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**The objectives are:**

- To connect and network with market leaders, private decision makers, innovative start-ups in view of developing new partnership and collaborations.
- To have a better understanding of the latest technology requirement of the African market.
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- To identify the most demanded solutions and business models.

**Topics:**

- How Africa is riding the wave of digital revolution and the challenge to continue on the technology disruptive pathway.
- How the Mauritian digital and innovative ecosystem has evolved to meet the requirements of Africa in terms of technology, innovation and creativity.
- Digital transformation in West Africa and how this unfolds opportunities for the industry.

**Speakers**

- Mr. Vinay Guddye, Head of Africa & Logistic Cluster, Economic Development Board (EDB)
- Mr. Clarel Constance, Representative of Mauritius Information and Technology Association (MITIA)
- Mr. Roshan Seetohul, President of Outsourcing & Telecommunication Association of Mauritius
- Mr. Olivier Meyer, Representative of Chambre de Commerce et d’Industrie France Maurice
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- Mr. Franck Quenum, Director of Investment Attraction of ‘Centres de Promotion des Investissements en Côte D’Ivoire’ (CEPECI)
- Mr. Philippe Pango, CEO Village des Technologies de l’Information et de la Biotechnologie (VITIB)
- Mr. Patrick MBENGUE, Président du Groupement des Opérateurs du Secteur des Technologies de l’Information (GOTIC)
- Mr. Herve Ndoba, General Manager, NH consulting

**Target audience:**

- ICT companies
- Start-ups
- Financial institutions
- Public and Parastatal bodies

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