



Ambassador Khemloliva and Mr. Bissoondoyal extends their regards to you and Mr. Andrei Perfilyev, President National Guild of Producers and Importers.

We thank you for the support given for the holding of the 2nd Mauritius-Russia Investment and Trade Forum in Mauritius as well as collaborating in promoting the event.

We had a good Russian Business Delegation to Mauritius. 10 Russian companies participated and visited Mauritius. Two institutions were also present, namely, Lipetsk CCI and Moscow CCI.

We thank you for your collaboration and support.

We but look forward for visit in the near future.

Thanking you for the continuous support.

**Yours Sincerely,
For Ambassador**



- For Russians Mauritius is a country with favourable conditions for tourism. Fishery is another important sphere of collaboration. But for the time being Mauritius sticks to the development of innovative technologies. This gives an opportunity for Mauritius-Russian cooperation in many areas. Could you tell in what areas exactly both countries may cooperate?

- The Prime Minister of Mauritius, Hon. Paul Eugénie, who is also the Minister of Finance and Economic Development has a new vision for Mauritius in the field of innovative technologies.

ICT and Services Sector have a lot of prospect for job creation for the youth. ICT is also one of the important pillar of our Africa Strategy.

The Mauritius Africa Strategy plans to build a series of Tech-hubs in Africa, particularly in Ghana, Ivory Coast, and Senegal. Projects in these countries are in process to start. These Special Economic Zones are being managed by a Special Purpose Vehicle responsible for promotion and development, while the Mauritius Government is represented by the Mauritius Africa Fund.

We invite Russian Companies to join us in developing infrastructure in these African cities. Use Mauritius as a platform to do business with Africa where Special Fund has been set up to raise capital. We also welcome Russian Companies to set up back offices in Mauritius.

For Example, State Bank of Mauritius Ltd and Mauritius Africa Fund have set up an Africa Infrastructure and Industrialisation Fund to assist Mauritian Investors to execute projects in Africa.

The Prime Minister, during the recent Budget for the year 2018-2019 has also announced a series of new innovative sectors like IoT, AI such as Perfection, Artificial Intelligence, Cryptocurrencies, Blockchain Technology, and Data Centers.

Russia has a huge experience in these new sectors which Mauritius is aiming. We need Russia investment and expertise for this. Russia can help us to train our people, exchange technologies, know-how and put hand in hand to move together towards Africa.

Mauritius has a huge Exclusive Economic Zone of 2.5 million square kilometers. We can join hands together to explore our Marine Resources in a sustainable way.

Mauritius is looking to increase export tuna products to Russia but also establish cooperation in tuna fishing and Ocean economic activities. Tuna Ranching and sea bed mining are interesting projects which we can explore together.

Tourism also is an important pillar for Mauritius Economy. We wish to have direct flight from Moscow to Mauritius by AerFlot soon. From October this year, AirAfri is launching a new route Moscow-Rome-Mauritius.

We invite Russian travel agents to discover our beautiful country for business, culture and leisure. We are an ideal destination while around the year. We are very happy that Russians come to Mauritius for their honeymoon and also like Surfing. We also want more Russians to reside permanently in Mauritius.

Recreation or Investment and Economic potential of Mauritius is to be held on 19 September 2018 in Moscow. What projects will be presented to the participants?

Topics to be elaborated will include:

1. Investment Sectors - Real Estate, Oceanic activities

2. Financial Services

3. Sourcing Opportunities for Quality Products & Mauritius Africa Strategy

We will also mention Fiscal and Non-fiscal incentives given by Governments of Mauritius to buyers and investors.

We will also talk about opening the 2nd Mauritius-Russia Investment and Trade Forum from 19 to 21 November 2018 in Mauritius.

- What is the role of cooperation of businessmen and entrepreneurs, for instance Chambers of Commerce and Industry, in establishing long-standing contacts?

- We are looking for a long term collaboration. It started in 2015, when we established free movement of people between our two countries. Mauritius and Russian can save Visa fee for 90 days.

Last year, in November 2017, we had the Visit of our Foreign Minister, Hon. Vishnu Lutchmesingh to Russia and organized the 1st Mauritius-Russia Investment and Trade Forum in Moscow. This visit has created the political will between our two friendly nations.

This Year, the Central Bank of Russia and Financial Services Commission have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in exchange of information and transparency. This will boost business between us.

As mentioned earlier, Russia is a new market for us. Our vision is to have a Free Trade Agreement with Russia, which will be to the benefit of Russia, Mauritius and the Eurasian region.

We are Chambers as an interface between the Embassy and Russian businessmen. We are looking ahead to have Cooperation Agreements between Chambers, Associations and Economic Development Board Mauritius (EDB) to accelerate our long term collaboration as well as capacity building and technology transfer in different sectors.

We welcome the support of Chambers to make Russian businessmen to know about business opportunities with Mauritius.

Chambers can provide the right platform and connection among Russian and Mauritian businessmen and entrepreneurs to discover and explore each other Markets.

Our Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs are looking forward to welcome Russian businessmen to visit Mauritius which will be held from 19 to 23 November and see our potential next November 2018 in Mauritius.

The Mauritius-Russia Business Forum is poised to become an annual feature for sustained relationship.

I would like to reiterate my thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation members and Russian Business Community.

I look forward to see you on 19 September for an eventful interaction.

Yadav Vinod Kumar

Signature d'accord Russie-Maurice

Nouvelles opportunités d'affaires pour les deux pays

Une délégation de 22 membres en provenance de la Russie est à Maurice pour une visite officielle du 19 au 21 novembre 2018. Dans un contexte, l'European Development Bank (EDB) et les chaînes de commerce et d'industrie de Moscou et Lipetsk ont procédé à la signature d'un Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), lundi. L'objectif pour Maurice est d'attirer une pléiade d'investissements en Russie.

Les exportations mauriciennes vers la Russie en 2017 se situent à 3,521 milliards. Les importations mauriciennes vers la Russie ont été estimées à 1,1 milliard, les sucres, épices et les T-shirts. C'est un député indépendant Charles Curtin, le président d'EDB lors du Business Forum organisé hier 19 novembre

— En l'absence d'opportunités d'affaires directes (FDI), Maurice a enregistré 2,132 milliards de FDI en provenance de la Russie en 2017, ajoute-t-il. Selon le président, la signature d'accord entre EDB et les chaînes de commerce russes nécessitera davantage les liens commerciaux qui partageront les deux pays. Par ailleurs, l'accord permettra aussi aux investisseurs russes d'élaborer Maurice, comme un tremplin pour investir dans les pays asiatiques. En passant par Maurice, les entreprises russes peuvent bénéficier des accords préférentiels de l'ASAC et du COMESA.

Pour sa part, Konstantin Kiselevsky, ambassadeur de la Russie à Maurice, a fait mention que la visite du ministre des Affaires étrangères mauricien Vishnu Lallu lors de son séjour à Moscou en 2017 a ouvert de



La signature d'accord a eu lieu au siège d'EDB à Port-Louis, lundi 20 novembre.

nouvelles dimensions aux relations qu'entretenaient les deux pays, a dit Fretick, le directeur, l'Inde-Agence qui s'occupe de la coopération entre

deux pays. *Articles à explorer :* [www.lemaitre.com](#)

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Monday 19 November 2018

10:45 – 11:30

Presentation on Doing Business in Russia and Export Potential to Russia by:

- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation
- National Guild of Producers and Importers
- Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Saint Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Lipetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Coordinating Committee On Economic Cooperation with Sub-Saharan Africa (AfroCom)

11.30 – 11.35 **Short EDB movie on
'Trade & Investment Opportunities in Mauritius'**

11.35 – 11.55 **Presentation by Economic Development Board, EDB**

11.55 – 12.05 **Presentation by Financial Services Commission**

12.05 – 12.15 **Presentation by Business Mauritius**

12.15 – 12.25 **Presentation by Mauritius Bankers Association**

12.25 – 12.35 **Presentation by Stock Exchange –
Mauritius as a Capital Raising Platform**

12.35 – 12.45 **Presentation by Air Mauritius**

12.45 – 13.00 **Q & A**

12.45 – 13.00 **Networking Finger Lunch**

14.00 – 16.30 **B2B Meetings**

Scheduled B2B Meetings between Russian private sector operators and Mauritian private sector Operators.

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Half- Day – Morning B2B Meetings

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Half- Day – Afternoon Site Visits

- Rum Distillery & Rum tasting
- High-Tech Life sciences companies
- Precision Manufacturing companies

Wednesday 21 November 2018

Half- Day – Morning Meeting with Ministries

Meetings with representatives of key Ministries relevant to Diplomatic relations, Innovation & Technology, Industry, Tourism and Financial services

Half- Day – Afternoon Site Visits

- The Mauritius Freeport
- Luxury Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS) & Real Estate Scheme (RES) residential developments and Marina
- Textile and Apparel companies

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