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**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius presents its compliments to all resident Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to Mauritius and has the honour to inform that the Government of Mauritius is organising an International SME Technology Fair 2017 from 12 to 14 May 2017 at the Swami Vivekananda International Convention Centre (SVICC), Pailles, Mauritius.

The International SME Innovation and Technology Fair 2017 aims at facilitating the transfer of technology, know-how and skills to Mauritian and overseas enterprises through the showcasing and eventual acquisition of technological tools and equipments, particularly of interests to SMEs. The fair will provide a platform and a marketplace connecting technology suppliers and their innovative ideas to investors, manufacturers and distributors in order to promote investment and joint collaboration.

The Ministry would like to highlight that this event represents a unique opportunity for foreign suppliers to network with Mauritian SMEs and market their services in Mauritius. It is also aimed at promoting Business- to- Business (B2B), Business- to -Government (B2G), Business- to -Consumer (B2C) and Government -to- Government (G2G) exchanges and thus creating opportunities for joint ventures. About 180 participants from different countries are expected at the Fair in Mauritius.

The International SME innovation and Technology Fair 2017 is seeking to enlist the participation of foreign suppliers of machineries and equipments in the following targeted sectors:

- ICT Services (mobile applications, website and software development)
- Manufacturing (production, transformation and processing in various sectors such as light engineering, furniture making, printing, food and beverages etc.)
- Bio-farming and other value added agri-business activities
- Aqua culture and other value added ocean economy related activities

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- Renewable and green energy
- Other productive sectors including handicraft

The Government of Mauritius is proposing to meet the following costs as an incentive to attract foreign participants:

- Cost of hotel accommodation (one double room per participation for each exhibitor for the whole duration of the fair)
- Stand costs (each standard stand is of 9 sq. metres subject to the specific requirements of the participant)
- Organised Transport will be provided from and to the Fair daily
- Customs clearance facilities for plant and equipment and machinery.

The Ministry would like to seek the support of Diplomatic Missions in bringing companies with established and proven track record in the pre-identified sectors to participate in the above fair. Supplementary information about the International SME Technology Fair 2017 is placed at annex for dissemination to the authorities.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all resident Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to Mauritius the assurances of its highest consideration.

Port Louis, 10 January 2017

