

COMMUNIQUE

2018/2019 Pre-Budget Consultations

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Development sincerely believes that the national budget must reflect not only the development goals of Government but also and most importantly the aspirations and priorities of the population.

2. In this context, we are inviting people from all walks of life, Business and Trade Associations, Professional Bodies, Trade Unions, NGOs, Civil Society Organisations and other stakeholders to share with us their views and suggestions on the forthcoming Budget.

3. The core features of Government's development agenda which will be the priorities of the 2018/2019 Budget are about:

- (i) shaping the new Mauritius with modern infrastructure;
- (ii) consolidating our traditional and emerging productive sectors and anchoring our economy firmly to the digital revolution;
- (iii) developing a class of innovative entrepreneurs including in the blue economy;
- (iv) embracing fintech and making of Mauritius a hub for Africa;
- (v) further opening up our economy and country to the rest of the world;
- (vi) investing in our youth so they are better prepared for the future;
- (vii) achieving gender equality;
- (viii) putting behind us the problem of absolute poverty;
- (ix) building a more inclusive and equitable society; and
- (x) adapting our policies and strategies on sustainable development so as to build better resilience to the new challenges that climatic change is thrusting upon our population.

4. These are some of the main issues on which we will welcome innovative ideas and suggestions on new policies and measures so that Budget 2018/2019 can profoundly improve the lives of all Mauritians and add more building blocks to the modern Mauritius.

5. Submissions and proposals may be made by **30th April 2018** either:
- i) through the post to the **Financial Secretary, Budget 2018/19 Proposals, Government House, Port Louis**; or
 - ii) electronically by e-mail: **prebudget@govmu.org**
6. The Ministry of Finance and Economic Development will also host a blog where we will encourage constructive discussions and suggestions on issues related to the forthcoming Budget through the following link **www.mauritiusbudget.com**

**Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
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