



MAURITIUS RESEARCH COUNCIL

Workshop Report Dissemination Grand Challenges for the Republic of Mauritius

The Mauritius Research Council (MRC), operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation, is the apex body for the promotion and coordination of Government investment in research and innovation.

The MRC launched an initiative under the name of "**Grand Challenges for the Republic of Mauritius**" to encourage the private sector, public sector, non-governmental organizations, secondary and tertiary education institutions, researchers, members of the Mauritian Diaspora and the general public at large to submit innovative ideas to identify and address Grand challenges with a view to finding sustainable solutions and eventually improving the quality of life of the Mauritian people.

A Grand Challenges Website (<https://grandchallengesmauritius.com>) was developed and was open to the public from 29th January to 31st March 2018 for submission of ideas. As a result, the MRC received a total of 315 ideas/proposals from both Mauritius and Rodrigues, under 15 different thematic areas. A workshop, consisting of 5 working groups was organized in October 2018 whereby ideas/proposals were debated and a number of ideas/proposals were retained for consideration.

As part of the MRC's policy to disseminate its research and innovation activities to the wider public, a soft version of the Workshop Report is being made available at the following link: (<http://www.mrc.org.mu/English/Pages/Reports.aspx>) for information. Any comments may be forwarded to the Council at the following email address: grandchallenges@mrc.intnet.mu.

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