

# **MAURITIUS RESEARCH AND INNOVATION COUNCIL**

HALF-DAY SEMINAR

MRC Unsolicited Research and Innovation Grant Scheme:

*Health and Socio-economic impact of road traffic injuries in the island of Mauritius*

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

*Venue: Mauritius Research and Innovation Council*

*Date: 16 December 2019*

*Time: 13:00 hrs*

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**Synopsis**

Road Traffic Injuries (RTIs) are a global public health issue and in Mauritius. RTIs cause important health, social and economic impact on the victims and families.

This study was conducted by the Mauritius Institute of Health under the Mauritius Research Council’s Unsolicited Research and Innovation Grant Scheme. It explored the health and socio-economic impact of fatal and RTI victims admitted in government hospitals in 2017.

Findings showed that victims were mainly males aged from 21 to 60 years and sustained head injuries and fractures, and 94.7% reported incapacities. 43.2% could not resume normal previous activities and 73.5% stopped working or studying. Economic hardships and affected social life were also revealed.

Prevention of RTIs needs a holistic approach from various ministries and non- government organisations. The main recommendations are: road safety mass education, improvement of road infrastructure, police control, and improvement of existing health system to better respond to RTI cases.

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13:00 – 13:30

**Registration of Participants**

13:30 – 13:35

**Welcome Address**

13:35 – 13:40

**Introductory Remarks**

Dr N Gopaul, Officer-In-Charge  
*Mauritius Research and Innovation Council*

13:40 – 13:50

**Address**

Dr M Atchia, Chairman  
*Mauritius Research and Innovation Council*

13:50 – 14:05

**Keynote Address**

The Hon. D Balgobin  
*Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation (to be confirmed)*

14:05 – 14:30

**Presentation of Research Findings**

Mrs L. Moussa & Mr N. Jeeanody  
*Mauritius Institute of Health*

14:30 – 14:45

**Questions and Answers**

*(Fielded by the Research Team)*

14:45 – 14:50

**Vote of Thanks**

Dr N Gopaul, Officer-In-Charge  
*Mauritius Research and Innovation Council*

14:50

**Tea Break**