Public Private Partnership
The Mauritius Experience

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ABOUT BUSINESS MAURITIUS

Mission
Be the voice of local business and deliver services that sustain the progress of both business and community.

Membership
1,200 members including 62% SMEs and 25% of local workforce.

9 Partner members: multi-sectoral and sectoral organisations – Financial Services, Manufacturing, Tourism, ICT/BPO, Agriculture, Commerce & Industry, Construction
THE DIALOGUE PROCESS

- A long history of structured Private Public sector dialogue in Mauritius
  - MCCl (1850) and MCA (1853)

- In 2015, Business Mauritius was created: a merger between MEF and JEC to form the apex private sector body

- Stakeholders in the Dialogue Process: Public, Private, DFIs and Civil Society
THE DIALOGUE PROCESS

Public Private

- Government / Private Sector meetings
- Tripartite Wage Negotiations
- Business Mauritius Memorandum for the National Budget
- Trade negotiations - Bilateral, WTO, SADC, COMESA, EPA, India CECPA and China FTA
AN EFFECTIVE PUBLIC PRIVATE SECTOR COLLABORATION ON ECONOMIC TRAJECTORY

- Monocrop Economy
- Manufacturing & Tourism
- Services Economy
- Business Platform
- Integrated Business Platform
- Sustainable and Inclusive Growth

Time Periods:
- 1970s
- 1980s
- 1990s
- 2000s
- 2010s
- 2020s
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IMPLEMENTING REFORMS

1970s
- Development Certificates
- CSA

1980s
- EPZ
- Hotel Certificates
- Macroeconomic reforms
- LOME

1990s
- Fiscal Reforms
- Telecoms Env
- Offshore activities
- Freeport
- Blueprint for sugar
- COTONOU

2000s
- Fiscal Reforms
- Telecoms Env
- Landlord & Tenant Act
- ICT / BPO
- Financial Crisis
- COTONOU / POST MFA

2010s
- VRS I
- TEST (Textile)
- Open up telecoms
- Landlord & Tenant Act
- ICT / BPO
- Financial Crisis
- WTO / EPA

2020s
- MAAS
- Fiscal reforms Business Facilitation
- Opening up to skills
- New labour laws
- Open up air access
- Empowerment Prog
- Eradication of Absolute Poverty
- WTO / EPA

Sustainable and Inclusive Growth

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Private Sector Contribution

- GDP: 78%
- INVESTMENT: 80%
- EMPLOYMENT: 81%

GDP per capita (USD):
- 2010s: 8,000
- 2020s: 9,005

Monocrop Economy: 1970s - 777
Manufacturing & Tourism: 1980s - 1,172
Services Economy: 1990s - 2,506
Business Platform: 2000s - 3,929
Integrated Business Platform: 2010s - 8,000
Sustainable and Inclusive Growth: 2020s - 9,005
AN EFFECTIVE PUBLIC PRIVATE SECTOR COLLABORATION
BLACK SWAN

Financial Crisis 2008-2009: The Mauritius Approach

- Mechanism for Transitional Support to the Private Sector: co-chaired by the private sector
- Leasing Equipment Modernisation Scheme
- Credit Financing Scheme
- Planters Harvest Scheme
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BLACK SWAN

COVID 19 Pandemic

- National Campaign on Vaccination
- Joint Working Group on Reopening of Borders
- Support to payroll
- Financing support - Loan and Equity
ONGOING AREAS OF COLLABORATION

- International Cooperation – Economic Chapters
- Business Facilitation
- Energy Transition
- Employability and Skills Development
- Research and innovation
- Corporate Social Responsibility
NEW AREAS OF COLLABORATION

- Impact of Climate Change on Mauritius
- Improving the Country’s resilience
- Threat of future Pandemics
CONCLUSION

- Trust as a core value for public private collaboration
- Recognising and accepting the possibility of divergence on some issues
- National interest first, e.g. the issue of sustainability and inclusiveness as a national issue

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