# WORLD TRADE EXPO 2023

Trade, Technology. & Tourism

The Mauritius Opportunity - CECPA





# Mauritius at a glance

Population 1.3 million



Real GDP growth rate 8.7% (2022)



Global Innovation
Index (2022)
Most Competitive
in Africa



Land Mass



Independent Hybrid Legal System Code Napoleon & British Law



Bilateral Agreements 46 DTAAs 28 IPPAs



Languages English 1 French & Asian



GDP Per Capita(2022) USD 10-100



Productive Capacities
Index 2022
lst in Africa



# MAURITIUS: TOWARD A HIGH-INCOME ECONOMY

High In come Economy



Pharmaceutical Green Energy Silver Economy

New export Strategy:

Innovation

Per capita income:

\$10,400



Business facilitation Per capita

income: \$7,770



EPZ-Export Oriented Manufacturing Per capita income: \$1,180



Tourism
Per capita
income:
\$2,500



Financial services Per capita income: \$3,860



Innovation
Africa Strategy,
Digital economy,
Ocean economy,
Smart Cities
Per capita

income: **\$9,300** 



Agriculture Per capita income:

\$400

1968 197

1970

1980

1990

2000

2015

2017

2022

# MAURITIUS-INDIA PARTNERSHIP





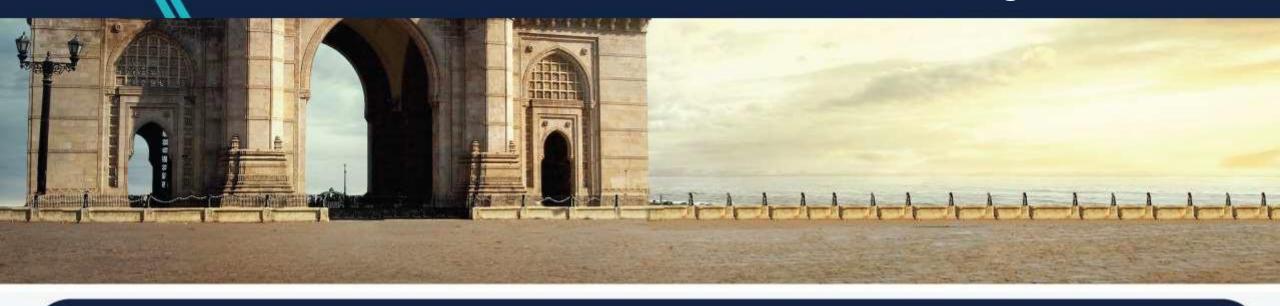
# Mauritius-India Diplomatic and Economic Partnership



- India: Key Development Partner for Mauritius
- 75 years of Friendly relations between Mauritius and India, and 54 years of Diplomatic relations
- Nearly 100 Indian companies firmly established in Mauritius across several key economic sectors
- DTAA
  - Largest source of FDI into India over USD 165 billion
- CECPA Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement
- Projects: Infrastructure; Transport; Judiciary;Healthcare; Education; Housing; Renewable Energy;



### Mauritius-India Robust Business Linkage



**Import from India** 

**USD 627 million (2022)** 

**Export to India** 

**USD 56 Million (2022)** 

**37,000 Indian tourists** 

2022

FDI in India: USD 165 B 26% of total FDI in India 2000-2022

#### **Major Imports:**

Petroleum Products
Plastic and Linoleum
Cotton yarn fabrics
Pharmaceuticals
Chemicals
Food grains & pulses
Seafood Products

#### **Major Exports:**

Seafood Optical goods Medical Devices Recycling Materials MUR 2 Billion of FDI entered Mauritius from India over last 5 years

# Mauritian firms having invested in India:

SBM Bank Rogers (Velogic) Aquarelle Group

# Main Indian firms in Mauritius:

SBI (Mauritius) | Baroda Bank LIC of India | Indian Oil Ajanta Pharma (Mtius) Ltd | Oberoi | Agarwal Eye Hospital | Firemount | EIH Flight Catering Services

#### **Occupation Permits:**

• 20% Professionals



### **Indian Presence in Mauritius**

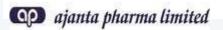


































### **CECPA:** Creating New Opportunities for Deeper Business Relationship

The Mauritius-India
Comprehensive
Economic Cooperation
and Partnership Agreement
(CECPA)

'Ushering a new Era of Cooperation'





### Mauritius-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement





### **CECPA – Trade in Goods: Preferential Market Access**



# **Trade in Goods**

Preferential Market Access:

615 'Made in Mauritius' products for exports to India - key products including special sugars, garments, medical devices, beer, rum, fruit wine, fruits, canned tuna

India benefits from preferential access on 310 products



### Did You Know, Mauritius...



- Produces high quality garments for major global brands? These garments are exported duty free to markets like South Africa, UK, France, US
- Sugar cane industry exists since more than 400 years. 'Made in Mauritius' Special Sugars are exported to 55 countries worldwide
- Manufactures high-end medical devices which are exported to regulated markets like US, EU
- Has a major seafood processing industry. Tuna (chilled, frozen, canned) are exported to major markets like US, EU, Japan, China
- Is a major producer of high quality rum that have won multiple awards internationally. These rums are exported to EU, Africa, Asia and North America

Opportunity under CECPA for Indian importers to import 'Made in Mauritius' products and many others duty free or at reduced duty into India



## **CECPA Preferential Market Access - Goods**

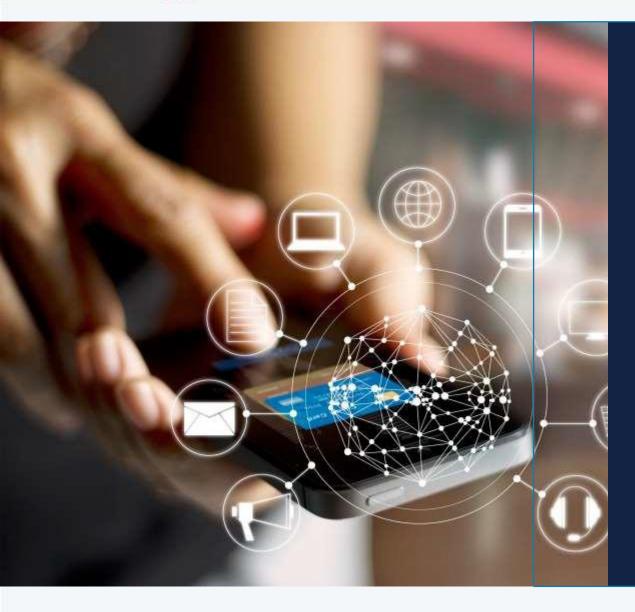
#### **Trade in Goods**

Some key products:

ITEM	Market Access Offer of India on select products
Special Sugar	40 000 tons @ 10% duty
	Year 1: 15 000 tons @10% duty
	Year 2: 30 000 tons @10% duty
	Year 3: 40 000 tons @ 10% duty
Rum	1.5 million litres @ 50% duty
Beer	2 million litres @ 25% duty
Fruit Wine	5000 litres @ 50% duty
Garments	7.5 million pieces at zero duty with sourcing of 5 million yarn/fabric from India, and 2.5 million
	yarn/fabric from any other country
Canned tuna	7000 tons duty free



### **CECPA – Trade in Services**



Market access commitments by both countries in 31 subsectors, including:

- Insurance and insurance related services
- Banking and other financial services
- Telecommunication Services
- Professional services such as accounting, auditing, market research, architectural, engineering
- Veterinary services
- Distribution services
- Tourism and travel related services
- Translation and interpretation services



### Did You Know, Mauritius...



- Is a major International Financial Centre. Almost 90% of outward investment from India to Africa is through Mauritius
- Is the leading regional logistics and distribution hub for Indian Ocean Islands and East Africa
- Has a bilingual population. Companies like Infosys, Hapag Lloyd or Huawei have made Mauritius their regional headquarters for the francophone markets as well as for shared services



# **CECPA – Chapter on General Economic Cooperation**



**Negotiations Concluded** 

Chapter to cover various aspects of cooperation including:

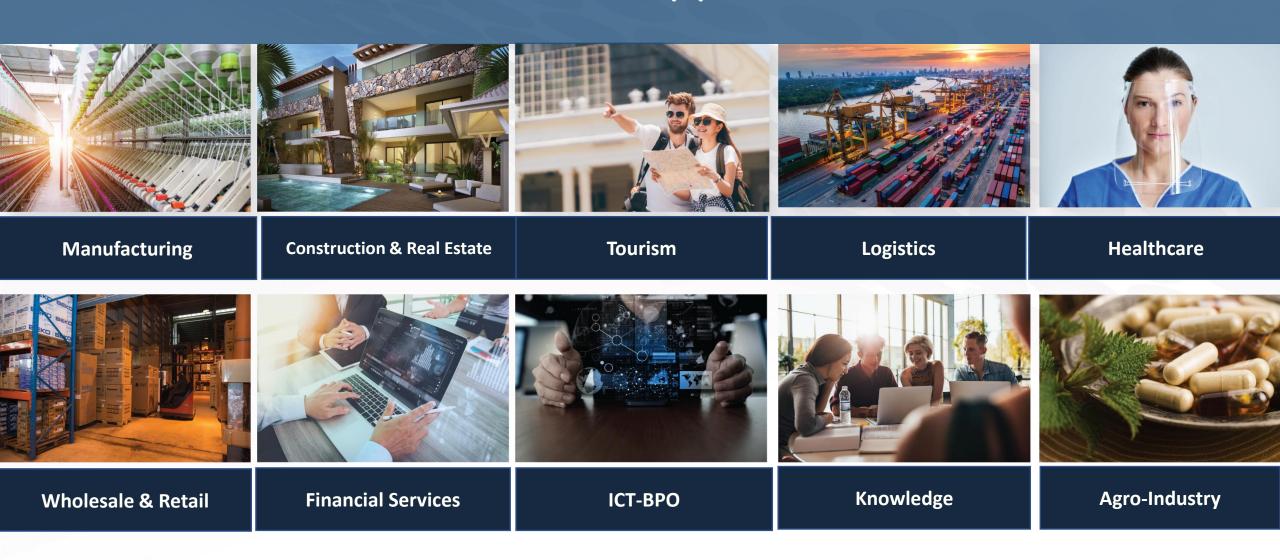
- Enhancing Export Competitiveness
- Enlarging Existing Scope for Collaboration in:
- Investments
- Financial Services
- Textiles
- Small & Medium Enterprises
- Handicrafts
- Gem & Jewellery
- Information & Communications Technology
- Film Production
- Blue Economy
- Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology
- Renewable Energy

Indian SEZ in Mauritius

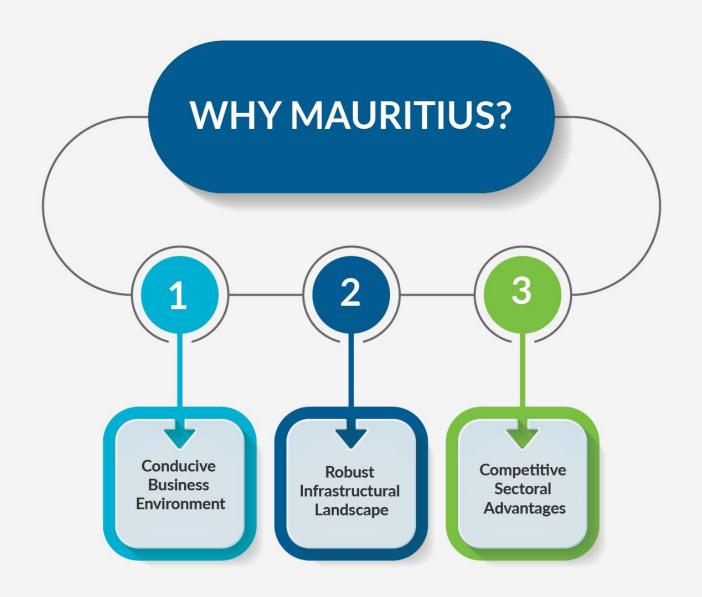
# Investment Opportunities



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# A destination of excellence

Safe, Stable, Predictable



An ideal place to live



A businessfriendly environment



Modern and reliable infrastructure

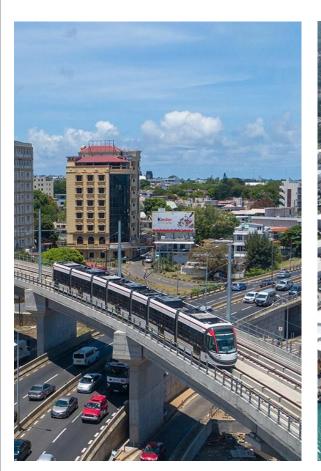


Global Connectivity

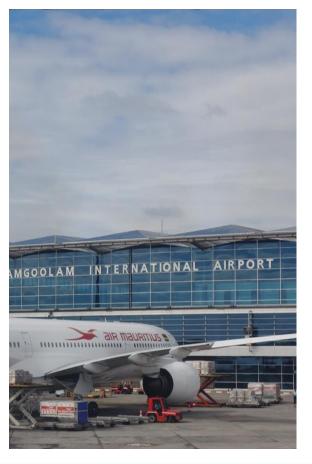


World-Class talent

# **FUTURE READY INFRASTRUCTURE**









### A diversified economic base











Manufacturing (13.4 %)

Construction & Real Estate (10.9%)

**Tourism (8.1%)** 

Logistics (6.5%)

Healthcare (4.6%)







Financial Services (11.8%)



ICT-BPO (4.3%)



Knowledge (4.7%)



Agro-Industry (3.3%)

# INTERNATIONAL ACCOLADES



World Bank
Ease of Doing Business 2020
13th out of 190 Countries

**World Happiness Report 2021** 

44<sup>th</sup> out of 95 countries

Productive Capacity Index (UNCTAD) 2022

Global Competitiveness Index 2019

49<sup>th</sup> out of 140 countries

**Tax Efficiency Index** 

6<sup>th</sup> globally

**Mo Ibrahim Index of Africa Governance 2020** 

Global Innovation Index 2022

45th globally

Kayak's Remote Working 2022

Forbes Survey of Best Countries for Business 2019 39th out of 139 countries

# A unique lifestyle to work, live and play











- Validity for 10 years
- Minimum investment of USD 50,000
- Gross income of USD 100,000, as from Year 3
- Involved in innovative business activity (no minimum turnover and investment)
- Manufacturing- Initial investment USD 25,000 (remaining in

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- Validity 10 years
- Initial investment exceeding USD 35,000
- Minimum business income of at least MUR 800,000 (US) 20,160) as from year 3

### Professiona<del>l</del>

- Validity 10 years, renewable
- Basic Monthly Salary of at least MUR 60,000
- ICT Sector, Pharmaceutical manufacturing, Food Processing at least MUR 30,000 (USD&50)



# Acquisition of property by non-citizen

- Condominium development of at least two levels above ground (G+2) for residential purposes of a minimum value of MUR L million
- One plot of serviced land not exceeding



# Retired Non-citizen Permit

- Minimum age of 50
- 10 yrs validity
- Annual transfer of minimum
  18,000 USD / 54,000 USD (
  3 years)



### Permanent Residence Permit

- Minimum of USD 375,000
- 20 years validity



## THE MAURITIUS ADVANTAGE

- Incorporation of a company within 2 hours
- No minimum capital requirement
- 100% foreign ownership
- No foreign exchange controls
- A progressive income tax scale of 10-15%
- A flat 15% tax on corporate income with 80% partial exemption on qualifying income
- No capital gains tax, dividend and interest withholding tax, or share transfer tax
- Free repatriation of profits, dividends, and capital
- No estate duty, inheritance or wealth tax

# PREFERENTIAL MARKET ACCESS TO ABOUT 70 % OF THE WORLD POPULATION





# Regional Market — The Potential of Africa

#### 54 Countries

• FDI Inflows: 45 Billion

• Average GDP Growth: 3.4% in 2019

#### Africa's endowment of natural reserves

- Largest reserves of vanadium, diamonds, manganese, phosphate, platinum-group metals, cobalt, gold, aluminium and chromium.
- Home to 30 percent of the earth's remaining mineral resources
- 60% of world's grable land

#### **Population 1.3 Billion**

- Largest Youth Population
- 60 per cent of Africa's population is currently below 25 years
- Fastest growing population projected to reach 2 billion by 2050
- Rising middle class population
- Rapid urbanization: Over half of the African population is projected to live in cities by 2040

#### 6 of the world's fastest growing economies

- Africa's average annual GDP growth has consistently outpaced the global average
- World Bank's 2019 Doing Business Index, five of the ten mostimproved countries are in Africa
- Largest free trade agreement AfCFTA
- Large working-age population and growing consumer markets





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