## Responses from Mauritius IGF

1. The Multi stakeholder team involved in the organisation of the event comprised of the following representatives:

- Civil Society/NGO: Halley Movement, Internet Child Safety Foundation, DCI-Mauritius.
- Private Sector: Airports of Mauritius LTD and La Laiterie de Curepipe
- Academia: Middlesex University
- Technical: AFRINIC

2. Inputs pertaining to building of the agenda for the event were forwarded by the community and emphasis was laid upon child protection linked to Internet Governance. The coordinator together with a few of the organising team, after a brain storming session, came up with the following as sub themes:

- How safe are our children?
- Enhancing digital trust, and
- Improving experiences of children on Internet.

3. Statistics on participants at Mauritius IGF.

## Participants:

- **Civil Society:**
Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University
Trois Boutiques Community Centre
Halley Movement
Internet Child Safety Foundation
DCI Mauritius

- **State:**
Ombudsperson for children
Child Development Unit
Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare
National Computer Board
Mauritius Police Force

- **IT Industry**
Afrinic Ltd (Online)
Empretec Mauritius

- **Private Sector**

Airports of Mauritius Ltd
Internet Governance Forum Support Association
Association Airline Ambassadors

- **Academia**

Middlesex University

## Agenda

**Opening Ceremony**

Welcome Address
Keynote Address: Internet Governance in Africa
Address
Video message
Opening Address

**Session 1**

How safe are our children
   i)    Soft Skills for safer use of media
   ii)   Teaching parents about safety in the community through internet
   iii)  The services of the CDU in the context of online violence

**Session 2**

Enhancing digital trust
   i)    The juxtaposition of Parents & Government in Management of Children's Internet Usage
   ii)   Social media and its impact on our youth
   iii)  The Impact of Internet Governance on the Development of Mauritian Enterprises

**Session 3**

Improving Experiences of Children on Internet
   i)    Tourism and Travel Child Protection Code
   ii)   Opportunities for Children and Scientific Progress
   iii)  Alone on a Digital Highway: Highlighting the needs for Digital Parenting in a Technological Aware Mauritian Society

- **Statistics on the number of participants that attended the event, with breakdowns by the stakeholder group and gender**

| Stakeholders | Number of participants | Male | Female |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University | 4 | 2 | 2 |

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| Ombudsperson for children | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Trois Boutiques Community Centre | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Child Development Unit | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Afrinic Ltd | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Airports of Mauritius Ltd | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Internet Governance Forum Support Association | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| National Computer Board | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Empretec Mauritius | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Association Airline Ambassadors | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Mauritius Police Force | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Middlesex University | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Halley Movement | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| Internet Child Safety Foundation | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| DCI Mauritius | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| **Total** | **57** | **28** | **30** |
| Online participants (Facebook, twitter, youtube, etc…) | **240** | **130** | **110** |
| **Grand total** | **297** | **158** | **140** |

# Mauritius  Internet  Governance  Forum 2017
# &
# National Stakeholders'  Summit

## *'Enhancing Digital Trust to Encompass Online Child Safety'*



*16 November 2017*
*Mauritius*

## The Forum

This signature event was held at Hennessy Park Hotel, in Ebene, Mauritius on Thursday 16th November, 2017. The holding of the Forum came at a point when Halley Movement ended with its Good Digital Parenting project, conducted for the past two years and the event brought in another dimension to child protection in Mauritius.

This event gathered key State and Non-State actors from the fields of Internet Governance and child protection in Mauritius. It grouped a selected audience of experts coming from civil society organisations, IT industry, academia people, technical community and the corporate sector.

Mauritius IGF was officially launched at the opening ceremony.

## Objectives

Mauritius IGF event was in line with Internet Governance Forum objectives, which included:

- To advance internet governance issues in Mauritius through a multi-stakeholder framework as well as facilitating partnerships and coalitions that deliver coordinated domestic responses, initiatives, and synergies,
- To increase awareness and build capacity development on internet governance issues in Mauritius so as to ensure informed dialogue on policy and related matters between all stakeholders,
- To establish a coordinated and coherent framework for dealing with internet governance issues in Mauritius,
- To facilitate the participation of a broad range of stakeholders in internet governance issue,
- To ensure that Mauritius views are represented in the region and at Global IGF.
- To bring together diverse experiences from stakeholders in the fields of ICT and child welfare on policies that have worked to deliver access and learnings on how Internet drives growth and development for our community especially for women, youth and marginalised groups.
- To advance internet governance issues in Mauritius through a multi-stakeholder framework as well as facilitating partnerships and coalitions that deliver coordinated domestic responses, initiatives, and synergies,

- To draw knowledge, wisdom, and expertise of stakeholders in Mauritius to provide insights to the whole Internet community and to focus on the challenging issue of online child safety.
- Create awareness on existing national, regional and Africa wide legislative framework

## Mauritius-Internet Governance Forum, 2017



Mauritius Internet Governance Forum's first annual meeting held in Mauritius in November 2017. This one-day meeting on 16th November had as main theme: 'Enhancing Digital Trust to Encompass Online Child Safety'.

This Summit was hosted and spearheaded by Halley Movement

This initiative, also highlighted the contribution of Internet Child Safety Foundation and its research study conducted earlier on 'Impact of Internet on children and young people' The recommendations of the study, acknowledged by the Mauritian cabinet, were at the origin of the setting up of a child safety online committee at the Ministry's level in Mauritius.

## The Forum recognised the following:

- Children at a tender age of 3 only are spending increasing time online. Evolution and development in Internet technology gadgets caused a shift in children's internet usage as easy access is now readily available – to all kinds of information: positive and negative contents.
- Internet has become an essential tool regarding the education, entertainment and social -development of the child. Yet, it also carries a spectrum of risks to which children are more vulnerable than adults: online child sexual abuse, online harm from content, antisocial behaviour, contact risks and privacy risks.
- The importance of co-operation information sharing by all stakeholders concerned with Child Protection Online – in terms of research (surveys, working papers, etc.), development, implementation and assessment of policies on same to better protect our children online.
- The importance of policies which would both reduce online threats to foster a better a safer internet for children and to better equip children to protect themselves from threats that remain.
- The importance of establishing dialogue with the international community in order to come up with effective policies – taking into account cultural differences impacting directly on the increasing internet usage and the risks involved.

## Programme and Sessions:

**Halley Movement**

**MAURITIUS INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM (IGF) 2017
&
NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS' SUMMIT**
*Enhancing Digital Trust To Encompass Online Child Safety*

**16 NOVEMBER 2017
HENNESSY PARK HOTEL, EBENE, MAURITIUS**

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| **10:30 – 11:00** | **REGISTRATION** |

**11:00 – 12:15**     **SESSION 1**
**How Safe Are Our Children?**
**Moderator: Atish Bagolah,** *Public Speaker Coach*

- **Soft Skills For Safer Use Of Media**
  Mr Mohun Ujoodha & Ms Lakshi Meghoo
  *Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University*

- Mr Ismail Areff Bawamia
  *Ombudsperson for children's office*

- **Teaching Parents About Safety In The Community Through Internet**
  Miss O. Choytun
  *Trois Boutiques Community Centre*

- **The Services Of The CDU In The Context Of Online Violence**
  Mrs Hansa Munbauhal-Sreepaul & Mr O. Jhorree
  *Child Development Unit*

- **Questions & Answers**

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| **12:15 – 12:45** | **FINGER LUNCH** |

**12:45 – 13:00**   ARRIVAL OF GUESTS

**13:00 – 14:00**   **OPENING CEREMONY**
**Welcome Address**
**Mr Mahendranath Busgopaul**
*Secretary-General, Halley Movement &*
*Coordinator, Mauritius Internet Governance Forum*

**Keynote Address: Internet Governance in Africa**
**Mr Alan Barrett**
*Chief Executive Officer, AFRINIC Ltd*

**Address:**
**Mr Johnny Dumazel**
*Chairman, Airports of Mauritius Ltd*

**Video Message:**
**Mr Marcus Kummer**
*Chairman, Internet Governance Forum Support*
*Association (IGFSA)*

**Opening Address:**
**Hon. Minister Mrs Fazila Jeewa-Daureeawoo**
*Minister of Gender Equality, Child development and*
*Family Welfare*

**14:00 – 14:15**   **TEA BREAK**

**14:15 – 15:15**   **SESSION 2**
**Enhancing Digital Trust**
**Moderator: Vymala Poligadu-Thuron** *Head of External*
*Relations, AFRINIC Ltd*
- **The Juxtaposition Of Parents & Government In**
  **Management Of Children's Internet Usage**
  Mr Mathew Tebbit

*Youth Speaker*

- **Social Media & Its Impact On Our Youth**
  Mr Manish Lobin, Information Security Consultant
  ***National Computer Board***

- **The Impact Of Internet Governance On The**
  **Development Of Mauritian Enterprises**
  Mr Irshaad  Bodheea
  ***Empretec Mauritius***

- **Questions & Answers**

**15:15 – 16:15**   **SESSION 3**
**Improving Experiences of Children on Internet**
**Moderator Mr Sachindra Reechaye,** *Information*
*Security Consultant, National Computer Board*

- **Tourism And Travel Child Protection Code**
  Mr Maga Ramasamy, President
  ***Association Airline Ambassadors***

- **Opportunities For Children And Scientific Progress**
  Mr Bhojesh Domun, Staff Officer CCID
  ***Mauritius Police Force***

- **Alone On A Digital Highway: Highlighting The Needs**
  **For Digital Parenting In A Technological Aware**
  **Mauritian Society**
  Mr Tabi Okorntabi
  ***Middlesex University***

- **Questions & Answers**

**16:15 – 16:30**   **CLOSING REMARKS**

## Useful links

http://halleymovement.org/mauritius-igf-national-stakeholders-summit/
https://mauritius.intgovforum.org/
https://twitter.com/MauritiusIGF
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