



**CBC MAURITIUS BUSINESS SEMINAR  
TENTATIVE AGENDA**

***THEME: EXPLORING THE COMESA MARKET –Bringing Business to the Table  
17<sup>th</sup> March , 2017  
Port Louis , Mauritius***

<b>09.00hrs</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>09.30hrs-1000hrs</b>	<p><b>OPENING CEREMONY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome remarks by Mr. Raju Jadoo, Secretary-General of the MCCI</li> <li>• Introductory Remarks - Chief Executive – CBC</li> <li>• COMESA Secretariat- Dr. Francis Mangeni, Director of Trade, Customs and Monetary Affairs</li> <li>• Speech by Mr. Azim Currimjee, President of the MCCI and Vice Chair of the CBC</li> <li>• Speech by Hon. S. Lutchmeenaraidoo, - Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade</li> </ul>
<b>10.15hrs-1030hrs</b>	<b>PHOTO- SESSION AND HEALTH BREAK</b>
<b>10.30- 11.00hrs</b>	<p><b><i>Introducing the COMESA Business Council</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strategic Pillars :Advocacy, Business Linkages and Member Development</li> <li>▪ Business services and Opportunities</li> <li>▪ Key areas and Issues in terms of Business Advocacy</li> <li>▪ Membership and Approach</li> </ul> <p><i>Speaker- CBC-Chief Executive, Ms. Sandra Uwera</i></p> <p><b><i>Discussions</i></b></p>
<b>11.00- 11.45hrs</b>	<p><b><i>The COMESA Trade Facilitation Instruments; promoting trade and regional integration – understanding the benefits of the COMESA FTA</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ COMESA FTA- promoting intra -trade</li> <li>▪ Trade Statistics</li> <li>▪ Instruments for market access in the region</li> <li>▪ Trade Facilitation Instruments</li> <li>▪ <i>Trade remedies</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Speaker- Dr. Francis Mangeni, Director of Trade, Customs and Monetary Affairs- COMESA.</i></p> <p><b><i>Discussions</i></b></p>
<b>11.45- 12.15hrs</b>	<p><b>Panel Discussion; Business experience on Trading in the COMESA region</b></p> <p><i>Panelists; Mauritius Exporters Association- MEXA;</i></p> <p><i>Mauritian Company</i></p>

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12.15- 12.45hrs	<p><b>Addressing competition issues and dispute settlement mechanisms;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COMESA Competition law</li> <li>- COMESA Court of Justice</li> </ul> <p><b>Addressing Cross Border transactions- Supporting Institutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COMESA Financial Institutions- ATI, TDB, CMI</li> <li>- Regional Payment and Settlement Systems</li> </ul> <p><i>Speaker : Business Policy and Advocacy Officer, CBC- Ms. Kudzai Madzivanyika</i></p> <p><b>Discussions</b></p>
12.45- 14.00hrs	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>
14.15- 15.00 hrs	<p><b>Perspectives of exporting services in the COMESA region- status of negotiation on the schedule of commitments on the liberalization of services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ICT Sector</li> <li>- Financial Services Sector</li> <li>- Tourism</li> <li>- Transport services</li> </ul> <p><i>Speaker: Dr. Francis Mangeni, Director of Trade, Customs and Monetary Affairs- COMESA.</i></p>
15.00hrs- 15.30 hrs	<p><b>Connecting Business people</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Presentation of CBC Biznet- The Market Hub!</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Speaker- CBC Chief Executive- Ms. Sandra Uwera / Mr. Prem Madalli – Managing Partner- Infinitech.</i></p>
15.30- 16.00 hrs	<p><b>Presentation on the Mauritius Trader Portal;</b></p> <p><i>Speaker- Mr. V. Luximon of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i></p> <p><b>Questions and Answer session</b></p>
16.00- 16.15hrs	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>COMESA Business Council</b></li> <li>• <b>Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry</b></li> </ul>
16.15- 17.00 hrs	<b>COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK- END OF MEETING</b>