



Charles Telfair Centre Paper Series 3: Indian Ocean Economies and Sustainable Management

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Call for papers

Background:

The Centre publishes data and evidence on topics relevant to Mauritius and the region's development prospects.

We welcome contributions from both **researchers** and **practitioners** (private sector, NGO and government).

We encourage **researchers** (including doctoral students) to delve into their current research work and publications and share their key findings on topics relevant to the series: the principle being to translate scientific findings into an accessible language for all relevant stakeholders in Mauritius and the region to access. This can be summaries of previously or currently being published work. We are particularly interested in applied research from which specific recommendations can be derived.

We encourage **practitioners** to analyse their own realities and practices and share insights into the issues and solutions that have been uncovered, explored, or implemented in their respective activities/practices.

Indian Ocean Economies and Sustainable Management

Mauritius is classified as a small-island state, yet Mauritius' Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) covers 2.3 million square kilometres¹, i.e. close to four times the size of France. Thinking of Mauritius, not as a land mass, but as a massive geographical economic entity challenges the perception of Mauritius as a small economy. An EEZ of such scale brings not only economic opportunities, but also a responsibility to protect and nurture its biodiversity. In that sense Mauritius becomes an important player in building a sustainable future for the planet.

The government of Mauritius has a sustainable blue economy strategy in place and ambitions to increase the share of blue economy activities from the current 10% of GDP growth to 20% of GDP growth in the medium term². The strategy includes the development of emerging activities such as aquaculture, maritime services, marine biotechnology and oil & gas exploration. Be that as it may, climate change, marine pollution, unsustainable fishing, and rapid coastal development are also threatening ocean productivity. Similarly, poor and vulnerable communities depend on healthy ocean ecosystems for livelihoods, food security and nutrition, good health, and disaster risk reduction.

The potential for growth is huge, yet oceans are vast, complex and dynamic³. Exploiting Mauritius EEZ with a sustainable approach requires capacity, resources and capabilities. International collaborations, private-public partnerships and financial support are all key to making the sustainable exploitation of Mauritius' ocean space a reality.

We call for papers that would examine initiatives, policy actions and trends that promote or can shed light on sustainable ocean and coastal resource management in Mauritius and the region. We welcome multidisciplinary approaches and focus on economic, social, and environmental perspectives, supported by reliable, consistent, and comprehensive data or evidence. The goal is to improve our understanding of the blue economy and how to derive wealth from the oceans on a sustainable basis.

To help us unpack routes and challenges in Mauritius' management of its ocean economy, the Centre is initiating a new series of 12 papers and welcome propositions covering, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Emerging and unexploited ocean economic activities: potential, constraints and policy
- Blue finance frameworks and innovative instruments for ocean financing
- Public Private partnerships initiatives for the development of ocean related activities/protection
- Shipping industry, Port management
- Political economy of the Indian Ocean (e.g.: marine security, geopolitics of ocean influence, territorial sovereignty, regional collaboration)
- Marine debris management and technology
- Ocean conservation, development, and governance for achieving SDGs
- Implementation of effective and integrated coastal management for ocean preservation
- Sustainable development and legal and institutional approaches to the management of blue economy sectors, including fisheries, aquaculture, and ocean and coastal tourism
- Ocean governance and security
- Capacity Building including innovation, use of blockchain/digital technologies

¹ Economic Development Board, [Blue Economy: The development of a new pole of growth through the sustainable use of our Maritime Zone](#), Government of Mauritius.

² Ibid.

³ World Bank, 2016, [In Mauritius, Champions for the Blue Economy](#).

We support inquiry using diverse kinds of evidence, relying on a variety of methodological approaches (including comparative case studies) and cutting across academic disciplines, as well as practitioners' projects insofar as they are in line with our editorial guidelines.

Our first batch of submission will need to reach us by **30th January 2021** and will require:

- An up-to-date CV
- An abstract not exceeding 300 words summarising the research questions and key findings.
- Full length article can also be submitted

The second batch of submission will need to reach us by **28th February 2021**.

The publication of articles will be spread over 12 months. Once the abstract has been accepted, the full-length paper will need to reach us 4 weeks prior to the planned publication date to allow for copy and content editorial work.

We invite contributors to read our [editorial guidelines](#), for more information.

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