



COVID-19 Recovery through Regional Trade

Peer Learning Webinar

The webinar on COVID-19 Recovery through Regional Trade is part of a broader project managed by the Regional Multidisciplinary Centre (RMCE), and supported by the World Bank. The RMCE promotes a regional cooperation and peer learning approach to building solutions for both the private and public sector in their response to COVID-19.

The outcomes of this project are to map production (supply) and procurement (demand) of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other medical supplies, and COVID-19 testing equipment. The project also aims to build on regional strategies for unlocking greater potential in regional trade and investment, by promoting peer to peer learning and support between Members of the Accelerated Programme for Economic Integration (APEI), and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC). The countries covered include Comoros, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Reunion (France), Seychelles, and Zambia.

The first part of the webinar is dedicated to sharing experiences of countries in delivering public policy responses that targeted stimulating economic activities and trade flows.

The second part of the webinar is dedicated to sharing experiences of companies within the region in adopting new technologies, re-engineering their production lines, or switching suppliers and markets in light of COVID-19 conditions.

The webinar will conclude with learnings and best practices from country experiences. The webinar will also allow for interaction between suppliers and buyers of COVID-19 related supplies and equipment.

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Agenda

Thursday 2 July at 14:30 (Mauritius time – GMT +4 hours)

| Webinar – Lessons on policy responses for COVID-19 Recovery (English Language) | | |
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| 14:30-14:35 | Opening statement by RMCE | Mr. Ali Mansoor, Chairman, Regional Multidisciplinary Center of Excellence (RMCE) |
| 14:35-14:40 | Opening statement by World Bank | Mr Emre Ozaltin, Program Leader (Human Development) World Bank |
| 14:40-14:45 | Experience in regional efforts for supporting COVID-19 recovery | Mr Paul Baker, Chief Executive of International Economics Ltd |
| 14:45-15:00 | Malawi | Mr Kenneth Matupa, Director Revenue, the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, Malawi and APEI Technical Chair. |
| | Balancing confinement and movement restrictions for vulnerable segments of the economy. | |
| 15:00-15:10 | Mauritius | Dr Kaviraj Sukon, Director-General, Open University of Mauritius |
| | The Mauritian response to COVID-19: Rapid bold actions in the right direction | |
| 15:10-15:25 | Effectiveness of sanitary and health measures | Dr Vasantrao Gajadhur, Director of Health Services, Ministry of Health |
| 15:25-15:35 | Covid-19 in Mauritius and other Tourist paradises: a progress report | Dr Jaime de Melo, Scientific Advisor, Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment Modelling |
| 15:35-16:00 | Plenary 1: Experience in key responses and best practices | Facilitation by Ali Mansoor |
| 16:00-16:10 | Regional Perspective | Virginie Lauret, Director, Union des Chambres de Commerce et de l'Industrie de l'Océan Indien (UCCIOI) |
| | Presentation by Indian Ocean Rep on the regional landscape | |
| 16:25-16:35 | Mauritius | Neerish Chooramun, Corporate Manager, Velogic |
| | Logistics and transportation | |
| 16:10-16:30 | Madagascar | Anouchka Dina Razakandisa, Operations Officer, |
| | Industry's transformation to PPE | IFC (Madagascar) |
| 16:30-17:15 | Plenary 2: Experience in connecting the demand and the supply | Facilitation by Paul Baker |