

## MRA, U.S. DOJ and FBI Strengthen Regional Fight Against Financial Crime

*Investigators from Mauritius and Seychelles undergo advanced training to tackle increasingly complex transnational financial crimes*

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), has launched a regional workshop on *Advanced Investigative Techniques and Interviewing Skills* at the Custom House, Mer Rouge.

The five-day workshop, running from 30 March to 03 April 2026, brings together around 40 investigators and prosecutors from Mauritius and Seychelles. Through practical exercises and knowledge-sharing, the initiative aims to enhance regional capacity to combat transnational financial crime.



Delivering the keynote address at the opening ceremony, the Director-General of the MRA, Mr. Rohit Ramnawaz, highlighted the growing complexity of financial crime and the urgent need for robust investigative frameworks.

***“Financial crimes now involve cross-border networks and increasingly sophisticated methods of concealment.”***

– Mr. Rohit Ramnawaz, Director-General, MRA

Mr. Ramnawaz emphasised that addressing key threats such as money laundering, corruption, tax evasion, and terrorist financing requires structured, intelligence-driven investigations aligned with prosecutorial standards. He stressed that maintaining evidence integrity and adopting sound case strategies are critical to securing successful prosecutions.



He further underlined the broader impact of tax evasion on national development: ***“Tax evasion not only results in significant revenue losses but also undermines the government’s ability to fund essential public services, distorts fair competition, and erodes trust in the tax system.”***

Calling for a forward-looking approach, he highlighted the importance of strengthening risk-based strategies and leveraging financial intelligence and advanced data analytics to address evolving threats.

Mr. Caleb Goddard, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy, reaffirmed the importance of continued collaboration between Mauritius and Seychelles. He noted that such capacity-building initiatives play a vital role in strengthening institutional effectiveness and bilateral cooperation.

***“Financial crime is becoming increasingly sophisticated and rapidly evolving beyond traditional methods.”***

– Mr. Caleb Goddard, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy

Mr. Goddard stressed the need to enhance investigative capabilities, improve surveillance mechanisms, and reinforce prosecutorial frameworks to effectively respond to emerging challenges.



The workshop reflects the MRA’s ongoing commitment to fostering regional cooperation and building resilient institutions capable of addressing the evolving landscape of financial crime. By promoting the exchange of expertise and best practices, the initiative is expected to strengthen coordinated enforcement efforts across jurisdictions.

As financial crimes become more complex and transnational in nature, such partnerships remain essential to safeguarding economic integrity, protecting public revenues, and reinforcing trust in financial and tax systems.