

CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION · ITU COUNCIL 2027–2030

MAURITIUS

Candidate for Re-Election to the Council of the
International Telecommunication Union

REGION D

AFRICA

One Island. Many Bridges.
A Shared Digital Future.

1st in Africa

ITU Global Cybersecurity Index
2024
Score 96.89 · Tier 1

G5 Advanced

ITU ICT Regulatory Tracker
Highest readiness generation

Council member

Since 2023 · First elected at
PP-22, Bucharest

“ *There are challenges which only a
Small Island Developing State can
understand, and defend, at Council
level.* ”

Dr the Hon Avinash Ramtohul

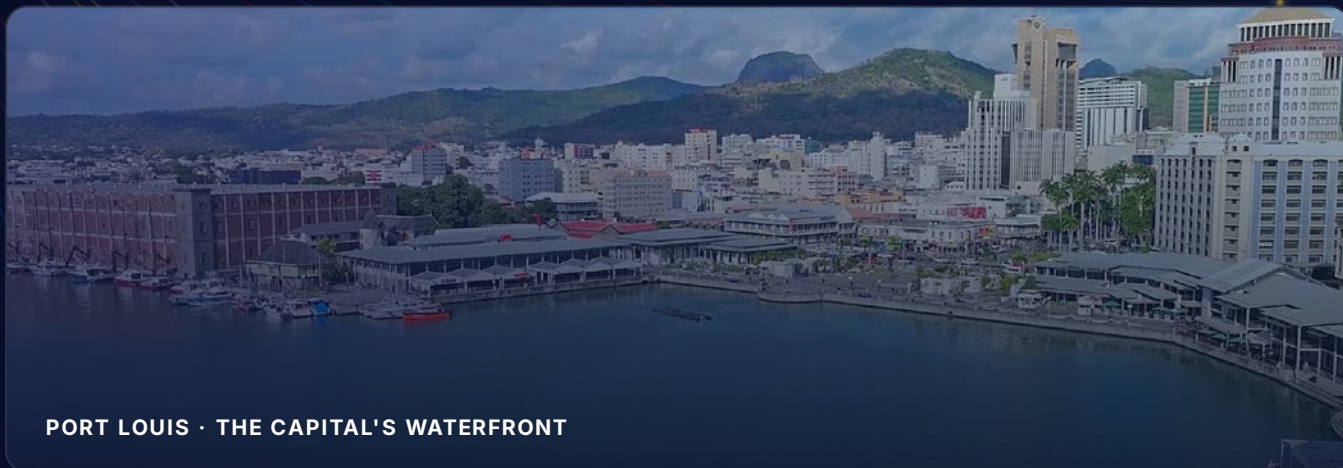
Minister of Information Technology,
Communication and Innovation
Republic of Mauritius

Seeking a renewed mandate



INTRODUCTION

ONE ISLAND. MANY BRIDGES. A SHARED DIGITAL FUTURE.



PORT LOUIS · THE CAPITAL'S WATERFRONT

Mauritius is honoured to present its candidature for election to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Council, driven by our conviction that every nation, regardless of size, can contribute meaningfully to shaping our shared digital future. We stand for an inclusive, secure and human-centred digital transformation where innovation creates opportunities, bridges divides and leaves no one behind. As a proud African and Small Island Developing State, Mauritius is committed to bringing a constructive, forward-looking and collaborative voice to the ITU Council.

First elected to the Council at PP-22 in Bucharest for the 2023–2026 term, Mauritius has since been ranked first in Africa on the ITU Global Cybersecurity Index, launched a National Artificial Intelligence Strategy together with the FAIR ethical framework, and begun implementing a five-year Digital Transformation Blueprint.

Mauritius is convinced that Small Island Developing States face challenges, constrained budgets, limited resources and finite technical expertise, that are best understood and articulated by a small island nation itself. These constraints make full participation on the international stage more difficult.

Drawing on first-hand experience of these realities, Mauritius is committed to ensuring that the voice of developing nations continues to be heard at Council level, with credibility and purpose.

PRIORITIES FOR THE COUNCIL · WHY VOTE FOR MAURITIUS

FOUR PRIORITIES. ONE INCLUSIVE DIGITAL FUTURE.

01

Platform Accountability

Small economies often lack an audible voice with the major social media platforms, particularly on fake profiles, misinformation and disinformation, which carry serious social consequences. Mauritius intends to advance this issue through the Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues.

02

Disaster Early Warning

As a Small Island Developing State regularly exposed to cyclones, flooding and coastal hazards, Mauritius has a direct interest in strengthening multi-hazard early warning systems. Mauritius supports the ITU's work on emergency telecommunications and the UN's "Early Warnings for All" initiative, and is committed to sharing its national experience, including its current effort towards the setting up of a Cell Broadcast early warning infrastructure, to help other developing and island states build more resilient, timely and effective warning systems.

03

Child Online Protection

Child online protection is a national priority, with a number of initiatives already under way domestically. Mauritius recognises that many developing states share its concern over the tension between expanding connectivity and safeguarding children online, and is committed to contributing to that debate from a SIDS perspective.

04

Digital Divide in Remote Islands

Mauritius has direct, lived experience of closing the digital divide across its remote dependencies. Over the years its Universal Service Fund has supported schools in remote islands equipped with Internet facilities, the progressive deployment of GEO-to-LEO satellite connectivity, and a narrowing of the gap between the mainland and the outer territories.

● SDG 4 · EDUCATION

● SDG 9 · INFRASTRUCTURE

● SDG 10 · EQUALITY

ACHIEVEMENTS · A NATIONAL TRACK RECORD

FROM BLUEPRINT TO RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION BLUEPRINT 2025–2029

A Bridge to the Future

The Ministry of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation launched a five-year roadmap built on four pillars, with an Inter-Ministerial Committee overseeing some 84 digital projects government-wide.



01

Info-structure

Modernisation

02

Digital skills

Citizen empowerment

03

Innovation

Private-sector growth

04

Resilience

Sustainable practices

NATIONAL AI STRATEGY & FAIR GUIDELINES

AI for Mauritius (AIM)

Launched in April 2026, AIM (2025–2029) and its accompanying FAIR Guidelines establish an ethical framework covering the full AI lifecycle. Co-developed with government, industry, academia and civil society with UNDP support, it places Mauritius among the first Small Island Developing States with governance-led AI regulation.

F FAIRNESS

A ACCOUNTABILITY

I INCLUSIVENESS & INTEGRITY

R RESPONSIBILITY



NATIONAL AI STRATEGY



FAIR GUIDELINES

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT · THE SUPER APP

ONE ID.
ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

Mauritius is deepening citizen engagement through the Super App **KOREK!**, marking a key milestone in the country's digital transformation journey. Designed as a secure, citizen-centric digital gateway, KOREK! will progressively bring together essential public services on a single platform.

KOREK! serves as the central government super app for Mauritius, integrating services such as GIS News, CEB power updates, AI-enabled water leakage reporting and the State Age Pension (SAP) Estimate, with access secured through the national digital identity.

SERVICES ON THE PLATFORM

● GIS NEWS

● CEB POWER UPDATES

● AI-ENABLED WATER LEAKAGE REPORTING

● STATE AGE PENSION (SAP) ESTIMATE

● DRIVING LICENCE DETAILS

● PENALTY POINT SYSTEM

- **One national identity:** secure sign-in with MauPass
- **End-to-end e-services** delivered on mobile devices
- **Inclusive access**, replacing scattered, low-usage apps
- **DIVA**, the national AI assistant, guiding citizens through services

At least one new service is planned every month, giving progressive effect to the Digital Transformation Blueprint.

Login using  MAUPASS

EMAIL/USERNAME

NATIONAL ID

 Username or Email Address Password 

Login

Forgot Password?

Don't have a MauPass account?

Register

FIRST SERVICE

Penalty Point System

Drivers view licence details and penalty points, and download a digital certificate, reducing physical visits and paperwork.

ACHIEVEMENTS · CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

PROTECTING CHILDREN IN THE DIGITAL SPACE.

LAUNCHED
11 DECEMBER 2025

Violence Numérique Contre Les Enfants

Comprendre, Protéger et Agir

Launched on 11 December 2025, the Ministry of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation (MITCI), in collaboration with the United Nations in Mauritius and Seychelles, implemented the “Violence Numérique Contre Les Enfants: Comprendre, Protéger et Agir” initiative. The initiative forms part of the Ministry's objective of promoting a safe, secure, responsible and inclusive digital environment, with particular emphasis on protecting children from online harm.

As part of the initiative, MITCI developed the DIVA booklet and produced and disseminated four awareness-raising videos to schools and community centres. The videos covered: Part 1 – Forms of Digital Violence; Part 2 – Consequences and Effects of Digital Violence; Part 3 – Children's Rights and Parents' Responsibilities; and Part 4 – Regaining Control.

Using DIVA, Mauritius' national Artificial Intelligence avatar, the campaign sought to raise awareness among young people about digital violence, its consequences, their rights, and the importance of speaking up and seeking support. The initiative also engaged parents, educators and communities in strengthening prevention and protection measures.

Through the dissemination of these resources, MITCI and its partners contributed to strengthening digital literacy, promoting safer online behaviours, and fostering greater awareness of the collective responsibility to protect children in the digital environment. The initiative further supported national efforts to build a safer, more trusted and child-friendly digital society.

● DIVA BOOKLET

● FOUR AWARENESS VIDEOS

● SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY CENTRES

● NATIONAL AI AVATAR

THE NATIONAL REGULATOR · ICTA

A REGULATOR WITH A STRONG TRACK RECORD.

The Information and Communication Technologies Authority, the national regulator for the ICT sector in Mauritius, has built a substantial record of achievement.

- 1 Holds a **G5 Advanced** readiness level, with deep expertise in the regulation of small markets
- 2 Has grown its technical and regulatory expertise in satellite ITU procedures under the Radio Regulations through active participation in SADC, ATU and ITU
- 3 Undertook regional frequency-coordination activities under ITU-R Resolution 559 and assisted other SIDS in doing the same
- 4 Recognized as one of **Africa's most affordable mobile-data markets** according to ITU's ICT Price Trends data
- 5 Hosted several international conferences, including the ITU Global Forum on Emergency Telecommunications (GET-19)
- 6 Connected the remote islands of **Agalega and St. Brandon** to the Internet under the Universal Service Fund
- 7 Active at regional and continental level, holding several leading positions within SADC and ATU in preparation for WRC-27
- 8 Recently launched a crowdsourced Quality of Service (QoS) application
- 9 Has mandated telecommunications operators to introduce **Child Online Protection** plans

NATIONAL ICT REGULATOR

**Information and Communication
Technologies Authority**

REGULATION · RADIO SPECTRUM · REMOTE-ISLAND CONNECTIVITY

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

EXTENDING CONNECTIVITY TO EVERY COMMUNITY.

The Universal Service Fund is established and administered by the Information and Communication Technologies Authority under sections 18(1)(w) and 21(1) of the Information and Communication Technologies Act 2001. First constituted under the ICT (Universal Service Fund) Regulations 2008, the Fund currently operates under the Regulations of 2023.

Public operators contribute a prescribed percentage of their gross turnover to the Fund. Approved projects are awarded to licensed operators through a competitive bidding process, ensuring that essential communication services reach communities and locations that would otherwise remain unserved or underserved.

Through this mechanism, contributions from the ICT sector are converted into durable public infrastructure across the Republic of Mauritius, from the mainland to the outer islands. The Fund has supported the establishment of Digital Services Centres in post offices, the deployment of free public Wi-Fi zones in Mauritius and Rodrigues, and successive phases of investment in Agalega.

This work reflects a settled national position: reliable connectivity is a public service, and geographic isolation should not determine the quality of access available to citizens.



SATELLITE CAPACITY DELIVERED TO AGALEGA

10 Mbps

2017 · Phase I

60 Mbps

2022 · Phase II

75 Mbps

June 2025 · uplift

Phase IIILEO / MEO · Dec
2026

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND · PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE

**FROM CONTRIBUTION
TO CONNECTION.**

01

Raphaël Island, St Brandon

On 28 August 2026, the ICT Authority designated a Universal Service Provider and signed a contract for the provision of Internet services on Raphaël Island, within the St Brandon Archipelago, some 469 kilometres north-east of the mainland.

Delivered through a Low Earth Orbit satellite constellation, the service will provide a minimum capacity of 34 Mbps downlink and 12 Mbps uplink. It will connect the National Coast Guard's Coastal Surveillance Radar System and provide dedicated Internet access to the National Coast Guard, the Mauritius Meteorological Services and Raphaël Fishing Company, supporting weather monitoring, coastal surveillance and emergency response for the some 50 personnel stationed on the island year-round.



RAPHAËL ISLAND

02

Agalega Islands, Phase III

Building on the 2017 and 2022 phases, which established a reliable mobile-based communication network, Phase III will provide Internet connectivity over the Agalega Islands using Low or Medium Earth Orbit satellite capacity. The project is planned to be operational by the end of December 2026, responding to sustained growth in Internet traffic and to demand for a higher quality of service.



SOLAR-POWERED SITE, AGALEGA

03

Free Wi-Fi in more than 65 sites

Free public Wi-Fi will be extended to locations with a high concentration of citizens accessing public services, including hospitals and traffic centres, together with identified sites in Rodrigues.

From a public Wi-Fi connection in a village to a satellite link across the ocean, the Fund ensures that no community, and no part of the Republic of Mauritius, is left beyond reach.

CERT-MU · CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE REGION

**AN ITU ACADEMY
TRAINING CENTRE.**

The Computer Emergency Response Team of Mauritius (CERT-MU) has long organised cybersecurity training in Mauritius to equip citizens and the working population across the many facets of cybersecurity. To extend that service to international participants, CERT-MU was selected as an **ITU Centre of Excellence for 2019–2022**, delivering nine cybersecurity courses online and free of charge.

Following the outcomes of the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2022, at which the membership adopted the revised Resolution 73, the programme was relaunched in February 2023 as the **ITU Academy Training Centres** programme.

Academy Training Centres are internationally recognised institutions offering high-quality training to intermediate and senior personnel, with a focus on the needs of developing countries. They are the core capacity-development partners of the ITU, addressing the training topics identified by the membership.

CERT-MU was designated an ITU Academy Training Centre in the field of cybersecurity in February 2023, and has delivered 13 courses between June 2023 and September 2025, with four further courses scheduled to February 2027.

9

courses as ITU Centre
of Excellence
2019–2022

13

courses as ITU
Academy Training
Centre
June 2023 – September
2025

4

further courses
scheduled
October 2026 –
February 2027

Free

delivered online and at
no cost
to international
participants

ITU CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE · COURSES DELIVERED 2020–2022

September 2020	Cybersecurity Risk Management
November 2020	Cybersecurity Policy & Strategy
April 2021	Cyber Disaster Response: Development of Simulation Exercises
August 2021	An Introduction to Developing National Cyber Incident Response Plan
November 2021	Building an Effective Cyber Incident Response Team
April 2022	Digital Forensic Essentials: An Investigative Approach
August 2022	Cybersecurity Techniques: A Hands-On Approach
October 2022	Implementation of Cyber Norms with a Focus on Critical Infrastructure and Incident Response Teams
November 2022	Building an Effective Cyber Incident Response Team

ITU ACADEMY TRAINING CENTRE · PROGRAMME OF COURSES

TRAINING THE REGION,
COURSE BY COURSE.

DELIVERED · JUNE 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 2025

June 2023	Cyber Disaster Response: Development of Simulation Exercises	October 2024	Cyber Resilience of Critical Information
September 2023	Network Forensics: A Practical Approach	October 2024	Cyber Disaster Response: Development of Simulation Exercises
October 2023	The Role of CSIRTs in the Implementation of UN Technical Cyber Norms	May 2025	Cyber Disaster Response: Development of Simulation Exercises
November 2023	Building an Effective Cyber Incident Response Team	June 2025	Cyber Threat Intelligence
March 2024	Network Forensics: A Practical Approach	August 2025	The Role of CSIRTs in the Implementation of UN Technical Norms and CBMs
June 2024	Cyber Threat Intelligence	September 2025	Cyber Resilience of Critical Information
August 2024	The Role of CSIRTs in the Implementation of UN Technical Norms and CBMs		

SCHEDULED · OCTOBER 2026 TO FEBRUARY 2027

October 2026	Mise en place d'une équipe de réponse à incident de sécurité informatique (CSIRT)
November 2026	Cyber Resilience of Critical Information
November 2026	Cyber Disaster Response: Development of Simulation Exercises
February 2027	Cyber Threat Intelligence

The curriculum spans incident response, network forensics, cyber threat intelligence, the resilience of critical information infrastructure and the role of CSIRTs in implementing UN technical cyber norms and confidence-building measures. Courses are delivered online and free of charge, so that participants from developing and island states can take part on equal terms.

● INCIDENT RESPONSE

● NETWORK FORENSICS

● CYBER THREAT INTELLIGENCE

● CRITICAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE

● UN CYBER NORMS

REGIONAL COOPERATION · INDIAN OCEAN

THE COLOMBO SECURITY CONCLAVE.

The Colombo Security Conclave is a regional security-cooperation framework for the countries of the Indian Ocean. It brings together national-security, defence, maritime, law-enforcement, cybersecurity and disaster-management authorities to address threats that no single country can manage effectively on its own.

The initiative traces its origins to 2011, when India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives established a trilateral maritime-security mechanism focused on maritime safety, information sharing and coordination against non-traditional maritime threats. It was revived and broadened in November 2020 as the Colombo Security Conclave, extending its scope to terrorism, organised crime, cybersecurity, critical infrastructure and disaster response.

Mauritius first participated as an observer, joining as a functional member in December 2021 and taking part as a full member at the 5th NSA-Level Meeting in March 2022. The Conclave creates mechanisms through which participating countries share information, train personnel, exchange expertise, conduct joint exercises and coordinate responses to regional security incidents.

FIVE SECURITY PILLARS

- 01 Maritime Safety and Security
- 02 Countering Terrorism and Radicalisation
- 03 Combating Trafficking and Transnational Organised Crime
- 04 Cyber Security and Protection of Critical Infrastructure and Technology
- 05 Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)

A COORDINATED REGIONAL APPROACH TO

- cyber incident response
- cyber threat intelligence sharing
- protection of Critical Information Infrastructure
- cybercrime investigation
- digital forensics
- cybersecurity strategies and policies
- emerging technologies
- capacity building
- incident mitigation
- cooperation between national cybersecurity agencies

MEMBERSHIP**6 countries**

India · Sri Lanka · Maldives
Mauritius · Bangladesh
Seychelles

MAURITIUS JOINED**2021**

Functional member from
December 2021, full member at
the 5th NSA-Level Meeting,
March 2022

PILLAR 04**Cyber Security and
Protection of Critical
Infrastructure**

CERT-MU contributes through
cybersecurity drills and training
organised since 2023.

UNITED NATIONS · CYBER GOVERNANCE

SHAPING GLOBAL CYBER GOVERNANCE FROM A SIDS SEAT.

CERT-MU, a department of the Ministry of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation, represents Mauritius at the United Nations. It has played a proactive and constructive role in the **Open-Ended Working Group** across the 2019–2021 and 2021–2025 cycles, consistently advocating the priorities of Small Island Developing States and helping shape a global cyber governance agenda built on inclusivity, resilience and shared responsibility.

CERT-MU also supported the integration of gender-responsive approaches within the discussions, emphasising that cybersecurity policy must reflect the diverse experiences and needs of all users.

The new **UN Global Mechanism on cybersecurity**, which began work in March 2026, is a major outcome of that process. It provides a permanent platform for ongoing dialogue, technical assistance and rapid response, with a strong emphasis on inclusivity and support for under-resourced nations.

Mauritius is proud to have helped shape an agenda that values the voices of smaller and developing nations. Beyond the global impact, the process has delivered tangible benefits at national level.

OPPORTUNITIES CREATED FOR MAURITIUS

- Develop and articulate a national position on the application of international law in cyberspace, with assistance from UNIDIR
- Engage in cross-regional cooperation to advance the implementation of norms and confidence-building measures
- Provide tailored capacity-building support, including through the ITU Academy Training Centre
- Enhance national coordination by aligning domestic policies, such as CIIP, with emerging global frameworks
- Promote gender-responsive cybersecurity policies in strategy, capacity building and digital safety
- Build long-term diplomatic networks, ensuring sustained representation in future cyber dialogues

DELIVERED AT THE GLOBAL MECHANISM

National position on international law in cyberspace

Pre-launched in July 2026, demonstrating a commitment to responsible state behaviour and strengthening the country's profile in international cyber policy.

National statements on a multilateral platform

Highlighting progress in cyber resilience, including the CII Designation Regulations and proposed amendments to the Cybersecurity and Cybercrime Act, and ensuring that Mauritian priorities are reflected in global frameworks.

A seat at the table for Small Island Developing States, and a voice that carries their priorities into global cyber policy.

INDICATOR · RESULT · SOURCE

MAURITIUS ON THE GLOBAL DIGITAL MAP: MOMENTUM.

ITU GLOBAL CYBERSECURITY INDEX

1st in Africa

Score 96.89 · Tier 1

GCI 2024

NETWORK READINESS INDEX

58th of 127

Global ranking

NRI 2025

GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX

1st in Sub-Saharan Africa

57th of 132 economies

GII 2023

GOVERNMENT AI READINESS INDEX

2nd in Sub-Saharan Africa

Overall score 52.76

GAIRI 2025 · Oxford Insights

E-GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT INDEX

2nd in Sub-Saharan Africa

Score 0.7506

EGDI 2024 · UN DESA

ITU G5 BENCHMARK

G5 Advanced

ICT Regulatory Tracker

ITU 2025

CERT-MU · ITU CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

21 courses

Training courses completed

CERT-MU · ITU

ICT / BPO SECTOR

975 companies

approx. 34,500 professionals

EDB 2024



AN ISLAND NATION WITH GLOBAL DIGITAL AMBITION

COMMITMENTS

MAURITIUS FOR THE ITU COUNCIL: A CONNECTED, INCLUSIVE DIGITAL FUTURE.

01

REPRESENT

Africa and Small Island Developing States on the Council, with a credible, first-hand understanding of their constraints in budget, resources and technical expertise

02

ADVANCE

Platform accountability, working through the Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues to give smaller economies a stronger voice on misinformation, disinformation and fake profiles

03

CHAMPION

Child online protection at Council level, sharing national experience and contributing to the global debate from a SIDS perspective

04

CONNECT

Continue closing digital divides in remote and island territories, building on the Universal Service Fund's record in advancing SDG 4, SDG 9 and SDG 10

05

STRENGTHEN

ITU's institutional strength and relevance, drawing on Mauritius's record as a G5 Advanced, first-in-Africa cybersecurity regulator to help shape practical, achievable global standards

VOTE FOR

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