

## Mauritius Research Platform on COVID-19

### SUSTAINABLE PATHWAYS TO COVID-19 RECOVERY IN MAURITIUS

#### WEBINAR NO. 3 AGENDA

Location: Microsoft Teams Online Meeting  
Date: Thursday 26 November 2020  
Time: 10:00 – 11:30 (GMT+4)

#### Agenda Items

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10:00 – 10:05

#### Welcome



**Paul Baker, Chief Executive, International Economics, Visiting Lecturer at College of Europe**

Paul is the founder and CEO of International Economics Consulting Ltd., and currently manages the company's research activities and heads its consultancy arm. Paul has been an economist for international organisations – WEF, World Bank, European Commission, ITC UNCTAD/WTO, ADB, as well as Ministries from G20 and emerging market governments. He has held leading roles as a trade policy and negotiations adviser in over 70 countries worldwide. Paul has been named Global Leader in Trade & Customs – Economists & Anti-Dumping Consultants by Who's Who Legal for the last 5 consecutive years. He currently serves as a Board Member of UNESCAP's Trade Intelligence Negotiation Advisor. He is a visiting professor and faculty member at international universities in Europe, Asia, and Latin America.

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#### Social and Business aspects of economic recovery



**Daden Venkatasawmy, Head, Collaborative Economic Development, Business Mauritius**

Daden has 26 years' experience in International Business facilitation, Business match-making, Piloting Commercial, Technical and Social projects and Driving Change. He has worked in private and public organizations, with business experience in 17 countries for SVS International, Parabole Réunion, HSBC, BOI, his own Consulting firm – First Exec, and Business Mauritius.

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### **Fiscal reform for sustainable agriculture and food systems**



**Joy A. Kim, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UNEP**

Joy has been working in the area of macro-economic and environmental policies for over 20 years. Since she joined UNEP, she has been working on green economy policy. She is currently leading a 'fiscal policy for green economy' work at the Economy Division of UNEP. She is also a technical advisor for the Partnership of Action on Green Economy (PAGE), which support countries' green economy transition. Before joining UNEP, she worked as an economist/senior policy analyst at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, supporting global negotiations on climate change and trade. She also worked at the United Nations University in Tokyo and the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research in the UK. She was also a leadership fellow at Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She holds a doctoral degree from the University of East Anglia in the UK.

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### **Financing a Green Recovery for Mauritius: Critical Juncture or A Missed Opportunity?**



**Karishma Ansaram, Doctoral Student at IESEG School of Management**

Miss Ansaram is currently undertaking her PhD on Carbon Pricing, Carbon Markets and Climate Change at IESEG School of Management, France. She is also part of the fellowship programme for Certified Expert for Financing NDCs of the Paris Agreement with Frankfurt School of Finance and Management. She is a master graduate in MSc Carbon Finance from the University of Edinburgh. The latter has been a former lecturer in Accounting and Finance at University of Mauritius. Her research interests expand over climate finance and economics, sustainable development and corporate social responsibility.

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### **Integrating Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovations to Strengthen Inclusion and Equity in Education in Africa**



**Natalia Amelina, Senior National Project Officer in Education, Chief of Unit, UNESCO**

Natalia Amelina is Senior National Project Officer in Education and Chief of the Unit of Teacher Professional Development and Networking, UNESCO IITE. Her professional activities are focused on new model ICT- and AI-based approaches to teaching-learning environment for the accessible and quality education in the 21st century. The projects coordinated by Mrs. Amelina are connected with studying, analyses and development of training materials and recommendations on various trends of ICT use in educational process, including use of ICT for vulnerable groups of students, ICT for skills development, ICT competency development of teachers, etc.

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### **Sustainable pathways to recovery: learnings from other Islands**



**Dr Jaime de Melo, Professor Emeritus at UNIGE, Scientific Adviser at CERDI, Scientific Adviser at International Economics**

Dr. Jaime de Melo is Scientific Advisor at International Economics Ltd, and provides oversight of quantitative evaluation studies in the company. He is Emeritus Professor at the University of Geneva, and scientific director at Fondation pour les Etudes et Recherches sur le Développement International (FERDI), Academic Advisor at the Geneva Business School and a non-resident scholar at Brookings Institute. From 1980 to 1993, he held various positions in the research Department, including as Chief of Division of Trade Policy Division at the World Bank. He taught at Georgetown University from 1976-80 and at the University of Geneva from 1993-2012.

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**Community-centered vulnerability assessments and prioritization of possible recovery interventions**



**Pamela Bapoo-Dundoo, Eco-Counselor, National Coordinator, GEF Small Grants Programme, UNDP**

Pamela Bapoo-Dundoo is by profession an Eco-Counselor. She is the holder of a post-graduate degree in environmental counseling, which she obtained from “Institut Eco-Conseil”, in Strasbourg, France in 1992 after her Masters degree in Plant Physiology at Louis Pasteur University in Strasbourg.

She joined the United Nations 25 years ago in Geneva as a Deputy Programme Officer to the UN Institute for Training & Research (UNITAR) and chose to return to her country in 1996. For the last 22 years she has been National Coordinator and Administrator overseeing the day-to-day management of the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme implemented by the United Nations Development Programme in the Republic of Mauritius. Through this International Financial Mechanism, she manages roughly Rs. 20M per year which is allocated to Non-Governmental Organisations and Community-based organizations for their environmental projects.

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**Plenary Session**



**Moderated by Erik von Uexkull, World Bank Country Representative, Mauritius and Seychelles**

Erik is the World Bank's Country Representative and Senior Economist for Mauritius and Seychelles, with residence in Mauritius. His previous positions at the World Bank include Senior Economist with the Investment Policy and Promotion team and Country Economist for Equatorial Guinea and Gabon.

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**Closing**



**Dr Pierre Fallavier, Senior Development Coordination Adviser, United Nations Resident Coordinator's office, Mauritius**

Planner and social scientist with 20-year experience in development and humanitarian research, policy and programming for aid agencies, government, civil society and academia in fragile and conflict settings. Designs, leads, and evaluates development programs and crises responses, formulates and assesses social protection, poverty reduction, and disaster-risk management strategies and projects, leads policy research. In previous position, he worked with the World Bank, UN-Habitat and UNICEF, and as a teaching assistant at MIT.

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