



MAURITIUS RESEARCH COUNCIL

INVENTORS' OPEN DAY

Why does Intellectual Property matter?

DRAFT PROGRAMME

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BRIEF

One of the issues relating to the utilisation of the system of Intellectual Property Rights in Mauritius is the limited awareness about Intellectual Property (IP) among all stakeholders and the public.

In this context, the Mauritius Research Council (MRC) is organising an Inventors' Open Day to promote the awareness and use of IP in Mauritius. A number of distinguished IP practitioners have been invited to provide innovators, researchers, SMEs, entrepreneurs, creators and users of IP assets from different sectors such as the telecommunications, media, textiles industry *etc.*, with practical explanations and guidance on IP issues relevant to their concepts and inventions.

The presentation topics aim at explaining how the identification and protection of IP assets can play a decisive role in supporting the creative and innovative capacities of organisations, and give them a competitive edge on the market. Participants will also be made aware of the social and economic impacts of IP infringement and the role of the Customs together with other enforcement agencies in dealing with such infringements in Mauritius.

The event will be equally helpful to all those who have an interest in IP as well as to the public at large in gaining basic information on the subject, to help them appreciate its importance and relevance in their daily work and life.

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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	Address <i>Dr N Gopaul, Research Coordinator Mauritius Research Council</i>
13:20 - 13:45	The Fundamentals of IP Rights and their Protection in Mauritius <i>Mr A Halkhoree, Managing Director NS Management Limited</i>
13:45 - 14:10	Overview of Trade mark Law <i>Mr K Goburdhun, Deputy Chief Legal Adviser Independent Commission against Corruption</i>
14:10 - 14:30	Refreshments
14:30 - 14:55	Infringement of IP Rights in Mauritius - A Case Study <i>Mr S Ghurburrun, Partner Geroudis Glover Ghurburrun Chambers</i>
14:55 - 15:20	IP Rights - Border Control <i>Mr M Sookia, Team Leader Commercial Fraud & IPR Unit, Customs Department</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>