



MAURITIUS RESEARCH COUNCIL

INVENTORS' OPEN DAY

***Intellectual Property Rights
and Plant Varieties***

DRAFT PROGRAMME

*Venue: Mauritius Research Council
6th Floor, Ebène Heights,
34, Cybercity
Ebène*

Date: Monday, 17th September 2012

Time: 12:30 hrs

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BRIEF

The Mauritius Research Council (MRC) is organising its second Inventors' Open Day to promote the awareness and use of IP in Mauritius.

A number of guest speakers have been invited to provide innovators, researchers, SMEs, entrepreneurs, creators and users of IP assets from different sectors, with practical explanations and guidance on IP issues relevant to their concepts and inventions.

The presentation topics aim at explaining the different issues that can arise at the interface of IP laws and business practices. The importance of affording legal protection to plant varieties and the policy objectives underlying this approach will also be highlighted.

In addition, through presentations to be made by business representatives, participants will also be made aware of services, including those involving IP, which can support the creative and innovative capacities of SMEs.

This event forms part of the outreach activities of the Council's Technology Transfer Office.

PROGRAMME

12:30– 13:00	Registration of Participants
13:00 – 13:05	Welcome Address <i>Dr A Suddhoo, Executive Director Mauritius Research Council</i>
13:05 – 13:10	Address <i>Prof S Jugessur, Chairman Mauritius Research Council</i>
13:10 – 13:20	Opening Address <i>Dr the Hon R Jeetah, Minister of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology</i>
13:20 – 13:45	Protecting your assets in Mauritius <i>Ms A Aujayeb, Legal Executive Juristconsult</i>
13:45 – 14:10	Protection of Plant Varieties <i>Dr G Badaloo Research Officer, Plant Breeding and Biometry Dept Mauritius Sugarcane Industry Research Institute</i>
14:10 – 14:30	Refreshments
14:30 – 14:55	Presentation 1 from SME sector <i>Mr G Rohan, Director Pejibaye Co Ltd</i>
14:55 – 15:20	Presentation 2 from SME sector <i>Mr D Duval, Director NDUM Ltd</i>
15:20 – 15:40	Questions and Answers
15:40 – 15:45	Vote of Thanks <i>Dr A Suddhoo, Executive Director Mauritius Research Council</i>