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Opening remarks

Dr Priscilla Muthoora Thakoor is the Governor of the Bank of Mauritius and the Chairperson of the RCE Governing Board.

Dr Muthoora Thakoor's association with the Bank of Mauritius began in 2002, when she joined the Bank as a Research officer.

She was accepted into the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) prestigious Economist Program in 2009—the first Mauritian to do so. With over 16 years of service at the IMF, she has contributed to shaping policy responses to some of the most pressing economic challenges facing the international community.

Dr Muthoora Thakoor's research has been published in peer-reviewed economic journals. Her analytical expertise includes areas such as fiscal policy and sustainability and inclusive growth. She served as Resident Advisor on Macroeconomic and Financial Policies at the Africa Training Institute of the IMF.

A recipient of the State of Mauritius Scholarship as a Laureate in Economics, Governor Muthoora Thakoor holds a Bachelor of Economics from Monash University, Australia. She also holds a Master degree and a DPhil in Economics from the University of Oxford.



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**Governor
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Dr Dharma Basgeet

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Dr Dharma Basgeet is the General Manager of Harel Mallac Technologies Ltd.

He has over 20 years of experience in technology strategy, digital transformation, cybersecurity, enterprise modernisation and large-scale programme delivery across government, financial services, telecom and enterprise sectors. He advises Boards, CEOs, CIOs and Executive Committees on digital strategy, cloud adoption, cybersecurity, AI-enabled operations, technology governance and operational resilience.

His work focuses on helping organisations modernise technology platforms, strengthen risk and control frameworks, and adopt digital solutions in a secure, scalable and sustainable manner.

Dharma brings a practical industry perspective on the opportunities and risks created by emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, cloud services and data-driven transformation.



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Dr Suraj Juddoo

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Dr Suraj Juddoo is a Senior lecturer in Computing at Middlesex University Mauritius.

He has been involved in research surrounding Big Data in the health care sector as part of a doctoral work towards optimizing data quality. He was also chairperson of the Mauritius Emerging Technologies Council, whose main focus was to advise government on emerging technologies use.

As his doctoral research discussed about aspects related to data governance, focused on data quality and he experimented and discussed about machine learning application, he continued to work with counterparts in UK around the social, legal, political and ethical impacts that use of AI and Big Data might bring. He is currently leading a research team where one of the research areas is to understand better the above non-technical aspects of AI specifically upon small island states. He is also investigating about the impact of improper frameworks of emerging technologies upon digital inclusiveness.

He has been involved in international consultancies around AI with bodies such as UNESCO, UNDP and the Global Index of Responsible AI.



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Ms Iota Kaousar Nassr

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Ms Iota Kaousar Nassr is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Capital Markets and Financial Institutions Division of the OECD.

She leads the analysis around Digital Finance for the OECD Committee on Financial Markets.

Some of her recent work includes analysis of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Regulation in Finance; AI and GenAI implications for financial markets; asset tokenisation and DLT-based finance; CBDCs; DeFi and crypto-assets; open banking/ open finance; and country studies of national FinTech ecosystems.

Prior to that, she worked on issues related to financial markets, SME financing, insurance intermediation and the accession reviews of new countries to the OECD for the Committee on Financial Markets and the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee.

Prior to joining the OECD, Iota was an Investment Banker, working for the M&A desks of Merrill Lynch and Citigroup in London. She holds an MBA from ESSEC Grande École and an MSc in Accounting and Finance from Athens University of Economics and Business.

