



TEXTILE & APPAREL INDUSTRY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Workshop Programme

18th – 19th April

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09h00 - 17h00

Ravenala Attitude Hotel,
Turtle Bay Balaclava

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: Thursday, 18 April 2019

09h00 - 09h30	Registration
09h30 - 09h40	Welcome Address Mr. Charles Cartier – Chairman of Economic Development Board
09h40 - 09h50	Address by Hon. Ashit K. Gungah, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection (TBC)
09h50 - 10h00	Address by Hon. Mahen K. Seeruttun Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security (TBC)
10h00 - 10h25	Overview of the Manufacturing Landscape in Mauritius Presentation by Mr. Francois Guibert, CEO of Economic Development Board
10h25 - 10h45	The Mauritian Textile Industry Presentation by Mr. Geerish Bucktowonsing HOD of Economic Development Board
10h45 - 11h00	Tea Break
11h00 - 11h45	Desirability And Inspiration: The New Drivers To Increase Brand & Product Value Presentation by Mrs. Geraldine Bouchot – Trends & Forecasting Director, Carlin International Trend Bureau
11h45 - 12h30	The New Business Model to be More Competitive Presentation by Mr Eddy Yeung – Director, Ciel Group
12h30 - 13h30	Lunch
13h30 - 14h15	High Value Manufacturing Supply Chain Presentation by Prof Prasad Potluri - Professor of Robotics and Textile Composites, UK
14h15- 15h30	Round Table Discussion (Parallel Sessions) Theme 1: Desirability & Inspiration: The New Drivers to Increase Brand & Product Value Theme 2: New Business Model For Competitive Advantage. Theme 3: High Value Manufacturing Supply Chain.
15h30- 15h45	Tea Break
15h45 - 16h00	Presentation of Report
16h00 - 16h30	Presentation of Findings
16h30 - 16h45	Closing Remarks

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DAY 2: Friday, 19 April 2019

- 09h00 - 09h45 **Human Resources Requirements to meet the Challenge**
Presentation by Mr Kavi Oogarah, RT Knits
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- 09h45 - 10h30 **Made through Africa as an Alternative Supply Chain for Sourcing**
Presentation by Mr Beas Cheekhooree - Managing Director, MCFI
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- 10h30 - 10h45 **Tea break**
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- 10h45 - 11h30 **The Coming Robotics Revolution on Apparel Manufacturing**
Presentation by Mr Pete Santora - Chief Commercial Officer, SoftWear Automation
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- 11h30 - 12h15 **The Business Case For Sustainable Approach In Manufacturing**
Presentation by Mrs Luvna Arnasalon – UN Compact Focal Point & Head Corporate Sustainability, Afrasia Bank
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- 12h15 - 13h15 **Lunch**
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- Round Table Discussion (Parallel Sessions)**
Theme 1: Human Resources Requirements to meet the Challenge
Theme 2: Made Through Africa As An Alternative Supply Chain For Sourcing.
13h15 - 15h00 **Theme 3:** The Advent Of Soft Robotics To Revolutionise The Manufacturing of Apparel.
Theme 4: The Business Case For Sustainable Approach In Manufacturing
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- 15h00 - 15h15 **Tea Break**
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- 15h15 - 15h30 **Preparation of Report**
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- 15h30 - 16h10 **Presentation of Findings**
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- 16h10 - 16h30 **Closing Remarks**

PROFILE SPEAKERS



Presentation:

Desirability And Inspiration: The New Drivers To Increase Brand & Product Value

18 April 2019, 11h00 - 11h45

Ms. Geraldine Bouchot, Trends & Forecasting Director, Carlin International Trend Bureau

Ms. Geraldine Bouchot is a Trends and Forecasting Editorial Director at Carlin Group since 2001. Expert in analyzing global societal developments, she decodes forthcoming consumption expectations at the service of companies.



Presentation:

The New Business Model to be More Competitive

18 April 2019, 11h45 - 12h30

Mr. Eddy Yeung, Former Director Ciel Group

Mr. Eddy Yeung started in the Textile Field since 1978 creating 2 companies, Ferney Spinning Mills and Consolidated Dyeing Limited and led Consolidated Fabrics Ltd. He is still working in this field as consultant. He has been a pioneer in Quality Assurance, Quality Circles and Lean management. Today, he is developing Leaders, Talents and small entrepreneurs in every field of business in partnership with RBL a company led by Dave Ulrich.



Presentation:

High Value Manufacturing Supply Chain

18 April 2019, 13h30 - 14h15

Mr. Prasad Potluri, Professor of Robotics and Textile Composites UK

Mr. Prasad Potluri is a Professor of Robotics and Textiles at the University of Manchester. He studied mechanical engineering from VNIT, Nagpur (1978-82) and masters in robotics from IIT Bombay (1982-84). Professor Potluri has been working at the interface of textiles and robotics aimed at High Value Manufacturing (HVM). He developed a number of novel machines for 3D weaving, braiding, robotic fibre placement and complex winding. He is a Principal Investigator for the EPSRC Centre for Innovative Manufacturing in Composites & EPSRC Future Composites Manufacturing HUB.



Presentation:

Human Resources Requirements to meet the Challenge

19 April 2019, 09h00 - 09h45

Mr. Kavi Oogarah, RT Knits

Mr. Kavi Oogarah has over 15 years' experience as HR Practitioner with both local and international exposure. He holds a Bachelor degree in Psychology and a Masters degree in Human Resources Management. He received numerous awards for recognition of his contribution in the HR field. Nowadays, his main ambition is to make an impact on a national level by transforming the HR & Organization Development profession and also contribute in cultivating the leaders of tomorrow.

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Presentation:

Made through Africa as an Alternative Supply Chain for Sourcing

19 April 2019, 09h45 - 10h30

Mr. Beas Cheekhooree, Managing Director, MCFI

Mr. Beas Cheekhooree holds a Masters Degree in Strategic Planning from Edinburg Business School - Heriot Watt University and a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from UK. He was Chairman of Mexa 2017/2018 and council member of Business Mauritius and MCCI with over 33 years' experience in the manufacturing sector including a long stint in senior positions across the T & A sector in Mauritius and abroad.



Presentation:

The Coming Robotics Revolution on Apparel Manufacturing

19 April 2019, 10h45 - 11h30

Mr Pete Santora, Chief Commercial Officer at Softwear Automation

Pete brings 15 years' experience in growing high-tech teams and commercializing intellectual property. Prior to Softwear Automation, Pete was an Entrepreneur in Residence at the Advanced Technology Development Center, a Forbes "Top 10 Technology Incubator changing the world," while also working as research faculty at Georgia Tech Research Institute, the billion-dollar research arm of the Georgia Institute of Technology. He was the former Managing Partner and Co-Founder of Blue Sombrero, a technology based financial services company he ran for 10 years and was acquired by Dick's Sporting Goods. He is a former professional soccer player and serial entrepreneur.



Presentation:

The Business Case For Sustainable Approach In Manufacturing

19 April 2019, 11h30 - 12h15

Mrs. Luvna Arnassalon-Seerungen, UN Compact Focal Point & Head Corporate Sustainability, AfrasiaBank

Mrs. Luvna Arnassalon-Seerungen has over 10 years' experience in Sustainability and CSR in Private Sector Organisations and Banking. Prior to joining AfrAsia Bank, Luvna has been responsible for MEF Foundation (now Business Mauritius) and has worked on Communication and development programmes with the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Luvna currently chairs the Global Compact Network - Mauritius since 2018 and has been invited on many conferences around the globe to speak about Corporate Sustainability.