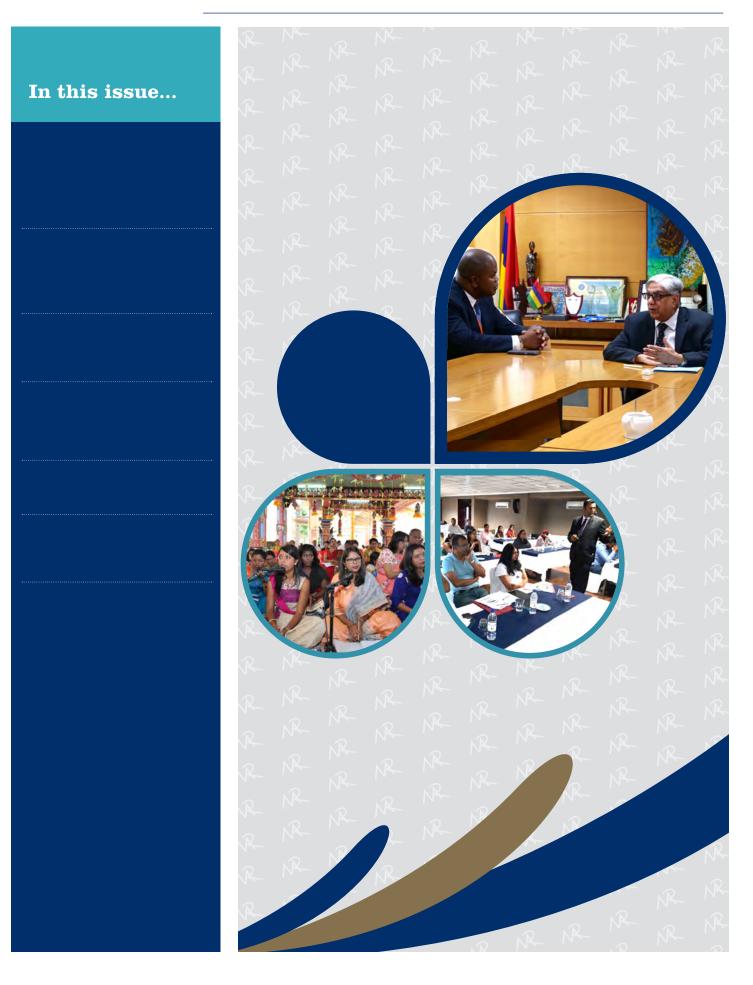


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### **MRA** negotiates **DTAA** with Angola

A delegation of three senior officials from Angola General Tax Administration, headed by Mr. José Dinis DUNGO, Administrator of the Angola General Tax Administration was at the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) from 04 to 06 November 2019. The purpose of their visit was to negotiate the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between Mauritius and Angola.



The MRA team was headed by Mr. Mario Hannelas, Director, Large Taxpayer Department. The negotiation culminated with the agreement being initialled by both parties. .



On the same occasion, the Angolan delegation paid a courtesy visit on Mr. Sudhamo Lal, the Director-General of the MRA.



#### Launching of the 'Certificate in Import & Export Procedures'

The 'Certificate in Import and Export Procedures' was officially launched by Prof. D. Jhurry at the Core Building on 4 November 2019. This course will be of benefit to customs clerks and customs brokers.







The project was initiated by Mrs Lilowtee Rajmun-Joosery, Director, Mauritius Export Association (MEXA) and found the collaboration of the University of Mauritius (UoM) and the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) to offer the technical modules to professionalise the job of people involved in the import and export chain.

#### **Three-Day Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights**

A workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) was organised at the Custom House from Tuesday 19 to Thursday 21 November 2019. The training was dispensed by both local and foreign resource persons from the following companies: KUASA, REACT, Adams and Adams, Eversheds-Sutherland, IVOCATE Africa Ltd and Geroudis. Those firms represent a certain number of registered trademarks in Mauritius.



The objective of the workshop was to train customs officers on new techniques of detecting IPR infringed goods at borders.

### **Educational Sessions for the Manufacturing Sector**

Four half-day tax training sessions were organised for the Manufacturing Sector at the request of the Mauritius Export Association (MEXA) from 13 to 18 November 2019 at the Gold Crest Hotel, Quatre Bornes.

The MRA provided resource persons who delivered the training on Corporate Tax, Objections & Appeal, Corporate Social Responsibility, Freeport and Value Added Tax.



# **MRA Annual Prayer**

The MRA organised its Annual Prayer on Thursday 14 November 2019 at Shri Kannanur Mariamen Kovil, Albion Dock, Port Louis. This prayer has now become an annual feature at the MRA where its staff seek the blessings of Goddess Amma. The programme included an Abhishekam, Pooja Vidhi & Bhajan/Kirtan.



Mr. Vivekanand Ramburun, Director, Customs gave an address to the attendees.



The event ended with an Aarti followed by a Maha Prasadam.



#### **MRA Congratulates Nalina Sungeelee**



Miss Nalina Sungeelee, Technical Officer at the Large Taxpayer Department of the MRA, was awarded a Chevening Scholarship for the year 2018-2019. Chevening is the UK government's renowned awards programme that enables promising young professionals around the world since 1983 to grow academically and network intensively to become future leaders and decision-makers.

Nalina successfully completed her L.L.M. in International Tax Law in November 2019 from King's College London, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK under Professor Jonathan Schwarz, a leading barrister in cross-border tax disputes. Nalina studied International Tax Law, UK Tax Law, EU Tax Law and Transfer Pricing, obtaining distinctionlevel in three out of four papers. She undertook her final project in Transfer Pricing, for which she developed a keen interest and in which she now aims to acquire practical expertise. She is currently posted at the International Tax Section, where she will be contributing to the Section's efforts to meet Mauritius's commitments on the international fiscal scene.

During her year as a Chevening Scholar, she attended various workshops and scholar events organised by King's College London and the Chevening Secretariat around the UK and in Europe that allowed her to network and broaden her outlook on different topics. Her best takeaway from her year abroad are the friendships she has built with tax professionals from all over the world working for governments, international organisations and the private sector.

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## **MRA Sports activities**

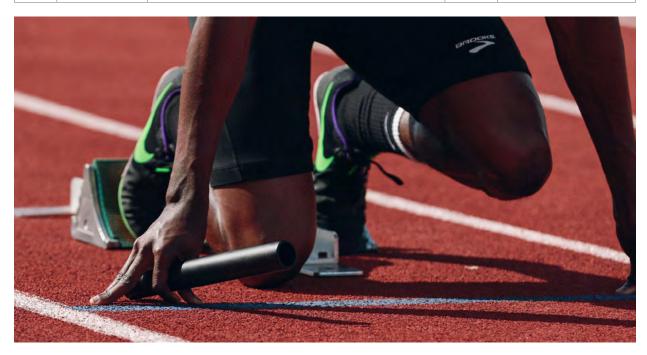


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#### **FMSC Athletics Meet Year 2019**

Nineteen staff of the MRA participated in the FMSC Athletics Meet on 14 & 17 November 2019 at the Germain Comarmond Stadium, Bambous. The results of the winners are as follows:

FMSC Athletics 2019						
S/N	Category	Name of Participant	Rank	Awards		
1	D2 1500 mts	RADHAKEESON, Miss. Mandavi	2nd	Silver Medal		
2	D3 1500 mts	MOOTIEN, Mrs. Pamela Gladys	2nd	Silver Medal		
3	D3 1500 mts	BUCKLAND, Mrs. Marie Desiree Wendy	3rd	Bronze Medal		
4	H1 3000 mts	DABY, Mr. Kunal	2nd	Silver Medal		
5	D3 Long Jump	MOOTIEN, Mrs. Pamela Gladys	1st	Gold Medal		
6	H2 Poids	CHATEAU, Mr. Louis Dominique Didier Charles	2nd	Silver Medal		
7	H2 Discus	CHATEAU, Mr. Louis Dominique Didier Charles	3rd	Bronze Medal		
8	H2 Javelot	CHATEAU, Mr. Louis Dominique Didier Charles	3rd	Bronze Medal		
9	H3 80 mts	BEHARY, Mr. Moonish	2nd	Silver Medal		
10	H2 200 ms	BEHARY, Mr. Moonish	2nd	Silver Medal		
11	H3 1000 mts	MUNGROOSING, Mr. Devkumar	3rd	Bronze Medal		
12	H3 Javelot	RADHAKEESON, Miss. Mandavi	2nd	Silver Medal		
13	H3 Javelot	SEEPARSAD, Mr. Ravi	3rd	Bronze Medal		



## **MRA Sports activities**



#### FMSC Swimming Competition Year 2019

Seventeen staff participated in the FMSC Swimming Competition held on Sunday 24 November 2019 at the Cote D'or National Complex, St Pierre. The performances of the MRA staff were as follows:

	FMSC Swimming Competition Year 2019					
S/N	Category	Name of Participant	Rank	Awards		
1	C4 100 mts Nage libre Homme H1	BANSROPUN, Mr. Robbie Nashwin	3rd	Bronze Medal		
2	C5 50 mts Nage libre Dame D3	MOOTIEN, Mrs. Pamela Gladys	1st	Gold Medal		
3	C6 50 mts Nage libre Homme H3	MUNGROOSING, Mr. Devkumar	1st	Gold Medal		
4	C6 50 mts Nage libre Homme H3	ARNEL, Mr. Jean Stellio Eliel	2nd	Silver Medal		
5	C7 50 mts Nage libre Dames D2	BALGOBIN-DABYSING, Mrs. Purnima Devi	3rd	Bronze Medal		
6	C8 50 mts Nage libre Homme H2	SEEPARSAD, Mr. Ravi	2nd	Silver Medal		
7	C10 50 mts Brasse Dame D3	MOOTIEN, Mrs. Pamela Gladys	1st	Gold Medal		
8	C11 50 mts Brasse Homme H3	ARNEL, Mr. Jean Stellio Eliel	1st	Gold Medal		
9	C11 50 mts Brasse Homme H3	MUNGROOSING, Mr. Devkumar	2nd	Silver Medal		
10	C13 50 mts Brasse Homme H2	SEEPARSAD, Mr. Ravi	2nd	Silver Medal		
11	C14 50 mts Brasse Dame D1	GHOORA, Ms. Parvatee	3rd	Bronze Medal		
12	C15 50 mts Brasse Homme H1	BANSROPUN, Mr. Robbie Nashwin	3rd	Bronze Medal		
13	C16 50 mts DOS Dame D3	MOOTIEN, Mrs. Pamela Gladys	1st	Gold Medal		
14	C17 50 mts DOS Homme H3	MUNGROOSING, Mr. Devkumar	1st	Gold Medal		
15	C17 50 mts DOS Homme H3	BHEECHOOK, Mr. Premraj	3rd	Bronze Medal		
16	C18 50 mts DOS Dames D2	RAJCOOMAR, Mrs. Yougeeta	3rd	Bronze Medal		
17	C19 50 mts DOS Homme H2	QORAISHI, Mr. Mohammad	2nd	Silver Medal		
18	C20 50 mts DOS Dames D1	GHOORA, Ms Parvatee	3rd	Bronze Medal		
19	C 23 4x50 mts Nage libre Dame (Relais open)	SEWLALL GHOORBIN, Mrs. Lina Devi SURJOO, Miss. Jineshree Vaneeda BALGOBIN-DABYSING, Mrs. Purnima Devi MOOTIEN, Mrs. Pamela Gladys	3rd	Bronze Medal		
20	C 23 4x50 mts Nage libre Homme (Relais open)	BANSROPUN, Mr. Robbie Nashwin BAHADOOR, Mr. Teejesh MUNGROOSING, Mr. Devkumar ARNEL, Mr. Jean Stellio Eliel	2nd	Silver Medal		

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# **MRA 7-A-Side Football Festival & Fun Games**

On Saturday 30 November 2019, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) organized its Annual 7-A-Side Football Tournament and Fun Games at Gymkhana Football Ground, Vacoas. Around 300 MRA staff turned-up for this event.

The Football Festival has now become a tradition at the MRA and for this year, ten teams were registered for the competition and they were batched in two groups. The team 'Ready to Attack' was crowned Champion for the second consecutive year.

The players of this Champion team were: O. Angoteea, I. Auckburally, A. Balluck, V. Bholah, K. Chinamun, D. Gokhool, V. Gungeea, K. Mangar and F. Nurmohamed. The Champion Trophy and Gold Medals were awarded to the winning team by Mr. V. Ramnundun, Director, Human Resources and Training.



In addition to the 7-A-Side tournament, a series of fun games was organized, namely: spoon/lemon race, gouni-bag race, musical hat, ball and basket game, musical chair, etc. The winners of the Fun Games were as follows:

Fun Games	Winner	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
'spoon/lemon' race	Mooruth Shreya	Bholah Keshika	Mooruth Vaibhav
ʻgouni bagʻ race	Bholah Keshika	Meajun Oumer	Mooruth Shreya
'musical hat'	Pudaruth Rishab	Beejmohun Nidhi	Mooruth Vaibhav
'ball and basket' game	Meajun Oumer	Mooruth Shreya	Mooruth Vaibhav
'baton mop' race	Meajun Oumer	Beejmohun Nidhi	Padaruth Keshni
'musical chair'	Meajun Oumer	Mooruth Vaibhav	Pudaruth Rishab

More photos can be viewed by clicking here

#### MRA 7-A-Side Football Festival & Fun Games

