MONDAY, 21 MAY 2018

8:30 - 9:30 REGISTRATION

9:30 - 10:30 OPENING CEREMONY

Speakers
- Mr. Raju Jaddoo, Secretary-General of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI)
- Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
- Hon. Seetanah Lutchmeenaraidoo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius

10:30 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK / PRESS CONFERENCE

11:00 - 12:30 SESSION 1: TOURISM AS A DRIVER OF SDGs

Moderator: Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative (UN-OHRLLS)

Speakers
- Prof Geoffrey Lipman, President, International Coalition of Tourism Partners
- Ms. Dessima Williams, former United Nations special adviser for the implementation of the SDGs
- Ms. Sonja Hunter, CEO, Samoa Tourism Authority and Chair Lady, South Pacific Tourism Organisation

Interactive discussion

12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH

13:30 - 15:00 SESSION 2: PROMOTING TOURISM THROUGH CULTURAL HERITAGE

Moderator: Mr. Garry Kelleher, Ireland Tourism Promotion Board

Speakers
- Mr. Chris Cocker, Chief Executive Officer, South Pacific Tourism Organisation
- Ms. Isolina Boto, Head of the Brussels Office, Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA)
- Ms. Khalissa Ikhlef, Associate Programme Specialist, Section for Small Islands and Indigenous Knowledge, UNESCO
- Dr. Robin Nunkoo, Head of the International Centre for Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality, University of Mauritius

Interactive discussion

15:00 - 15:15 COFFEE BREAK

15:15 - 16:45 SESSION 3: IMPROVING CONNECTIVITY FOR TOURISM

Moderator: Mr. Terence Tan, First Secretary (Political), Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations

Speakers
- Mr. Pascal Viroleau, Chief Executive Officer, Vanilla Islands Organization
- Mr. Somas Appavou, Chief Executive Officer, Air Mauritius
- Mr. Stephen Lyon, Board Member, Cook Islands, Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO)

Interactive discussion

18:30 - Reception Hosted by Hon. Seetanah Lutchmeenaraidoo
Venue: Château Mon Désir - Maritim Resort & Spa, Balaclava

TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2018

9:00 - 10:30 SESSION 4: ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Ronald Jumeau, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations

Speakers
- H.E. Ms. Marjaana Sall, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius
- Mr. Earlston McPhee, Director, Office of the Minister, Bahamas Ministry of Tourism
- Ms. Janice Bristol, Senior Quality and Standards Officer, Tourism Department, Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Ports and Marine, Republic of Seychelles
- Mr. Raj H. Prayag, Chairman, Mauritius Oceanography Institute, Former Director of Environment

10:30 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 12:30 SESSION 4 CONTINUED

- Mr. Paul Holthus, Founding President and CEO, World Ocean Council
- Mr. Thomas Siebenbrunner, Head of Sales and Marketing, Swimsol, Austria/Maldives
- Mr. Sid Vollebregt, Managing Director, Elemental Water Makers
- Mr. Leighton Waterman, Programme Officer, IRENA – SIDS Lighthouses Initiative

Interactive discussion

12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH

13:30 - 15:15 SESSION 5: FINANCING FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Jagdish D. Koonjul, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations

Speakers
- Ms. Piera Tortora, Advisor, Development Finance, OECD
- Dr. Azeema Adam, Maldives Envoy on Financing for Development
- Mr. Garry Kelleher, Ireland Tourism Promotion Board
- Mr. Cyrille Frederic Marie Barnerias, Global Environment Facility
- Mr. Nagarajan Sridhar, CEO and Executive Director, Mau Bank

Interactive discussion

15:15 - 15:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:30 - 16:00 CLOSING OF THE 2018 SIDS GLOBAL BUSINESS NETWORK FORUM

Moderator: Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Director, UN-OHRLLS

Closing Remarks
- Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
- H.E. Mr. Jagdish D. Koonjul, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations