</i> |
| 14.45– 15.30 hrs | Discussions and Way Forward for Partnerships Dr (Mrs) Vimi Dookhun Senior Lecturer, Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering | Moderator | <i>University of Mauritius</i> |
| 15.30– 15.45 hrs | Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks Professor D Jhurry, UoM | | |