

Economic Forum of the Indian Ocean Islands The 13th edition will take place in Mauritius from 11 to 13 October 2022

"Reshaping Tomorrow" is the theme chosen for the 13th Economic Forum of the Indian Ocean Islands (EFIOI). This long-awaited event by the regional business community will be held on 11, 12 and 13 October 2022, in Mauritius. The Caudan Arts Centre, in Port-Louis, will host the conferences, round tables and workshops, as well as the B2B meetings. This 13th edition is jointly organised by the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) and Cap Business Océan Indien, with the support of Agence française de développement (AFD). Registration online will open at the end of July on the official website of the event.

After two years marked by the Covid-19 pandemic, this forum is expected to be a key moment for the regional economic cooperation. Many regional and international participants will be present, such as industry leaders, entrepreneurs, policy-makers, investors, funders, and academics, among others. Concerns expressed by the regional private sector will be at the centre of the forum's 3-day programme. Many topics will be discussed by high-level regional and international speakers. This forum will also be an opportunity to sensitise the business community on key challenges, particularly through engaging workshops around The Climate Collage on the 12 and 13 October.

"This 13th edition will be an occasion for economic operators to reconnect and consolidate their networks. We wanted to give a whole new dimension to this year's event by inviting business people from Indian Ocean rim countries, such as India, Kenya, Tanzania, and South Africa, among others. This is an ideal platform for them to explore business opportunities in the region in both traditional and emerging sectors"

Namita Jagarnath-Hardowar, Chairperson of the MCCI

"This event aims to invite economic players to collectively reflect on the major challenges lying ahead. The conflict between Russia and Ukraine has confirmed our weaknesses laid bare by the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly by accentuating tensions on international supply chains leading to the consequences we all know, namely price increases, shortages, etc. This context, therefore, requires that all stakeholders, both public and private, engage in a constructive dialogue to give a new impetus to regional

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cooperation. And by so doing, bring closer our companies and economies to build a fairer, more sustainable and resilient future for all of us"

Joséphine Andriamamonjiarison, Chairperson of Cap Business Océan Indien

"The Indian Ocean territories are more than ever bound together by the common challenges they face. This forum comes at a very timely moment whereby regional economies have started their post-Covid recovery, which was unfortunately dampened by the repercussions of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. There is therefore a keen interest from operators to collaborate with a view to creating new synergies and regional value chains. As the first to be organised following the pandemic, this 13th forum is of great importance to boost regional cooperation and trade among the islands"

Marc Dubernet, Regional Director of AFD





