



DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Monday 19th December 2011, Le Meridien Hotel, Mauritius

Registration 16h00 – 18h00

DAY 1 - Tuesday 20th December 2011, Le Meridien Hotel, Mauritius

Registration 08h00 – 09h00

Welcoming Address

09h30 – 09h35

Master of Ceremony, **Dr V Tandrayen-Ragoobur**,
WCP Chairholder, University of Mauritius

Speech

09h35 – 09h40

• **Professor K Morgan**, Vice Chancellor,
University of Mauritius

09h40 – 09h45

• **Professor S Jugessur GOSK**,
Pro Chancellor and Chairman of Council,
University of Mauritius

09h45 – 09h55

• **Dr. The Hon. Rajeshwar Jeetah**,
Minister of Tertiary Education, Science,
Research and Technology

09h55 – 10h05

• **Dr. The Hon. Arvin Boolell**,
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional
Integration and International Trade

Keynote Speech

First Keynote 10h05 – 10h25

Dr Alexander Keck -The World Trade Organisation

Theme: '2011 World Trade Report on Preferential Trade Agreements'

Second Keynote 10h25 – 10h45

Professor David Greenaway, Vice Chancellor of the University of Nottingham

Theme: 'The Globalisation of Higher Education and the Developing World'

10h45 – 11h10 Tea Break

Guests to be seated at 09h15

DAY 1- TUESDAY 20th DECEMBER 2011

Tuesday 20 th Dec 2011	11.15-12:45	Parallel Session 1
<p>Session Chair: <i>Dr A. Keck</i></p> <p>Venue: <i>Wolmar</i></p>	<p>Session 1.1 <i>International Trade I</i></p>	<p>Trade Orientation and Economic Growth of CEMAC Countries: Opportunities from the Chinese Market <i>D. Diaw & A. Lessoua</i></p> <p>Trade Openness and Economic Growth: Evidence from Mauritius <i>B. Seetannah, J. Matadeen & J. S. Matadeen</i></p> <p>Firms and Export Spillovers: Evidence from Kenya <i>B. Kinuthia</i></p> <p>What Drives Africa's Export Diversification? <i>D. Kamuganga</i></p>
<p>Session Chair: <i>Prof S.Kingah</i></p> <p>Venue: <i>Citadelle</i></p>	<p>Session 1.2 <i>International Financial Crisis</i></p>	<p>Global Financial Crisis and Stock Market Integration: A Study on the Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on the Level of Financial Integration between the US and Indian Stock Market <i>S. Gangadharan & C. Yoonus</i></p> <p>Predicting the Impact of a Euro Currency Crisis on Exports Level in Mauritius: A Panel Gravity Model <i>B. Nem & T. Lukhoo</i></p> <p>Trade and Finance – Post-Crisis Regulatory Reforms and the Future of Developing Nations <i>P. Pooran</i></p> <p>How Regional and Global Development Banks Responded to the Financial Crisis <i>S. Kingah & A. Salimzhuarova</i></p>
<p>Session Chair: <i>Prof D. Greenaway</i></p> <p>Venue: <i>Bel Air</i></p>	<p>Session 1.3 <i>International Trade II</i></p>	<p>Multi-Country and Product Evidence on Trade Costs and Comparative Advantage <i>Prof D. Greenaway, D. McGowan & Prof C. Milner</i></p> <p>Does International Trade Induce or Deter Debt Repayment Capacity of Developing Countries? Looking Through the Lens of the US Subprime Crisis <i>I. Ramlall</i></p> <p>Export Diversification and Economic Growth: Case Study of a Developing Country (Mauritius) <i>S. Matadeen</i></p> <p>Leveraging on Trade Opportunities with Non-Traditional Partners: The GCC-Malaysia Perspective <i>E. Devadason, A. Baharumshah & T. Subramaniam</i></p>

Tuesday 20th Dec 2011	12.45-13.40	LUNCH
Tuesday 20th Dec 2011	13.45-15.15	Parallel Session 2
Session Chair: <i>Prof C. Milner</i> Venue: <i>Bel Air</i>	Session 2.1 Regional Trade Agreements	An exposition of dispute settlement forum shopping for SADC member states in light of the suspension of the Tribunal <i>A. Saurombe</i> Pulled Along or Pushed Aside: Do Small Countries in Regional Negotiating Groups Gain from Free Trade Agreements? <i>A. DiCaprio</i> Regional Trade Integrations: A Comparative Study of African RTAs <i>B.Seetanah, V. Sannasse & V. Tandrayen-Ragoobur</i> An Estimation of the Trade Effects of the East African Community (EAC) Customs Union Agreement <i>Prof. S. Buigut</i>
Session Chair: <i>Prof P.Hatzipanayotou</i> Venue: <i>Wolmar</i>	Session 2.2 Trade, Energy and sustainable Development	The Impact of International Trade and Maladministration of Energy on the Environment Causing Climate Change in Mauritius <i>D. Michel</i> Cross-Border Pollution and Integrated Reforms of Trade and Environmental Tax Policies in Large Economies <i>Prof P. Hatzipanayotou, N. Tsakiris & Michael S. Michael</i> A Dynamic Econometric Study of Aggregate Output, Energy and Exports in Mauritius – Implications for Climate Policy <i>R. Sultan</i> Mineral Depletion, Fuel Imports and Development Sustainability in the Energy Scarce Country- FIJI over 1990-2006 <i>H.Chen & B. Singh</i>
Tuesday 20th Dec 2011	15.15-15.30	Tea Break

Tuesday 20th Dec 2011	15.35-17.00	Parallel Session 3
Session Chair: <i>Prof S. Buigut</i> Venue: <i>Bel Air</i>	Session 3.1 <i>Trade in Services</i>	The Impact of Tourism on Non Tourism Sectors of the Economy <i>R. Durbarry</i> Les Introductions en Bourse à la Bourse Régionale des Valeurs Mobilière(BRVM): Théories et Analyse du Cas des Sociétés Non Cotées du Bénin <i>B. Aderomou & Mr L. K. N'Dri</i> The Evolution of Cross – Border Higher Education within the WTO/ GATS: The Case of Mauritius <i>K. Padachi & Mrs A. Mohamudally – Boolaky</i>
Session Chair: <i>Prof R. Dhankar</i> Venue: <i>Wolmar</i>	Session 3.2 <i>International Capital Flows</i>	Flow of Global Capital in the Post Globalised India and its Impact on Economic Growth <i>Prof R. Dhankar</i> Investment Opportunities in Indian Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Sector <i>S. Muhnot</i> The Challenge of the Double Bottom Line: What Can Microfinance Investment Vehicles Learn from the SRI World <i>L.Urgeghe</i>
Tuesday 20th Dec 2011	18.00	Departure to “L’Aventure Du Sucre”
	18.30	Site visit to Sugarcane Mill
	19.00	Gala dinner

DAY 2- WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER 2011

<p align="center">Wednesday 21st Dec 2011</p>	<p align="center">09.15-09.45</p>	<p align="center">Plenary Session: Declining Protection in Developing Countries: Reality or Illusion? <i>Prof C. Milner</i> Venue: Chamarel Ball Room</p>
	<p align="center">09.45-11.15</p>	<p align="center">Parallel Session 4</p>
<p>Session Chair: <i>Prof Zu'bi M.F. Al-Zu'bi</i></p> <p>Venue: <i>Wolmar</i></p>	<p>Session 4.1 <i>Foreign Direct Investment</i></p>	<p>FDI, Trade and Growth, a Causal Link? <i>R. Bissoondeal & N. Driffield</i></p> <p>FDI and Spillovers <i>S. Fauzel</i></p> <p>Examining the Role of FDI in Jordan's Economic Development? <i>Prof Zu'bi M.F. Al-Zu'bi</i></p> <p>FDI and Export Performance of the Ugandan Manufacturing Sector: Empirical Evidence <i>J. Nannyonjo</i></p> <p>Financial Development and Foreign Direct Investment Spillover Effects on Economic Growth in CEMAC Zone <i>I. M. Njifen</i></p>
<p>Session Chair: <i>Prof D. Greenaway</i></p> <p>Venue: <i>Bel Air</i></p>	<p>Session 4.2 <i>Africa-East Asian Trade</i></p>	<p>The Asian Eye on African Trade and Investment: A Panel VAR Approach <i>V.Tandrayen-Ragoobur, H. Kasseeah & B. Sooreea-Bheemul</i></p> <p>Rise of China: A New Fear of Trade Competition <i>B. Nowbutsing & S. Ramsohok</i></p> <p>Zoning In on Special Export Zones in Mauritius <i>V. Tang</i></p> <p>No Chinese Jackets Required: Clothing Quotas, Consumer Prices and Import Quality in South Africa <i>T.Naughtin, Lawrence Edwards & Neil Rankin</i></p>
<p>Session Chair: <i>Prof J.S Bandara</i></p> <p>Venue: <i>Citadelle</i></p>	<p>Session 4.3 <i>International Trade III</i></p>	<p>What Drives Intra-African Export Survival and Export Depth? <i>D. Kamuganga</i></p> <p>India's Demand-driven Food Inflation: A General Equilibrium Investigation <i>Prof J. S Bandara & E. Valenzuela</i></p> <p>Testing the J-curve Hypothesis between South Africa and its Six Major Trading Partners <i>G.K Setou, T.M Mokoena & E. Ndou</i></p>

		High Growth Firms: What Makes You Tick? A Cross-country Panel Investigations <i>Y. Temouri & Jun Du</i>
Wednesday 21st Dec 2011	11.15-11.25	Tea Break
Wednesday 21st Dec 2011	11.30-13.00	Parallel Session 5
Session Chair: <i>Prof J.P Asiama</i> Venue: <i>Wolmar</i>	Session 5.1 <i>Trade and Finance</i>	Financial Globalisation and International Financial Integration: Analysis of Impact of Financial Integration on Economic Activity, Trade Openness and Macroeconomic Volatility in Africa <i>G. Mougani</i> Trade and Financial Openness, Institutional Quality, and Financial Development in Sub-Sahara Africa (SSA) <i>Prof J.P. Asiama & M. Hakeem</i> Payment by Letter of Credit (LC) in IT: Disputes and Fraud Exception with Special Reference to Malaysia <i>R. Che Hashim</i> The Impact of the REPAs-EU Negotiations on the SADC Configuration and Trade Protocol: Integration-Disintegration, Stumbling Blocks or a Glimpse of Hope for a Developing Africa? <i>R P Gunpath</i>
Session Chair: <i>Prof J.C Mubangizi</i> Venue: <i>Bel Air</i>	Session 5.2 <i>Trade and Globalisation</i>	Globalisation and Human Rights in Africa: Implications for Trade and Investment <i>Prof J.C Mubangizi</i> Globalisation: An Evaluation of the Prospects and Challenges and The Call for a Global Mind Transformation. <i>N. Becceea and His Holiness Swami Paramananda</i> Can Trade Liberalisation Reduce Regional Disparity and Bring Long-term Peace and Stability in Post-War Sri Lanka? <i>Prof J.S Bandara & A. Naranpanawa</i> Investment Climate and Technical Inefficiency in Vietnamese Manufacturing: Firm-level Panel Data Evidence <i>Dinh Long Pham</i>
Wednesday 21st Dec 2011	13.00-13.55	Lunch

Wednesday 21st Dec 2011	14.00-15.30	Parallel Session 6
Session Chair: <i>Prof R. Ilorah</i> Venue: <i>Bel Air</i>	Session 6.1 <i>Capital Flows and International Foreign Aid</i>	Investigating the Effects of Foreign Direct Investments on Mass Customization Capability in Jordan <i>Prof Zu'bi M.F. Al-Zu'bi</i> On the Determinants of Foreign Capital Flows: Evidence from an African Economy <i>N. Beghum, Prof R V Sannassee, B. Seetannah & M. Lamport</i> Africa's Endemic Dependency on Foreign Aid: A Dilemma for the Continent <i>Prof R. Ilorah</i> Strategic Policy Responses to Aid and Investment Flows: Growth and Development in ECOWAS <i>V. Tang & R. Simson</i>
Session Chair: <i>Prof Dhankar</i> Venue: <i>Wolmar</i>	Session 6.2 <i>International macroeconomic Performance</i>	Country of Origin Attitudes in Mauritius and its Implications for Investment and Trade <i>R.Ramsaran-Fowdar & Sooraj Fowdar</i> Trade Liberalization Policy: Is it Working for Jordan? <i>A. Taleb</i> Exchange Rate Volatility and Macroeconomic Performance in Small Island Developing States <i>V.Polodoo, K. Padachi & B. Seetannah</i> The Impact of Exchange Rate Volatility on Bilateral Trade Flows between Mauritius and USA <i>D. Ramdhony & P.Ramphul</i>
Wednesday 21st Dec 2011	15.30-15.40	Tea Break
	15.45-17.15	Parallel Session 7
Session Chair: <i>Prof R. Croucher</i> Venue: <i>Wolmar</i>	Session 7.1 <i>Human Resources, Women and Trade</i>	Phasing Out of the MFA: Impact on Women Workers in the Mauritian EPZ Sector <i>V. Tandrayen- Ragoobur & Y.A. Ayrga</i> Raising the Role of Women in International Trade: A Developing Country's Perspective <i>N. Ragodoo</i> MNC Legitimacy and Labour CSR: A Case Study <i>Prof R. Croucher</i>

		<p>Assessing Cultural Adaptation Competencies at Senior Executive Level: The Case of Expatriates in Mauritius <i>Prof. A. Ramgooty-Wong & I.Dusoye</i></p> <p>Globalisation and Its Impacts on the Feminisation of Migrant Workers in the EPZ Sector of Mauritius <i>Deepa Gokulsing</i></p>
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<p>Session Chair: <i>Prof B.C Mubangizi</i></p> <p>Venue: <i>Bel Air</i></p>	<p>Session 7.2 <i>Agricultural Trade</i></p>	<p>Local Government's Role in Trade for Food Security in South Africa <i>Prof B.C Mubangizi</i></p> <p>Market Competition in Export Cash Crops and Farm Income <i>N. Depetris Chauvin & Guido G. Porto</i></p> <p>Quantifying the Impact of Non Tariff Measures on SADC Agricultural Trade <i>M. Kalaba</i></p> <p>Why are Quality Matters Essential in Agricultural Markets? The Case Of Rice Marketing in Madagascar <i>T. Rakotondramanitra</i></p> <p>The Changing Agri-Food Export Composition:- Strategic Options for Sanitary And Phytosanitary (SPS) Compliance in Mauritius <i>H. Neeliah & S. Neeliah</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 21st Dec 2011</p>	<p>18.30</p>	<p>Closing Ceremony and Cocktail(Beach Side)</p>

THURSDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2011		
	09.00-18.00	Island Tour (Minimum number of participants required)