

## CAPACITY BUILDING

# MRA HOSTS A WCO WORKSHOP ON POST CLEARANCE AUDIT



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) hosted a workshop on Post Clearance Audit, in collaboration with the World Customs Organisation (WCO), from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Custom House, Mer Rouge. Twenty Customs Officers availed themselves of 4-day workshop which was facilitated by three resource persons from WCO and Japan Customs. The workshop was launched by Mr. Vivekanand Ramburun, Director of the Customs Department, in the presence of the Guest of Honour, His Excellency, Masahiro Kan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Mauritius, during an opening ceremony held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024.

In his keynote address, Mr. Ramburun emphasised that Customs Officers should bring value addition to their work as border protection officers and that such training is expected to further empower them to detect illicit activities and fraud. His Excellency Kan reiterated the support of Japan Government to fund similar workshops for the benefit of Customs Officers and added that the latter play a major role in preventing prohibited goods from entering into Mauritius.

Mr. Maunikum, Director Human Resources and Training Department at the MRA urged the participants to make the most of the training and thanked the WCO and Japan Customs for their support in organizing the workshop. Ms. Maki Kitaura, WCO Expert in Post Clearance Audit, outlined the importance of the post clearance as a tool to combat fraud and tax evasion.