

Charles Telfair Centre Editorial Guidelines

The Charles Telfair Centre is a multidisciplinary think tank for knowledge-sharing, debate, and policy impact in Mauritius.

The Centre ambitions to be an interactive platform showcasing independent and rigorous analyses featuring best practices, pioneering initiatives, and creative solutions that support Mauritius and the Western Indian Ocean region (WIOR) in their ability to respond to challenges and seize opportunities across social, economic and policy domains.

We are a non-profit and non-partisan initiative.

1. Purpose

Our objective is to make expert knowledge on Mauritius and the WIOR accessible to a wider audience. We publish articles, podcasts and webinars that exhibit the rigour of scientific enquiry but articulated in an accessible language.

2. Authors' guidelines

Authors may either be invited by the Centre for a contribution or they may pitch an idea by sending an e-mail to ctcentre@telfair.ac.mu. The editorial team will consider it in lines with our editorial guidelines.

Authors should be recognised experts in their fields evidenced either through their academic publications or their extensive professional experience in a relevant field. i.e. experienced practitioners including policy practitioners.

Articles emanating from **researchers** (including doctoral students) should delve into their current research work and publications and share their key findings on topics relevant to the centre's core themes. 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.

Article emanating from **practitioners** should be analyses of 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.

We publish contributions that fall within our four core themes: Ocean Governance, Inclusive Growth and Development, Climate Change and Digital Transformation. We cover the four themes from various perspectives (political, social, economic, and scientific) and contributions should be relevant to Mauritius and the region.

When considering contributions, the editorial team will pay particular attention to the following:

- We are looking for contributions that are independent in thought, rooted in rigorous analysis and systematically referenced.
- Contributions should be original (not published elsewhere).
- Contributions should be between 1,000 to 1,500 words in length.
- Authors need to have been directly involved and be thoroughly familiar with the original data referred to in their contribution;
- Any statement, facts and figures need to be backed by research and evidence. We use in-text online links for references whenever it is possible. When links are not possible authors can use endnotes.
- We encourage authors to write in an accessible language. To increase readability for a wide audience, explain complex ideas and avoid the passive voice, long sentences and technical jargon.
- Contributions can be in English or French.
- You may suggest photos for your article provided that you have cleared copyright use.
- We publish all original contributions to the website under the [Creative Commons License Attribution-NonCommercial-no derivatives \(CC BY-NC-ND\)](#).

3. Author profiles

We will showcase authors' profile in each contribution.

Your profile shall include a picture and a small bio of 150 to 250 words. When writing your bio, authors should try to showcase their expertise and publications if relevant.

4. Review process

After receipt of an article by the editorial team, the team will review the article to ensure it meets the standards set by the editorial guidelines. Articles are also reviewed by at least one **external reviewer** who has expertise in the field in which the proposed article is written. Authors may be asked to make some revisions on the submitted paper.

The editorial team will work with authors to ensure the article meets our editorial standards. Once the revision process is complete, we will send the final version to the author for approval. Changes are still possible at this stage; authors can simply inform the editor of the suggested changes.

Authors need to approve the final version of the article before the Centre can publish it on its website. Approval can be given by sending an e-mail to the editor.

5. Embargo

We ask that authors do not share their article to other parties until it has been published on our website.