General Information Note about Mauritius
1. CONFERENCE VENUE

The ADEA 2022 Triennale, is a Conference on ‘Education and Training in Africa’ and will be held at Le Méridien Ile Maurice, located at Pointe aux Piments from 19 to 21 October 2022 in a hybrid mode.

Location and Contact Details of the venue:
Address: MU, Village Hall Lane, Pointe aux Piments 21304
Phone: 204 3333
Email: jimmy.chuang@marriottmauritius.com

2. WEBSITE

More information about the Conference, its agenda, documentation and registration are available on the following website: https://triennale.adeanet.org

3. ACCOMMODATION

Special rates have been negotiated with the hotels located in the vicinity of the conference venue listed in the following link:
https://triennale.adeanet.org/list-hotels-vicinity-conference-venue

4. MEALS

Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided during the meeting.

5. ARRIVAL INFORMATION DESK

A special information desk will be available at the arrival hall of the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport to welcome and assist the participants of the ADEA 2022 Triennale.

6. AIRPORT PICK-UP/DROP OFF

Transport facilities free of charge (transfers to and from airport) will be provided to the participants who have booked their stay at any of the hotels listed as per the above list provided on the ADEA website. Participants are advised to communicate any change in booking arrangements to the local Secretariat on moeadea@moemu.org.

Paid taxi service is also available at the airport. Paid airport shuttles to and from the airport can also be arranged directly with the hotel.
7. VISA INFORMATION

Latest visa information country-wise (short stay) can be obtained from the Website of the Passport and Immigration Office, Mauritius (https://passport.govmu.org). Also the documents required for visa clearance are available from that website.

The following countries need visa prior to travel: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iraq, Korea (North), Laos, Libya, Mali, Pakistan, Palestinian State, Saharawi Republic, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Yemen.

The full list is available through the link below: https://passport.govmu.org/passport/?page_id=605

Additional information may be found at the Mauritius Immigration Service Website https://passport.govmu.org

8. HEALTH

i. Entry Requirements:
   • It is recommended that all travellers fill out the Mauritius All in One travel form, which can be accessed through the link below. It will generate a PDF document with a QR Code. Please print a hard copy of this completed form and present it to the Health Officials on your arrival at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport. All in One form: https://safemauritius.govmu.org
   • If you have not filled out the All in One travel form, foreign nationals must fill out an Immigration Disembarkation Card on arrival at the airport. Find out more on https://mauritiusnow.com/mauritius-travel-advice/

ii. COVID-19 Pandemic:
   • Mauritius is open to everyone, both vaccinated and unvaccinated
   • No testing of Covid-19 is needed before flying to Mauritius
   • No testing is required on arrival
   • Unvaccinated travellers no longer need to self-isolate themselves on arrival
   • However, it is advisable to wear a face mask at all times during your stay in the country, especially in the following places where the wearing of a facemask is mandatory: in public transport and at the airport, as well as in medical facilities.
   • There are no restrictions on the number of passengers travelling together.

iii. General Health Services:

Mauritius has several public and private hospitals countrywide offering excellent service. Arrangements have equally been made for a dedicated service to be provided to delegates at the public hospitals nearest to the conference venue.
Emergency medical services will be available at the Conference Venue during the conference.

Delegates and other participants are advised to have Travel and Health Insurance covers for particular medical conditions.

iv. Vaccinations:
Delegates are advised to consult their local medical authorities for advice on vaccinations before travelling to Mauritius.

9. LOCAL INFORMATION: MAURITIUS

Mauritius is situated just above the Tropic of Capricorn, in the South West of the Indian Ocean, some 2000 kilometres off the coast of Africa. A democratic sovereign state since March 12, 1968 and a Republic since March 12, 1992, Mauritius has a 70-member National Assembly elected by universal adult suffrage.

The Head of the State is the President of the Republic. The Prime Minister, who presides over the Council of Ministers, is the Head of Government and holds executive powers.

10. LANGUAGES

While English is the language of administration, French is also used in everyday activities. Mauritian Creole (Kreol Morisien) is the lingua franca of the country.

Hindi and Bhojpuri are also spoken and understood by a large number of people of Mauritius. Other Asian languages also form part of the linguistic diversity of the country.
11. WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Mauritius has a tropical climate, with the summer months extending from October to April and winter from May to September.

The mean summer temperature is 24.7 degrees Celsius, and the mean winter temperature is 20.4 degrees Celsius.

In October, the temperature usually ranges between 24°C and 28°C.

12. CLOTHING

Tropical clothing such as lightweight cotton or linen is most suitable during daytime. Delegates are encouraged to bring their national attire.

13. BANKING AND CURRENCY

i. Banks & ATMs:

Several international and local commercial banks have branches around the island. A list of licensed commercial banks and money changers are available on the website of the Bank of Mauritius at https://www.bom.mu

Banking hours are from 09:00 to 15:15 hrs from Monday to Thursday and from 09:00 hrs to 16:30 hrs on Friday. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are widely accessible 24/7 across the country.

ii. Credit Cards:

Most hotels, restaurants and shops accept major Credit Cards and Travellers’ Cheques.

iii. Currency:

The unit of currency is the Mauritian Rupee (MUR), which is divided into 100 cents.

iv. Exchange Rates:

The indicative exchange rates are as follows and may be subject to daily fluctuations.

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Local banks will provide the exact rates.
14. TIME ZONE

Mauritian time is four hours ahead of GMT (GMT+4).

15. ELECTRICITY

Power supply is 240 volts, 50 Hz and electrical sockets are of British Standard with three square pins. European style sockets (two round pins) are also available.

Adaptors and extension cords are available from hardware stores and hypermarkets. However, delegates may wish to bring such adaptors as required.

16. RESTAURATION & WATER

i. Restauration:
Restaurants and Hotels in Mauritius offer a wide range of cuisines including Indian, Creole, Chinese and European varieties.

*Please consult the hotel websites for respective food services.*

ii. Water:
Potable water is supplied through pipe network in all parts of Mauritius. The water meets international standards of safety.

17. COMMUNICATION & EMERGENCY SERVICES

i. Communication (Mobile & Internet):

The international dialling code for Mauritius is +230. Mobile telephone and internet connection in Mauritius are excellent with good roaming connectivity from most service providers. Blackberry Connection is also available. Telephone cards and SIM cards with data packages can easily be purchased from outlets.

ii. Emergency services:
In case of emergency, please contact the telephone numbers listed below:

- **Police** 148
- **SAMU (Ambulance/Health Emergency)** 114
- **Fire Services** 115
18. FIRE ARMS

Fire Arms and ammunitions are not permitted to be brought in Mauritius.

19. SECURITY

Do exercise caution while out of the hotel - keep valuable documents and excess money locked in the hotel safe, avoid walking on lonely streets or wearing flashy and/or expensive jewellery or watches, take a licensed taxi booked by the hotel and agree on fare in advance.

20. CONTACT DETAILS

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