

REGIONAL TADAT WORKSHOP MARKS MILESTONE IN TAX SYSTEM REFORMS

- **MRA announces innovative tax reforms to simplify compliance**

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), in collaboration with the Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool (TADAT) Secretariat, launched the Regional TADAT Workshop at the Integrated Customs Clearance Centre (ICCC), Plaine Magnien. Spanning from 8 to 12 September 2025 under the theme “*Beyond 10 Years of TADAT Assessment: Building Stronger Tax Systems for Tomorrow with Field Guide 2025*,” the workshop marks a milestone in strengthening regional cooperation and advancing tax system reforms.

Organised under the aegis of the Regional TADAT Workshop brings together delegates from 22 countries namely: Angola, Cape Verde, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Gambia, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mauritius.



The launching ceremony of the workshop was graced by The Honourable Dhaneshwar Damry, Junior Minister, Ministry of Finance, as Chief Guest, in the presence of Mr. Tej Gujadhur, Chairman of the MRA Board, MRA board members, Mr. Rohit Ramnawaz, Director-General of MRA and members of the MRA Management Team.

In his keynote address, Hon. Mr. Dhaneshwar Damry commended the participation of representatives from the 22 African countries. He described their involvement as a prerequisite for fostering peer-to-peer learning, facilitating knowledge transfer and developing solutions tailored to regional fiscal contexts. He emphasized: “*the workshop comes at a pivotal time, serving as an opportunity to reflect on lessons learned, chart a renewed and forward-looking TADAT field plan and reinforce regional collaboration through the exchange of knowledge and best practices.*”

Keynote Address by The Honourable Dhaneshwar Damry, Junior Minister, Ministry of Finance



The Hon. Junior Minister reiterated the Government's commitment to ushering in a wave of transformation across the public sector through a comprehensive agenda of reforms and modernization. He recalled the Government's guiding motto: "*Reform, Perform, and Transform.*" Hon. Damry emphasized the Government's commitment to transparency, reliability, and responsibility in financial governance, highlighting MRA's ongoing reforms to create a fairer, more efficient, and trusted tax system.

Addressing the broader regional challenges faced by African nations, the Hon. Minister identified the optimization of revenue collection as a key priority. He stressed the urgent need to mobilize adequate financial resources from within domestic economies to meet the evolving demands and aspirations of their people. On this score, Hon. Damry asserted that an effective tax collection system is the backbone of a sustainable and inclusive economy. He underscored the imperative for continuous improvement in the efficiency and effectiveness of tax administrations across the region, and expressed strong confidence in TADAT as a valuable tool in achieving this goal.

Aligned with the shared objective of promoting fiscal efficiency, Mr. Rohit Ramnawaz, Director-General of the MRA, announced new reforms to strengthen the entire revenue cycle and simplify fair compliance for taxpayers. He highlighted that, on the assessment side, MRA is moving from basic digital filing to taxpayer-friendly services. "*The focus is on developing pre-assessment tools that leverage third-party data and analytics to help taxpayers file accurately the first time, thereby reducing the need for corrections or disputes later*", the Director-General stated.



Speech by Mr. Rohit Ramnawaz, Director-General of the MRA

Mr. Ramnawaz added that the focus is no longer merely on adopting global standards, but on leveraging them effectively. With the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) already operational, Mauritius is enhancing its capacity to analyze and act on the data exchanged with partner jurisdictions, ensuring that offshore income is not only reported but also properly assessed, monitored and taxed where appropriate. He affirmed that Mauritius will soon advance its transfer pricing framework, intensifying scrutiny of profit-shifting practices and expanding collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) and other global bodies. These efforts will reinforce Mauritius's reputation as a credible and transparent jurisdiction, while sending a clear message that compliance will be made easier for taxpayers. "*By doing so, the country remains firm*

and uncompromising in its fight against fiscal evasion and illicit financial flows”, Mr. Ramnawaz concluded.

Mr. Modeste Mopa, Head of the TADAT Secretariat, described the workshop as a milestone in the organization’s ongoing commitment to strengthening tax administration. He emphasized that the primary objective of the event is to exchange comprehensive and actionable strategies aimed at building resilient tax systems that are better equipped to navigate the complexities of shifting economic and fiscal landscapes.



[Speech by Mr. Modeste Mopa, Head of the TADAT Secretariat](#)

Mr. Sukhwinder Singh, Country Director of AFRITAC South, highlighted the participating countries’ shared commitment to strengthening tax administration. He stressed the importance of tailored training to equip tax authorities with the skills needed to improve tax collection and compliance. Mr. Singh also reaffirmed AFRITAC’s ongoing support for technical assistance and capacity building to achieve these goals. He expressed his wish to incorporate customs activities in the TADAT exercise.



[Speech by Mr. Sukhwinder Singh, Country Director of AFRITAC South](#)

Mr. Dhoojanaden Maunikum, Director of the Human Resources and Training Department (HRTD), pointed out that the MRA enjoys a strong partnership with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He highlighted that the collaboration between both parties is marked by a shared dedication to strengthening revenue mobilization, improving transparency and adopting international best practices in tax administration. Mr. Maunikum emphasized that the IMF’s technical assistance and capacity-building initiatives have been vital to driving progress and exemplifying a model of effective regional partnership.



[Speech by Mr. Dhoojanaden Maunikum, Director of the Human Resources and Training Department, MRA](#)

TADAT

The Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool (TADAT) is a globally recognized framework that objectively assesses a country’s tax administrative processes across nine Key Performance Outcome Areas, using 32 indicators and 55 measurement dimensions. This comprehensive approach identifies strengths and opportunities for reform. By adopting TADAT, Mauritius reinforces its regional leadership and commitment to international best practices, enhancing revenue collection, supporting economic resilience and promoting sustainable fiscal development.

In 2017, MRA experienced a first TADAT exercise. The recommendations in several areas have been highly effective in improving tax administration at the MRA.