

## Mauritius: Africa's Investment Hub



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# Mauritius – Japan

## A Strong and Growing Partnership



**His Majesty the Emperor  
Naruhito of Japan &  
Hon. Pravind Kumar  
Jugnauth, Prime Minister  
of Mauritius**

2019

**Participation of Prime Minister of Mauritius to TICAD 7**

**Launch of EDB Japan Office**

**50 years of Diplomatic Relations - Issue of Stamp & First Day Cover**

2017

**Establishment of the Embassy of Japan in Mauritius**

1979

**Establishment of Honorary Consulate of Mauritius in Japan**

1968

**Independence of Mauritius & Establishment of Diplomatic relations**

## Mauritius- Japan Economic Relations



Exports to Japan (2019)

**US\$ 34 M**

*Tuna, Fish Fillets, Shirts,  
Cut Flowers*



Imports from Japan (2019)

**US \$ 173 M**

*New motors cars, Second-  
hand vehicles, Used  
passenger vehicles, Portland  
Cement*



Investment projects from  
Japan in Mauritius

*Wholesale, Retail and  
Real Estate sectors*

*MOU with Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and Japan Institute for Overseas Investment (JOI)*

# Mauritius Today



**Population**  
1.3 million



**Languages**  
English  
French



**Exclusive Economic Zone**  
2.3 million km<sup>2</sup>



**Land Mass**  
2,040 Km<sup>2</sup>



**Real GDP Growth**  
3.2 % (2019)



**Currency**  
Mauritian Rupee (MUR)  
USD 1= MUR 40 (approx.)



**GNI per Capita**  
Approx. USD 12,740 (2019)  
High Income economy

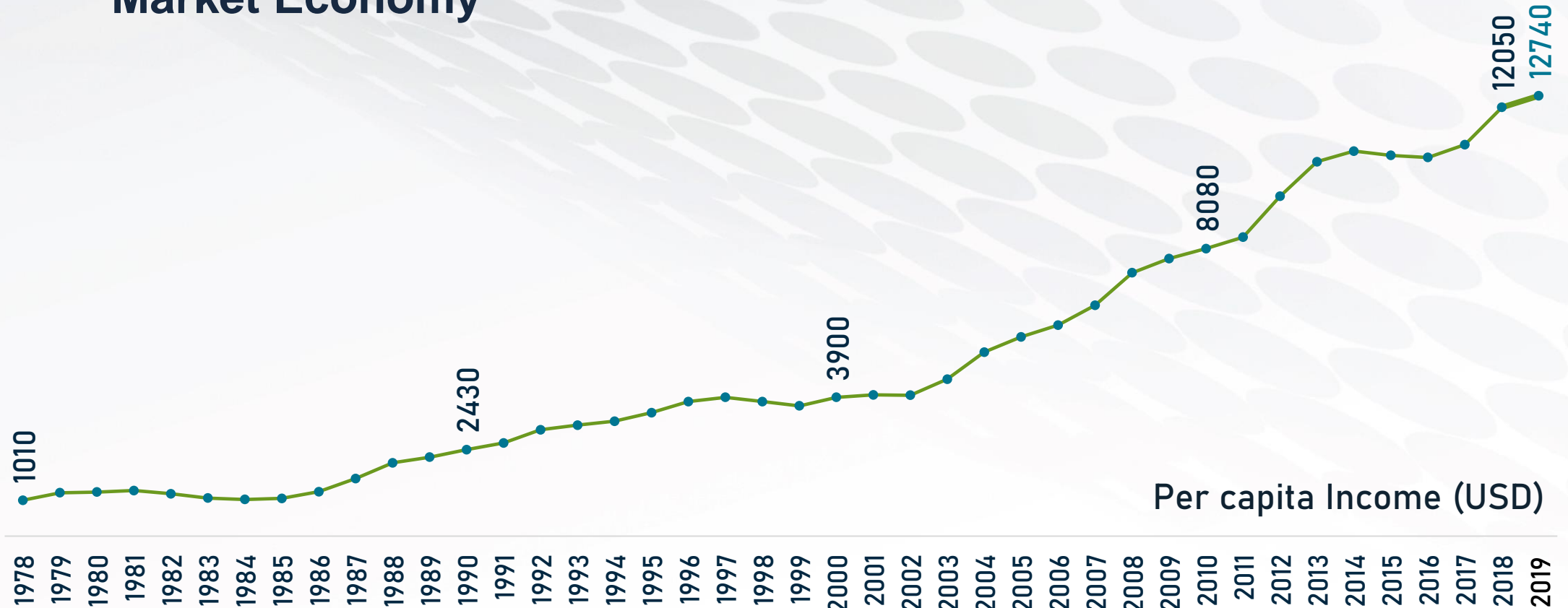


**Adult Literacy rate**  
89.9%



**World Bank – Doing Business 2020**  
1<sup>st</sup> in Africa  
13<sup>th</sup> in World

# From a Monocrop economy to a diversified Emerging Market Economy



↓  
Sugar



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Textile



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Tourism



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Financial Services



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ICT/BPO,  
Seafood



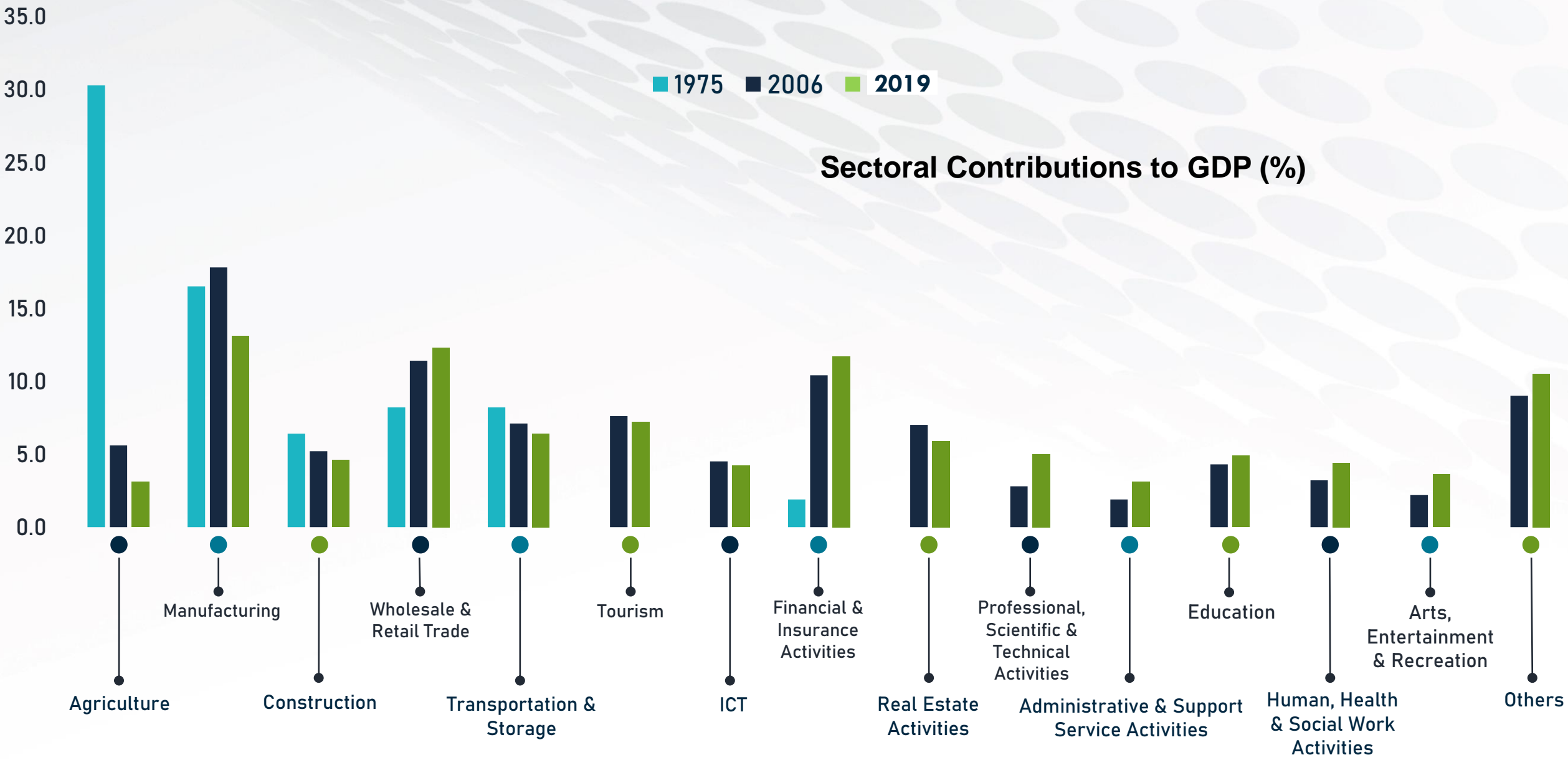
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Smart Cities  
Africa Strategy  
High Tech manufacturing  
Innovation led growth

# Mauritius Today

## Sectoral Performance

■ 1975 ■ 2006 ■ 2019

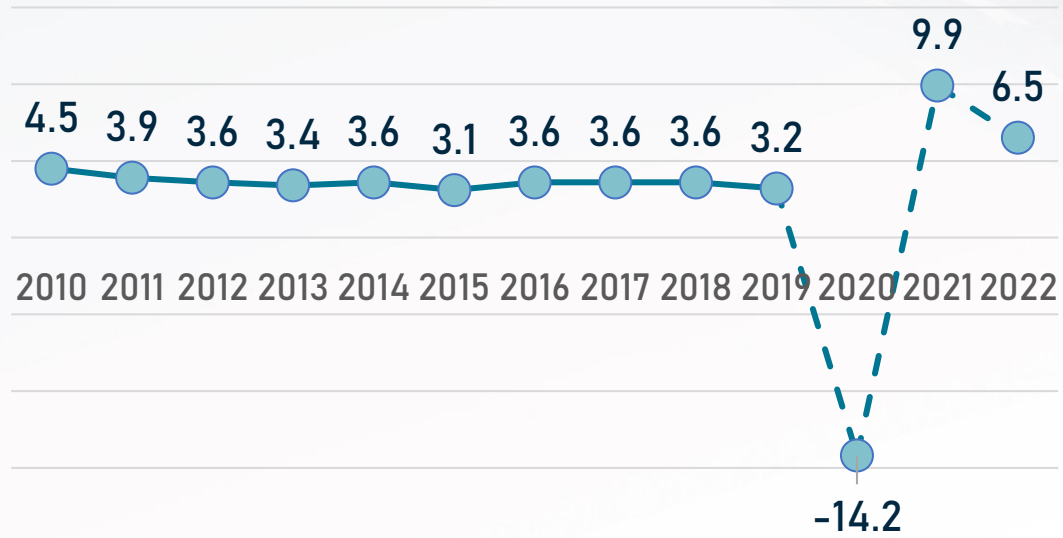
### Sectoral Contributions to GDP (%)





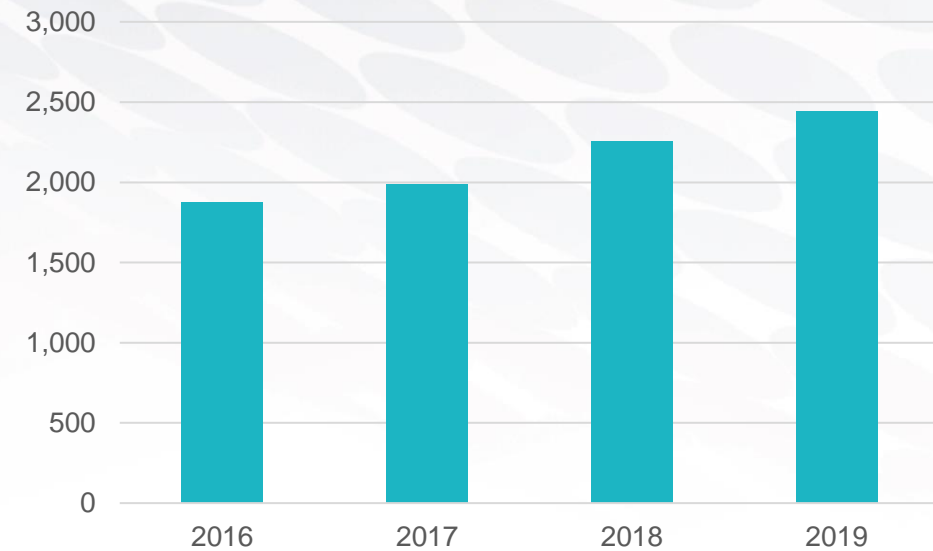
# Mauritius Today | Economic performance

## GDP Growth (%)



Source: *Statistics Mauritius & IMF*

## Investment (USD MN)



Source: *Statistics Mauritius*

# Mauritius Today

## Preferential Markets

Preferential Market Access to more than 26% World Population





# Mauritius Tomorrow | A Safe, Modern and Stable economy



■ Future-ready infrastructure

■ A hub for investment in Africa

■ A diversified economic base

■ Innovation led development

■ A great place to work, live and retire

# A conducive business environment | The Mauritius Advantage



- No capital tax gains
- Partial Exemption Regime 80%



- Bilingual (English & French) pool of professionals
- Qualified & multi-skilled workforce



- Incorporation of a company in 2 hours
- 100% foreign ownership
- Free Movement of Capital

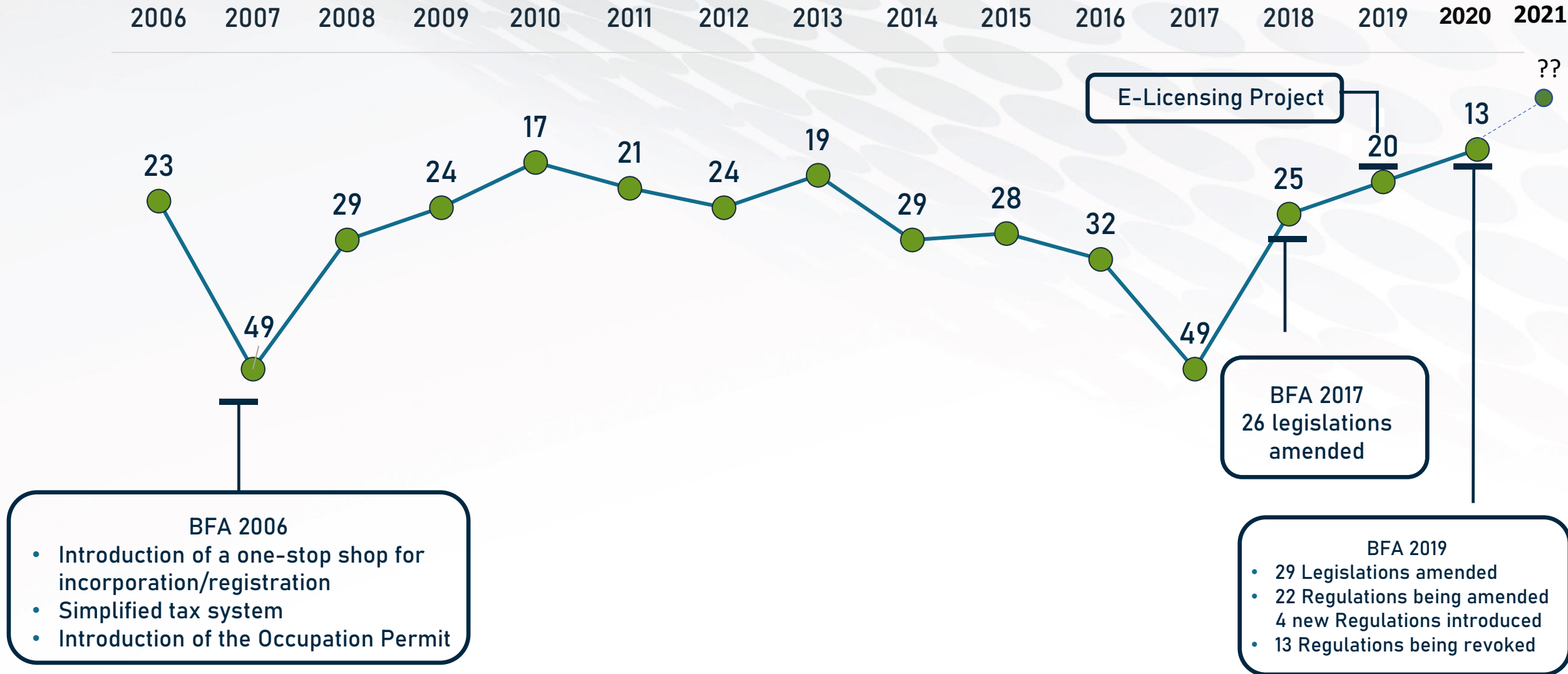






**A conducive business  
environment**

# A conducive business environment | World Bank Ease of Doing Business



# A conducive business environment | International accolades

World Bank Ease of Doing Business  
13<sup>th</sup> out of 190 countries

Forbes Survey of Best Countries  
for Business (2019)  
39<sup>th</sup> out of 139 countries

Global Competitiveness Index  
(2018 – 2019)  
52<sup>th</sup> out of 140 countries



Mo Ibrahim Index of  
Africa Governance(2020)

Economic Freedom of the World  
(2019) – Fraser Institute  
9<sup>th</sup> out of 162 countries

Tax Efficiency Index  
5<sup>th</sup> globally



# Mauritius Tomorrow | **Future-ready infrastructure**

An Evolving Infrastructure with USD 750 Million public spending over 7 years

Seaport | Transportation | Airport | Healthcare | Education



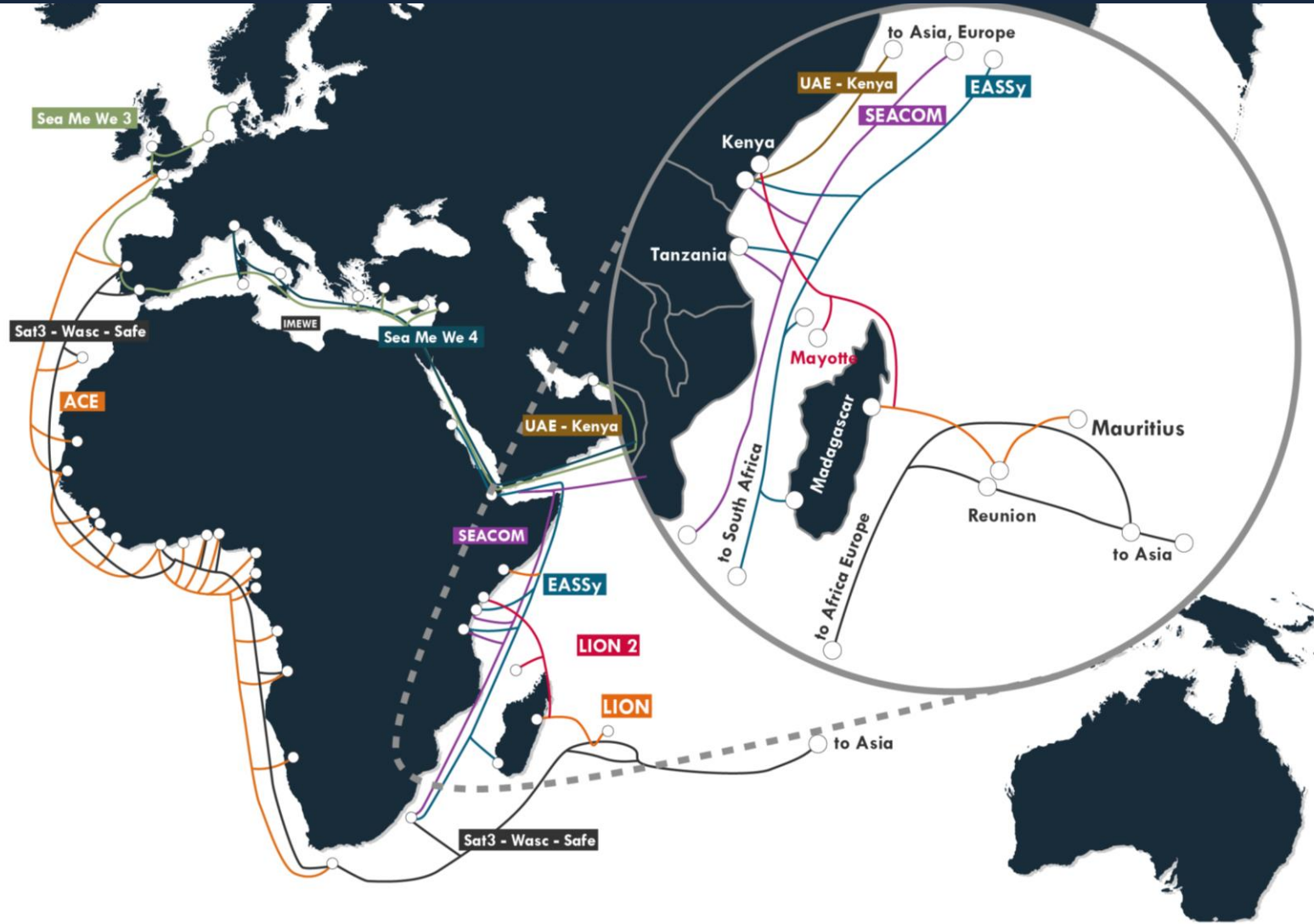
# Telecommunications

## Existing Connections

- SAFE
- LION
- MARS

## Future Connections

- METISS
- IOX







## Port Capacity & New Developments

- Container Terminal capacity: from 500,000 TEUs to 750,000 TEUs
  - Expansion to 1 TEUs with additional Container handling equipment in progress
- Cruise terminal development to the tune of MUR 690 million with expected 60 cruises calling per year
- Construction of 2 km breakwater to ensure zero downtime at the new Island Container Terminal.

# Development projects all over the island



**Smart cities**



**Business Park**



**Hi-tech Industrial park**



**Integrated resorts**



**Hotel resorts**



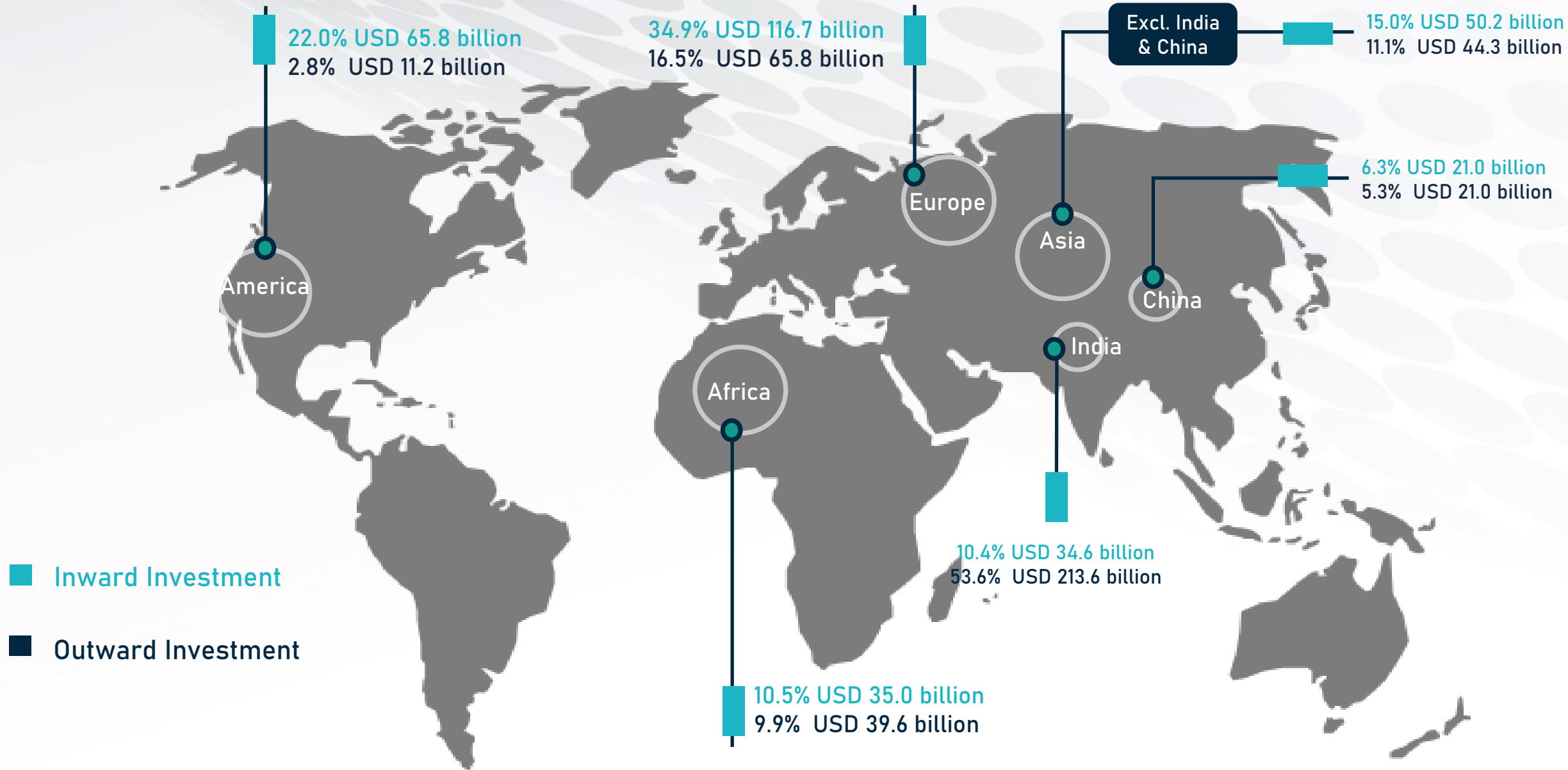
**Innovation driven clusters**



**A hub for investments  
in Africa**

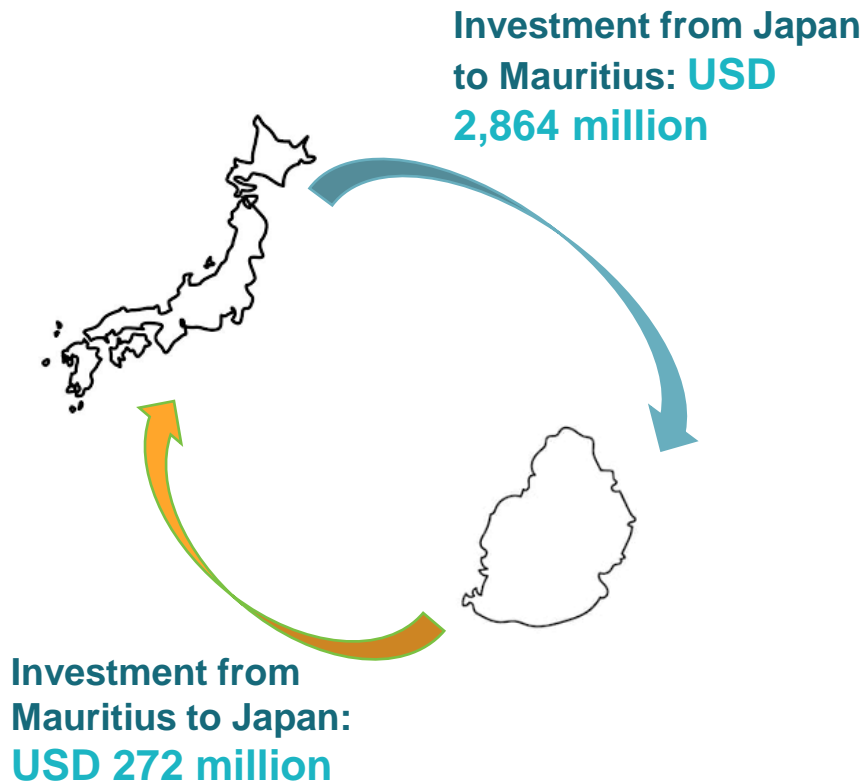


# A hub for investment in Africa | Investments through the Mauritius IFC



# A hub for investment in Africa Corridor for investment from Japan

## Investment Stock as at June 2019



## Mauritius: Conducive Business Environment

### Ideal Time Zone

As at June 2019, Mauritius received **USD 2.8 billion** stock of investment through:

- 15 Investment Holding companies
- 21 Fund structures

# A hub for investment in Africa

## Extensive network of bilateral treaties

### KEY:

▲ - IPPA in force

▲ - IPPA awaiting ratification

- 45 globally (signed)

- 24 with African states

■ - DTAA in force

■ - DTAA awaiting ratification

- 51 globally (signed)

- 22 with African states



### Benefits of IPPAs

Expropriation

Compensation for losses

Arbitration

Subrogation

Free repatriation of capital and profits

# A hub for investment in Africa

## Special Economic Zones

- ◇ **Senegal Cargo Village**  
13 hectares developed & operational  
Additional 40 hectares to be developed

- ◇ **Kenya - Naivasha**  
Industrial and Technology Park in Naivasha  
80 hectares

- ◇ **Cote d'Ivoire- Technology Parks**  
Agreement signed for the development of a Biotechnology, Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) Free Zone in Grand-Bassam.  
Twin towers construction secured by MAF.

- ◇ **Madagascar - Textile**  
Development of a Textile City in the region of Moramanga along the corridor of Toamasina (the main port of Madagascar) and Antananarivo (the capital city)

- ◇ **Ghana - Technology Park**  
Land has been earmarked for the construction of a Technology Park in Kumasi in the Ashanti Region and for the construction of a Cyber Tower in Dawu.





# Mauritius Tomorrow | A diversified economic base



**Manufacturing**



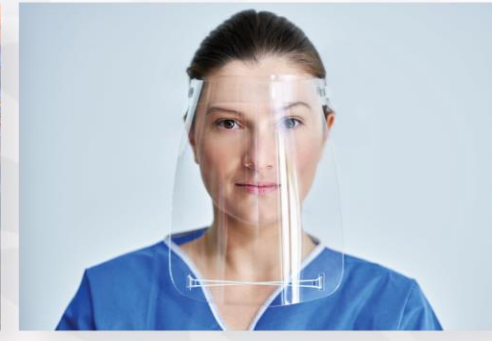
**Construction & Real Estate**



**Tourism**



**Logistics**



**Healthcare**



**Wholesale & Retail**



**Financial Services**



**ICT-BPO**



**Knowledge**



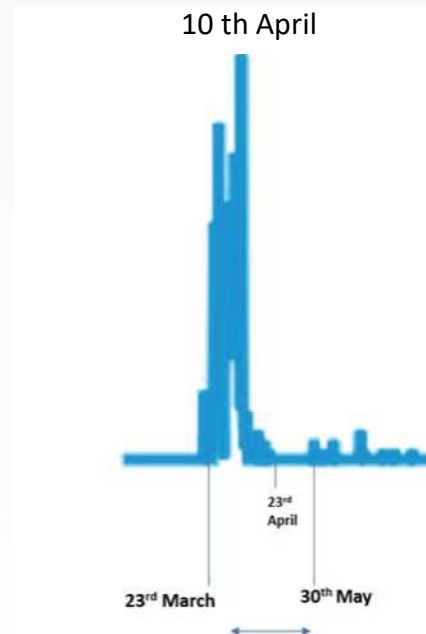
**Agro-Industry**



# Covid-19 Pandemic & Government's Response

## Government's Response

- Strict Sanitary Protocols
- Preserve jobs
- Create Conditions favorable to New Opportunities
- Financial Stimulus Measures: 36 % of GDP



Sanitary Curfew: 23 March – 30 May 2020

Financial Stimulus Measures in response to COVID-19	
• Wage/ Salary Support	
• Financial Support from Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd	Provision of Assistance to financially distressed systemically large, important and viable corporations as a result of the COVID-19
• Bank of Mauritius Special Relief Programme (Banking)	Reduction of Cash Reserve Ratio, Easing of Banking Guidelines, Introduction of a 2020 Savings Bond
• Other Financial Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Investment Corporation</li> <li>• Investment Support Programme Limited (ISP)</li> <li>• SME Equity Fund Ltd</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equity Participation Scheme</li> <li>• SME Factoring Scheme, Leasing Equipment Modernization Scheme, Corporate Guarantees to banks</li> <li>• Equity Financing, Enterprise Modernisation Scheme (EMS), Revolving Credit Fund</li> </ul>
• Additional Support Households and Businesses	

# Minimising Climate Change Impacts for Sustainable Development

## Proactive Roles undertaken by Mauritius:

- 1992: Ratification of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- 2005: Hosting of the UN Conference on Small Islands in Mauritius, leading to an International Framework to reduce Climate Vulnerability in SIDS.
- 2016: Hosting of the African Ministerial Conference on Ocean Economy and Climate Change.
- 2017: Publication of a pioneer report with the World Bank, establishing the impact of Climate Change on SIDS and particularly Mauritius & Provision of quantitative and qualitative guidance on Mitigative, Adaptative and Financing Measures

## Examples of mitigation and adaptative projects

- Marine Restoration through Coral Restoration
- Beach Erosion Mitigation
- Accelerating the Renewable and Clean energy shift
  - Target: 40 % of Energy Mix as Renewable Energy by 2030
- Infrastructural Resilience namely in the Port sector



In collaboration with JICA

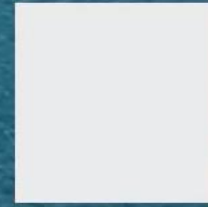


A great place to Work,  
Live and Retire





# PREMIUM VISA



## **TRAVEL TO MAURITIUS under Premium Visa**

*Open To All Foreign Professionals, Families, Retirees*

WORK REMOTELY

ENJOY THE UNIQUE LIFESTYLE  
EXPERIENCE

STAY IN A COVID-SAFE ENVIRONMENT

# A great place to work, live and retire

## ■ Investor

- Minimum investment of USD 50,000
- Turnover should exceed USD 133,000 annually

## ■ Professional

- Basic monthly salary >USD 1,500
- ICT sector > USD 755

## ■ Self Employed

- Minimum investment of USD 35,000
- Annual Turnover exceed USD 20,000

## ■ Innovators' Occupation Permit

The innovator's permit provides for investors wishing to invest in innovative projects to be eligible for an OP with an investment of USD 40 000

or

No capital outlay requirement for start-ups mentored by an incubator under the Innovator Occupation Permit

## ■ Retired non-citizen

- Initial transfer of at least USD 1,500
- Transfer of USD 1,500 monthly or the aggregate of at least USD 18,000 per year

