

World Intellectual Property (IP) Day 2024

IP and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

Building our common future with innovation and creativity

Venue: Caudan Arts Centre, Caudan Waterfront, Port Louis

Date : Friday, 26 April 2024

Time : 08:45 – 14:30 hrs



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INFORMATION NOTE

The World IP Day is celebrated each year on April 26th. This event coincides with the date on which the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) entered into force in 1970. World IP Day aims to celebrate creativity and the contribution made by creators and innovators to the development of economies and societies across the globe.

This year's theme chosen by WIPO is "***IP and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Building our common future with innovation and creativity.***" IP serves as a critical incentive for innovation and creativity, which in turn are key to the success of the SDGs. This theme aims to explore how IP encourages and can amplify the innovative and creative solutions that are critical to building our common future.

This seminar marking World IP Day 2024, will provide an opportunity to highlight the central role that IP, innovation and creativity play in achieving the SDGs for the benefit of all. In this context, the aim of the MRIC Technology Transfer Office will also be to show how a balance is being achieved between protecting IP and achieving the SDGs, as progress is made towards a more sustainable and equitable future.

DRAFT PROGRAMME	
08:45 - 09:15	Registration of Participants
09:15 - 09:20	Welcome Address <i>Prof T Bahorun, Executive Director, Mauritius Research and Innovation Council</i>
09:20 - 09:25	Address <i>Dr K S Sukon, Chairman, Mauritius Research and Innovation Council</i>
09:25 - 09:35	Address <i>Hon D Balgobin, Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation</i>
09:35 - 10:10	TEA BREAK
(10:10 – 12:00)	Presentations
10:10 - 10:40	1. IP and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); <i>Ms D Sharma, Senior Associate, Advocate and Patent Agent, SKS Law Associates, India</i>
10:40 - 10:45	2. Introductory note <i>Ms J Chen, Economic Officer, US Embassy (Mauritius)</i>
10:45 - 11:15	3. Innovation-based Entrepreneurship for SDGs; <i>Dr S Raghu, President, Advanced Fluidics LLC, USA (online)</i>
11:15 - 11:30	4. Overview of the IP framework in Mauritius; <i>Ms M Nuckcheddy-Bhurtun, Industrial Property Officer, Industrial Property Office of Mauritius</i>
11:30 - 11:45	5. Having a practical and effective IPR and Innovation policy; <i>Me S Subbarayan, Legal Affairs Director, University of Mauritius</i>
11:45 - 12:00	Questions / Answers
12:00 - 13:00	LUNCH
(13:00 - 14:15)	Presentations
13:00 - 13:15	6. SDGs and intellectual property rights : the relevance of trademarks?; <i>Ms O Bisquay, Partner, PLCJ Law Firm, France & Mauritius</i>
13:15 - 13:30	7. A Model for Innovation and Research Aimed at Societal Benefit; <i>Ms S Jetha, Director, Patents and IPs, Patent Office, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, India (online)</i>
13:30 - 13:45	8. Current trends in supporting innovative development, creation and commercialization of IP in the European Union; <i>Dr Y Kapitsa, Director, Centre for Intellectual Property Studies and Technology Transfer, National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine (pre-recorded)</i>
13:45 - 14:00	9. Innovation, intellectual property and frontier technologies; <i>Ms Y Baykal, Senior Consultant on IP and Technology Transfer, INOMER, France (online)</i>
14:00 - 14:15	Questions / Answers
14:15 - 14:30	Closing remarks
	Refreshments

PROTOCOLAR CEREMONY



Hon. Deepak Balgobin

Minister of Information Technology,
Communication and Innovation



Dr Kaviraj Sharma Sukon, PHEA

Chairperson of the MRIC








Prof Theesan Bahorun, G.O.S.K

Executive Director, MRIC

Speakers

	<p>IP and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); <i>Ms Daisy Sharma, SKS Law Associates, India.</i></p> <p>Ms Sharma holds a Master of Pharmacy and a Bachelor of Laws. She handles prior art search, freedom to operate search, patent validity assessment, due diligence and Competitive Intelligence. She was in the list of the 100 Success Stories from Women Scientists Scheme (WOS-C) 2021 by the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC). Ms Sharma was selected in the IPR Training Programme Sponsored by TIFAC, under “Women Scientists Scholarship Scheme”.</p>
	<p>Introductory note; <i>Ms Joanna Chen, US Embassy (Mauritius).</i></p> <p>Ms Chen currently holds the position of Economic Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Port Louis. Her previous experience includes serving as the Deputy Chief of American Citizen Services at the U.S. Embassy in Doha, as well as working at the White House in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement.</p>
	<p>Innovation-based Entrepreneurship for SDGs; <i>Dr Surya Raghu, Advanced Fluidics LLC, USA.</i></p> <p>Dr Raghu holds a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Yale University. He is also the founder and president of a high-tech company - Advanced Fluids, LLC since 2001 and a founding partner of a non-profit company - ET Cube International, Inc. since 2013.</p>
	<p>Overview of the IP framework in Mauritius; <i>Mrs M Nuckecheddy-Bhurtun, Industrial Property Office of Mauritius</i></p> <p>Ms Nuckecheddy-Bhurtun holds a Master's in Business Administration, a Bsc Honors in Agriculture with specialization in Crop Production and a Bsc Honors in Statistics (all from the University of Mauritius). She has worked as Statistical Officer at Statistics Mauritius from 2008 to 2019. Since 2019, she has joined the Industrial Property Office of Mauritius as Industrial Property Officer.</p>

	<p>Having a practical and effective IPR and Innovation policy; <i>Me Sivaramen Subbarayan, University of Mauritius.</i></p> <p>Me Subbarayan has served as the University of Mauritius's Director of Legal Affairs since 2017, providing legal advice to the Vice-Chancellor and Statutory Committees. He is responsible for IP matters at the University. He has also worked as a Part-time Lecturer where he taught on Intellectual Property Law. As well as being a Barrister-at-Law, Me Subbarayan is a consultant in regard to the Gender Country Profile.</p>
	<p>SDGs and intellectual property rights: the relevance of trademarks; <i>Ms Ornella Bisquay, PLCJ Law Firm, France & Mauritius</i></p> <p>Ms Bisquay has been with the PLCJ Law Firm since January 2016 and has expertise in French and Mauritian Law. Her professional experience includes competition and distribution law, litigation and arbitration, intellectual property amongst others.</p>
	<p>A Model for Innovation and Research Aimed at Societal Benefit; <i>Ms Salma Jetha, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, India.</i></p> <p>Ms Jetha has a Master of Environmental Science and a Bachelor of Arts, <i>Cum Laude</i>. She has a cross-disciplinary background in science and engineering and has had a successful career in quality assurance, working for international companies in the United States and Singapore. Her portfolio includes over 90 granted patents, around 100 pending patents, and more than 30 trademark registrations, with the support of patent firms in India, the US and Europe.</p>
	<p>Current trends in supporting innovative development, creation and commercialization of IP in the European Union; <i>Dr Kapitsa Yuriy, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.</i></p> <p>Dr Kapitsa is actively involved in the development of IPR policies, innovations, awareness campaigns and legislations, including Mauritius. He is a member of the Working Group on Intellectual Property Law of the European Federation of National Academies of Sciences (ALLEA).</p>
	<p>Innovation, intellectual property and frontier technologies; <i>Ms Yesim Baykal, INOMER, France</i></p> <p>Ms Baykal has spent more than 15 years working in the UN system focusing on intellectual property, sustainable development and technology issues in the developing countries. She has managed and developed many projects in different areas including; climate change, global health and food security. She has a legal background and is currently working as a consultant on intellectual property, innovation, technology transfer and sustainable development issues.</p>
	<p>Link to Speakers' Profile: https://www.mric.mu/world-intellectual-property-day-2024</p>