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EDITORIAL NOTE

Dear Readers,

Safeguarding financial integrity is a priority for the international community. Money laundering (ML), related predicate crimes, terrorist financing (TF) and the financing of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (PF) pose serious threats to the integrity and stability of many countries' financial sector and thus jeopardise the international financial system.

It is increasingly recognized that effective anti-money laundering measures and the combat against the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) are key to financial stability. Sustained efforts to this effect should be the priority of all those concerned.

Frequent AML/CFT sensitization and awareness campaigns are, therefore, crucial to mitigate threats. It is with this demarche in mind that MRA organized a seminar this month with the participation of stakeholders comprising regulatory agencies and AML/CFT experts.

This month, Mauritius, through the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), also secured two bilateral agreements with the Government of Jersey and the Government of Guyana, respectively. The aim of these agreements is to further consolidate the prevention of tax evasion and tax avoidance between the Republic of Mauritius and the two states.

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Capacity Building: TRAINING ON AML/CFT

It should be acknowledged that, in an increasingly recurrent and worldwide manner, certain financial institutions in the world are being used to entertain transactions and operations related to money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

Aware of the unfortunate consequences of these illegal acts, the international community has been adopting severe control measures, including penalties designed to combat such criminal activities.

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) hosted a seminar entitled **“Compliance with AML/CFT International Standards - MRA’s Perspective”** on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at the Integrated Customs Clearance Centre (ICCC), Le Chaland Road, Plaine Magnien.

The seminar explored the effective application of AML/CFT measures aimed at detecting, investigating, and prosecuting any Money Laundering case. It was also an opportunity to share with all relevant stakeholders the achievements of the Mauritius Revenue Authority in this area, and highlight its role in supporting law enforcement agencies and promote compliance with tax laws and regulations. 84 participants availed themselves of this seminar.

Mr. Sudhamo Lal, the Director-General of MRA, Dr. Navin Beekarry, Director-General of Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Mr. Rajeshsharma Ramloll, Solicitor General, Mr. Paul Keyton, Director, Integrity Reporting Services Agency, Mr. Jagganaden Muneesamy, Principal State Counsel at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, and Management Team members of MRA, along with other personalities, participated in the seminar.



In his keynote address, Dr. Navin Beekarry, Director-General of ICAC, praised MRA for the new facilities available at the Integrated Customs Clearance Centre (ICCC). It is a holistic approach to handle clearance at customs level, he said.

The Director-General of ICAC dwelt on the three phases of compliance. *“We need to look at the past. We also need to look at what is happening now, and, more importantly, we need to look at what will happen in the next two to three years when Mauritius will be evaluated again in 2025”.*



Dr. Navin Beekarry, Director-General, ICAC

Dr. Beekarry stated that *“Mauritius is seeking to become a very strong International Financial Center, compliant with the existing regulations. Obligations and framework are thus important to ensure sustainability and effectiveness of the Mauritian system”*.

Dr. Beekarry observed that in order to build a strong country, it is of paramount importance to involve people and to reinforce existing institutions. *“Sharing of information is equally important. Alongside, effective coordination and collaboration are vital to know how we can improve the system from one end to the other”*. According to Dr. Beekarry, there is a need for having a Consolidated Legislation.

He concluded that the review of the National Risk Assessment is important in the next round of evaluation and the National AML/CFT Strategy Paper should be updated.



Mr. Sudhamo Lal, the Director-General of MRA underlined that *“this seminar provides a valuable opportunity to discuss the challenges we face in our fight against tax evasion and money laundering. It is an opportunity to explore new strategies and approaches to address these issues”*.

According to Mr. Lal, tax evasion and money laundering are the two sides of the same coin. *“Individuals and corporations use illegal means to avoid paying taxes, launder their money through different channels and bring the money back into the economy”*, he added.



Mr. Sudhamo Lal, Director-General, MRA

Mr. Lal further highlighted that the impact of tax evasion and money laundering is not limited to the government's finances. It undermines democracy and erodes trust in the financial and governance systems, he said. Moreover, it affects honest taxpayers who have to shoulder the burden of these evaders and launderers, creating financial strain on social programs and bringing inequality in society, he said. In other words, it has far-reaching consequences for people, he added.

The effective implementation of robust measures to avoid tax evasion and money laundering remains a key priority for MRA. *“As a proactive, futuristic and revenue-focused authority, MRA has embarked on a series of actions to curb these financial crimes for the benefit of all our citizens. Indeed, it is essential to put more emphasis on tapping into the huge pot of uncollected taxes which escape the public purse through fraud or evasion”*, Mr. Lal stressed.

Mr. Lal also elaborated on the first step in combating tax evasion to ensure that the tax system is robust and transparent. For example, MRA has established a comprehensive legal framework that outlines the rights and obligations of taxpayers and sets out the penalties for non-compliance.

He also dwelt on the compliance program which comprises education and awareness-raising initiatives, with a view to providing guidance and support to taxpayers and ensuring that taxpayers are aware of their obligations.

To ensure compliance with the tax laws, since its inception in 2006, MRA has established a dedicated department, namely, the Fiscal Investigations Department which is responsible for investigating into cases of tax evasion. This department has the power to carry out audits, conduct investigations, and prosecute cases of tax evasion. *“We have also implemented a system that encourages individuals to report suspected cases of tax evasion, ensuring that our resources are focused on high-risk cases”*, he added.



In addition, MRA has implemented a range of measures to prevent tax evasion, including the use of technology and data analytics. *"We have invested in a state-of-the-art tax administration system that enables us to analyze data and identify discrepancies in tax returns. This system has been instrumental in detecting cases of tax evasion, and we are constantly upgrading it to ensure that it remains effective"*, he emphasized.

Mr. Lal underlined that Mauritius is a signatory to the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement (MCAA) and has started to exchange information under the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Common Reporting Standard as from 2018. Information has been exchanged on an automatic basis under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) since 5 years. *"Under the Automatic Exchange of Information, MRA receives information from 104 jurisdictions and provides information to 75 countries"*, he said.



MRA has made sustained efforts to combat tax evasion and it is also working closely with law enforcement agencies to investigate and initiate prosecution cases of tax evasion.

MRA has established a strong working relationship with the Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC), the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), the Police, the Integrity Reporting Services Agency (IRSA) and other regulatory and supervisory agencies, such as the Bank of Mauritius and the Financial Services Commission (FSC) to share relevant information and intelligence.

It is worth underlining that MRA has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) or Memorandums of Cooperation with most of these agencies. MRA has regular meetings with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to seek legal advice on cases where prosecutions are needed

Through such cooperation and coordination, MRA has assisted in identifying and investigating into cases of

tax evasion that have links with other criminal activities such as money laundering. *"We recognize that tax evasion and money laundering are often closely linked and that our efforts to combat tax evasion can have a significant impact on preventing money laundering activities. Amendments were brought to MRA Act in such a way that we can now exchange information with authorities engaged in the fight against money laundering"*, said the Director-General of MRA.

Mr. Lal stressed upon MRA's efforts to assist law enforcement agencies in their fight against money laundering; *"we have set up a dedicated AML/CFT Unit within the Fiscal Investigations Department that ensures cooperation and coordination with all relevant stakeholders in parallel investigations and other investigations"*.

Tax evasion cases, as predicate offences for money laundering, are thus referred to ICAC for further investigations. This process aims at ensuring successful



conviction in Court for both tax evasion and money laundering offences.

To further thwart money laundering activities, a dedicated Anti-Money Laundering Unit has also been created at MRA Customs to control cross-border currency. The system of currency declaration is in line with international standards. The Customs Act makes *"provision for any person making physical cross-border transportation of currency or bearer negotiable instruments or precious stones and metals including gold, diamond and jewelry or any goods of high value including work of arts of an amount of more than 500,000 rupees or its equivalent in any foreign currency to make a declaration to Customs about the origin and intended use of these items"*.

Furthermore, MRA has introduced the 'Online Currency Declaration' facility in 2018 to eliminate the hassles of the manual procedures and facilitate the declaration process at Customs by travelers.

Mr. Lal underscored that “around 225 MRA Customs officers have participated in some 20 training programmes, workshops, conferences and discussion forums on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing conducted locally at MRA Training Academy and Regional Training Centre”.

To promote cooperation and the sharing of information with enforcement agencies and investigating bodies such as the Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC), the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) and the Police Force, the Customs Act was amended. There has been an increase in the amount of information shared with FIU. 361 currency declaration information were sent to FIU in 2020 and 527 in 2022. During the year 2022, nine cases were referred to ICAC on suspicion of smuggling, and administrative sanctions were applied in 37 cases.

An amount of Rs 2.5 million, in terms of penalty for breach of laws concerning the physical cross-border transportation of currency/ BNI, was collected in 2020 and this amount has increased to nearly Rs 6 million in 2022.



Mr. Rajeev Gobin, Officer in Charge, Internal Affairs Division, MRA

It was also an opportunity to launch the **Guidelines on Conflict of Interest**. The Guide offers practical guidance on some of the rules contained in the Code of Conduct and Ethics (CCE), and the relevant laws which pertain to conflict of interest. It aims to facilitate an effective implementation of the CCE and to ensure compliance by all officers and members of MRA with the laws governing conflict of interests.





From left: Mr. Paul Keyton, Director, Integrity Reporting Services Agency, Ms. Gomtee Kullootee, Ag. Asst. Director of Investigations, ICAC, Mr. Jagganaden Muneesamy, Principal State Counsel, Office of the DPP and Mr. Leo Ferre, Director, Fiscal Investigations Dept., MRA



Strengthening Internal Audit activity:

MRA'S INTERNAL AUDIT DIVISION CONFORMS TO IIA STANDARDS

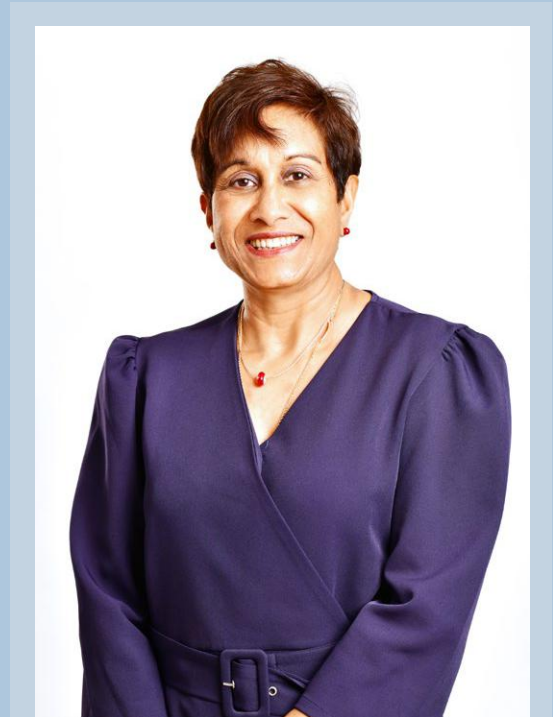
In today's business environment, having an efficient and effective Internal Audit Division is a must. Internal auditing is among the cornerstones of good organizational governance. Internal audit's mission is to enhance and protect organizational values by providing stakeholders with risk-based and objective assurance, advice, and insight.

At MRA, through the Audit and Oversight Committee, internal auditors review the organization's processes, operations, and goals, and they provide MRA Board with the information needed to make informed decisions on critical issues. Because internal auditing is vital to good corporate health, an essential board responsibility is to ensure that the internal auditors do it well. But how can a board make sure that the internal auditors serve the organization effectively? The answer lies in the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. The Standards, promulgated by the IIA, are the primary mechanisms for ensuring that an organization's internal auditors consistently and accurately provide essential services in a timely and cost-effective manner.

To this end, the Internal Audit Division of MRA was recently subject to an independent assessment by Ernst and Young with a view to ensuring conformity with the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) standards and ethical practices. During this assessment, the structure, processes and activities were thoroughly evaluated and critically assessed.

The overall conclusion was that the Division conforms to IIA Standards and is in line with leading best practices. This achievement illustrates MRA's commitment towards a robust system of internal control and risk management and a high level of governance.

As mentioned above, the IIA is an international body which is the recognized authority for the internal audit profession. It also develops standards, provides guidance and certifications in the field of internal auditing.



Mrs. Sumita Devi Moorooogen
Director,
Internal Audit Division, MRA

DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP AND MANAGERIAL SKILLS

Developing effective leadership skills within a business is essential to growth and sustainability. Without a clear path forward, everything starts to unravel - and that's why there is the need to develop leadership skills among employees at every level.

In this context, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), in collaboration with the World Customs Organisation (WCO) hosted a 10-day workshop on Leadership and Management Development (LMD) at the Integrated Customs Clearance Centre (ICCC), Plaine Magnien. Around 25 staff from various departments at MRA availed themselves of this comprehensive workshop, spanning from 27 March to 07 April 2023. The WCO Leadership and Management Development Workshop aims at preparing staff at MRA to become effective leaders and managers.

In his keynote address, during the launching ceremony held on Monday 27 March 2023 Mr. Sudhamo Lal, Director-General of MRA expressed his deep gratitude to WCO for the relentless efforts in facilitating the LMD workshop in Mauritius.

He mentioned that customs administrations all over the world have a mandate to fulfill various functions, namely, revenue collection, protection of society and security of the nation.

"Our performance has a direct impact on the competitiveness of our state and the welfare of our people. The reforms and modernization programmes at Customs are geared towards achieving these objectives. We are all resorting to new control techniques, ICT, reviewing our processes and procedures so as to create and maintain an environment which is conducive to doing business and attracting investment", he added.

On this score, he underlined that this strategy is contributing towards developing resilience to recent economic downturns.

According to Mr. Lal, *"it is important for leaders or anyone heading a group to know how to deal with people, how to manage them, know and understand their behaviors and attitudes, how to motivate them, how and when to delegate, and when to bring to task".*



In a nutshell, it is about making things happen through people. *“It is through our staff that we can promote our core values, which are: responsiveness, courtesy, fairness, transparency, integrity and good governance,”* he said. Mr. Lal also dwelt on the importance of managing conflicts and having good communication skills.

Mr. Dhoojanaden Maunikum, Director of the Human Resources and Training Department at MRA, strongly believes that people are the most important asset and MRA has laid, he said, considerable emphasis on training and development of its staff.



Mr. Dhoojanaden Maunikum, Director, Human Resources and Training Department, MRA

“Leadership is a critical aspect because leaders are at the forefront of making things happen”, he emphasized.

He observed that there is a strong demand for this training. It is with this in mind that MRA invests enormously in conducting comprehensive workshop on different themes linked to leadership and management.

Mr. Vivekanand Ramburun, Director of the Customs Department at MRA, laid emphasis on the importance of having a good ‘networking’ and developing strategies to align with the current changes in trade and customs.

For Ms. Ashina Naicker, Lead Facilitator, WCO, this workshop has provided the opportunity for senior and middle managers to equip themselves with appropriate competencies and skills.

MRA looks forward to conducting more comprehensive training programs with a view to constantly improving the skills of its personnel.



Workshop on Leadership and Management Development (LMD)



Data Protection:

SAFEGUARDING CONFIDENTIALITY AND INFORMATION SECURITY

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), in collaboration with Data Protection Office, organised a talk on Data Protection on Wednesday 29 March 2023 at the Head office of MRA, Eham Court, Port-Louis. The talk was conducted by two representatives, in person, from the Data Protection Office (DPO), namely, Mrs. P. Dodah, Principal Data Protection Officer and Mr. R. Mukoon, Senior Data Protection Officer. Mrs. D. Madhub, Data Protection Commissioner also intervened, virtually. This event saw the participation of some 37 staff of MRA.



Mr. R. Mukoon, Senior Data Protection Officer and Mrs. P. Dodah, Principal Data Protection Officer

The Data Protection Office (DPO) is the supervisory authority that implements and enforces the provisions of the DPA. It is a public office in operation since February 2009. It acts in complete independence and impartiality and is not subject to the control or direction of any other person or authority in the discharge of its functions.

The participants were enlightened on various topics, such as, the Data Protection Act (DPA), EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), cases of application of DPA and GDPR, principles

regarding lawfulness, fairness and transparency of Data, collection of Personal Data from Data Subject, Disposal of Information and what the restrictions are, and notifications in case of a Data Breach.

In his address, Mr. D. Maunikum, Director, Human Resources and Training Department, laid emphasis on Data Protection. According to him, *“Data Protection is an important topic for MRA because all departments must comply with it more specifically for the exchange of information, hence the importance of training our staff on this subject”*.

Mr. Soobhash Sonah, Director, Information Systems Department, underlined that MRA uses data diligently to safeguard the confidentiality and security of information. Data can either be physical documents, or electronic records stored on a digital medium. He classified data into four categories, namely, Taxpayer Data, Third Party Data, Administrative Data, and Corporate Data. MRA continuously deploys security measures to protect tax transactions.

Also present, Mrs. Sumita Devi Moorooogen, Director, Internal Audit Division, spoke about risk management, internal control and good governance.

According to Mrs. D. Madhub, Data Protection Commissioner, the protection of personal data is vital. She emphasized the importance of Data Protection relating to both privacy and protection of individuals’ information.

The talk on Data Protection was undoubtedly very beneficial for the staff of MRA.



Mr. Soobhash Sonah, Director, Information Systems Department, MRA



Bilateral Negotiations:

PROTOCOL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MAURITIUS AND THE JERSEY

Negotiations regarding a protocol between the Government of the Republic of Mauritius and the Government of Jersey were held on 14th March 2023 at the Head Office of MRA. It was headed by the Director of Large Taxpayers Department (LTD), Mr. Faisal Oozeerally, on the Mauritian side, and Mr. Thomas F. Le Feuvre, Director, External Relations, Ministry of External Relations, on the Jersey side.

Given that Jersey has not listed Mauritius in its Multilateral Instrument (MLI) position, bilateral negotiations have been initiated in order to make the existing Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between Mauritius and Jersey compliant with the BEPS minimum standards.

As such, relevant articles of the existing DTAA were reviewed and provisions have been included in the Protocol to cater for any necessary amendments following approval by both countries.

The discussions were conducted in a friendly and cordial atmosphere of mutual understanding and cooperation.

Consensus was reached on all the articles of the Protocol and both countries agreed that the draft document will be reviewed by each one's respective Law Office before moving ahead.

The Mauritian delegation consisted of delegates from the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), a representative from the Attorney General's office, representatives from the Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Financial Services and Good Governance.

The Jersey delegation consisted of two officers from the Revenue Jersey and two representatives from the Ministry of External Relations of Jersey.

Guyana and Mauritius:

CONSENSUS HAS BEEN REACHED ON ALL ARTICLES OF THE AGREEMENT

Negotiations for the conclusion of an Agreement for the elimination of double taxation with respect to taxes on income and the prevention of tax evasion and avoidance between the Republic of Mauritius and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana were held on the 28th and 29th of March 2023.

The Mauritian delegation was led by Mr. Faisal Oozeerally, Director, Large Taxpayers Department, Mauritius Revenue Authority, and the Guyana delegation was led by Mr. Godfrey Statia, Commissioner General, Guyana Revenue Authority.

The negotiations were conducted in a friendly, collaborative and constructive atmosphere of mutual understanding, with frank exchange of information and ideas. Consensus has also been reached on all the Articles of the Agreement.

Both parties are looking forward to the early coming into force of this Agreement which will be beneficial for both countries



Public Awareness: MRA CAMPAIGNS IN MARCH

MRA has recourse to effective tools and platforms to interact with its stakeholders. These include: Twitter, Facebook, Taxpayer Mailing List, MRA website: www.mra.mu attending queries via mail and telephone, short explanatory videos uploaded on MRA's YouTube channel, communiqués and Press Releases, Radio/TV programmes, daily one-minute radio programmes, and, Word of Mouth.

A series of videos on the different aspects of taxation is available on MRA website: www.mra.mu and MRA **YouTube Channel**.

Prime à L'Emploi Scheme

The Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2022 introduced a new scheme known as the **Prime à L'Emploi Scheme** with the objective of bringing young Mauritians and women into the labour force.

Under this scheme, the government will provide a monthly Prime à L'Emploi of up to Rs 15,000 for the first year of employment to 10,000 youths aged between 18 and 35 years and women aged up to 50 years. The employer will have the possibility to recruit employees during the period starting from 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

The monthly allowance is payable for the month in which the employee starts employment and for the next 11 consecutive months. MRA has been entrusted

with the responsibility of implementing the scheme. The allowance is payable to eligible employers in respect of the first 10,000 eligible employees.

For the month of March, a television program on the 'Prime à L'Emploi' Scheme and the financial assistance for payment of Salary Compensation was broadcast on the MBC radio and TV channels.

The speakers were Mr. M. N. Oozeer, Director, Operational Services Department (OSD) at MRA and Mrs. M. Gangaram, Technical Officer, OSD.



A series of videos on the **Prime à L'Emploi Scheme** can be viewed on MRA YouTube channel.

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International Women’s Day 2023:

DIGITALL: INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY FOR GENDER EQUALITY

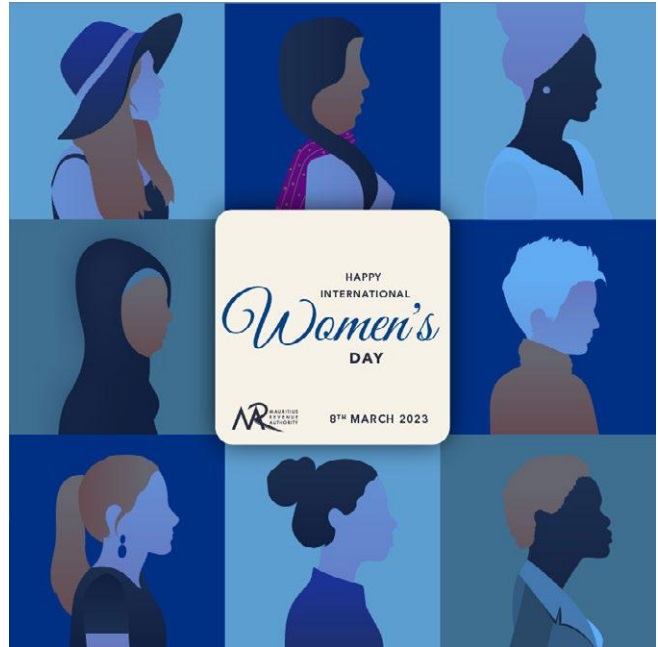
The International Women’s Day (IWD) is celebrated worldwide every year on 08 March. The theme for IWD for the year 2023, as declared by the United Nations (UN) is “DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality”. Undoubtedly, digital technology has become critical in our lives and it is directly correlated with gender equality.

Besides, this theme is closely associated with the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030 agenda, which, amongst others, aims at empowering women, promoting gender equality and reducing inequalities in our society.

On this special day, MRA would like to spotlight the efforts being made by all the female staff, especially those who have and are still championing the advancement of transformative and digital technology in our organization.

MRA understands the significance of adopting an inclusive approach as regards innovation and technology. For this reason, female staff at MRA, just like their male colleagues, are involved in new projects, at its creation, design and testing phases, where they get an opportunity to chisel their transformative and digital skills in a technology-driven environment. This approach eventually entails a situation where the digital gender divide is inexistent at MRA and, in return, it contributes to gender equality in the organization.

Over the years, MRA has left no stone unturned to create an environment of gender equality whereby equal opportunities are given to all its employees, be it in terms of digital skills, access to technologies, recruitment, career prospects, remuneration, training, health and safety, flexible hours of work and other



benefits. Since the inception of MRA, its workforce has increased from 1037 in 2006 to 1507 in February 2023, thus portraying an increase of 45%. As regards the employment of female staff during this period, it has risen by almost three fold, from 237 to 685. These gender-statistics are a real eye-opener as they bear testimony to the importance MRA attaches to empowering women in our organization.

On the occasion of International Women’s Day 2023, MRA best wishes to all its female staff, innovators, designers and implementers of digital services, alike for the work being accomplished for the success and betterment of the organization. A special thanks is also extended to all male employees and cheerleaders for standing by our ladies.



EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS



*Dr. Rakesh Thecka, Technical Officer,
Taxpayer Education and Communication Department (TECD), MRA*

Paying tax is a sacred duty. Likewise, educating future taxpayers is equally imperative. In that perspective, MRA resource persons conduct regular talks on the importance of paying taxes to students in secondary schools.

On 09 February 2023, 123 students from the Professor Basdeo Bissoondoyal College participated in an educational session, while on 03 March 2023, 50 students from Renaissance College were sensitized to tax.

Thanks to this initiative by the Taxpayer Education and Communication Department (TECD), the culture of tax compliance has been strengthened. It is also believed that there will be a definite improvement in the moral obligation to voluntarily pay taxes in the years to come.

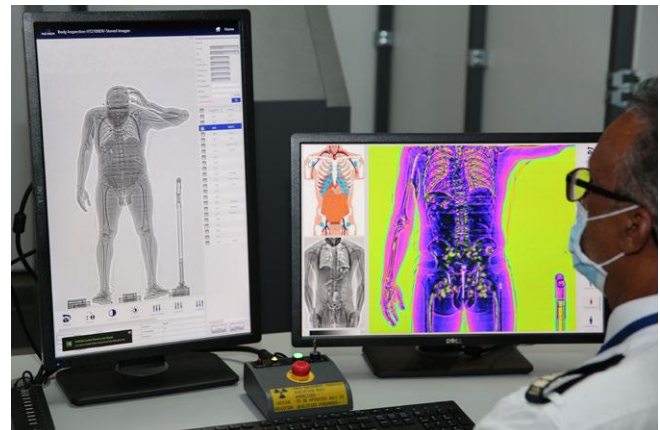
Border Protection:

GHANAIAN PURGES 97 PELLETS

The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) intercepted one male passenger, aged 54, while he was leaving through the Green Channel on Sunday 12th March 2023, at the SSR International Airport. He arrived in Mauritius by South African Airways flight SA 190 from South Africa.

Following his interception, an examination of his luggage was carried out but nothing incriminating was found. A body scan was subsequently carried out on him and the images revealed the presence of foreign bodies, suspected to be Heroin, in his stomach.

Upon questioning, the passenger confessed to having swallowed several drug pellets. He was then handed over to ADSU for medical test and further enquiry. Thereafter, the passenger purged 97 pellets suspected to contain Heroin, having a gross weight of 1,190grams. The market value of the seized drugs is estimated to be Rs 17.85 million.



Members of the public are reminded that they may report suspected drug cases/ illicit activities to MRA through MRA Stop Drug Platform on MRA website: www.mra.mu or by calling on the Hotline 8958.



DID YOU KNOW?

INTERESTING FACT

MRA e-Mailing Service

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) has put in place an e-Mailing Service whereby taxpayers have the possibility to obtain tailor-made information as per their preferences with regard to the following subjects:

- Corporate Tax
- Value Added Tax (VAT)
- Individual Income Tax
- International Taxation
- Customs
- Small and Medium Enterprise (SME)
- e-Newsletter

If you wish to avail yourself of the service, click [**Here**](#)

MRA will attend to your requests as per your preferences.

Should you need any additional information regarding this service, you may contact MRA on [**tecd@mra.mu**](mailto:tecd@mra.mu)

MRA wishes to thank taxpayers for subscribing to the MRA Mailing List and hopes to serve you better through this service.





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