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INFORMATION NOTE

RCE-OECD Hybrid Event

On

AFRICAN AI & BLOCKCHAIN POLICY FORUM

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FORUM**

Date & Mauritius Time:
Wednesday, 15 November 2023
10:30-15:15 hrs

Thursday, 16 November 2023
10:30-15:45 hrs

Venue- Le Meridien, Pointe aux Piments, Mauritius

Date and Venue for physical participants

The Forum will take place on:

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The agenda is available on our website:

rce@fscmauritius.org or <https://www.fscmauritius.org>

Registration

The link for physical & virtual registration is <https://events.hubilo.com/African-AI-Blockchain-Policy-Forum/register>

Deadline to register is Friday, 03 November 2023

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Things to know before coming to Mauritius

Location

Mauritius is located in the Indian Ocean, approximately 500 miles/ 800 kilometers east of Madagascar and 125 miles/ 200 kilometers east of Réunion Island.

Geography

With a total land mass of 784 square miles/ 2,030 square kilometers, Mauritius is approximately 11 times the size of Washington, D.C. In addition to the main island, the country includes the Agalega Islands, the Cargados Carajos Shoals and Rodrigues Island. The capital of Mauritius is Port Louis, located on the northwest coast.

Population

The current population of Mauritius is 1,300,927 as of Wednesday, October 4, 2023, based on Worldometer elaboration of the latest United Nations data.

Language

The official language of Mauritius is English, although it is spoken by less than 1% of the population. Instead the most widely spoken language is Creole, which accounts for 86.5% of the population. Other notable languages include Bhojpuri and French.

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Currency

The country's official currency is the Mauritian rupee (MUR). For up-to-date exchange rates, use this [online converter](#). The Bank notes consist of MUR 25, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000 and 2000.

Cash Withdrawal

ATMs can be found at the airports and in shopping malls. Other locations allow you to withdraw cash by credit cards, debit cards including Visa and Master cards.

Climate

Mauritius has a mild tropical climate with two distinct seasons. The rainy season runs from November to April and is the hottest, most humid time of the year. The dry season runs from June to September and is relatively cool. October and May are shoulder months and have variable weather.

Source: Mauritius Meteorological services

What to wear

The winter months of May, June, July, August, September and October are a little cooler by day, and you may need a pashmina or light sweater for the evenings. Temperature may vary from 12 °C-22 °C. Rainfall varies widely across the island, with the Central Plateau being the wettest region. Local showers often pass quickly, hence a small travel umbrella and lightweight raincoat may come in handy.

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Travel information, Visa requirements and Covid information

- *To facilitate health surveillance procedures upon your arrival in Mauritius, you are kindly requested to fill the online “Mauritius All-in-One Travel Digital Form”, preferably before boarding, please visit <https://safemauritius.govmu.org/>*
- *Wearing of mask at the airport is **not** mandatory but recommended.*
- *No COVID-19 testing is needed before flying to Mauritius or on arrival.*
- *For more information, please visit www.mauritiusnow.com*

Direction & Transportation

- *The workshop will be held at [Le Meridien, Pointe aux Piments, Mauritius.](#)*
- *It is recommended to stay in the northwest coast of the island. The hotel can offer **only TWIN ROOMS** for this request and they will have until 13th October 2023 to book their room at Le Meridien, Mauritius.*
- *The hotel is proposing a single rate per room per night on a Bed & Breakfast basis; approximately USD 382/EUR 355/MUR 16,000 (USD= MUR 44.73, as at 5 October 2023 & EUR = 47.09. The rate is subjected to fluctuations depending on the date of payment). During your reservation, **you need to state that you are coming for the upcoming RCE/FSC event to benefit from the corporate rate.***

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Emergency Contacts

Embassies around the world <http://www.embassyworld.org>

Further Enquiries

For further information or enquiries about the workshop please contact:

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