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Innovation initiatives in Mauritius

The United Nations in Mauritius initiated the establishment of a Technology Innovation Labs (UNTIL) to drive the development agenda, through Innovation and technology, and to solve some of humanities’ most pressing needs.

The objectives of these labs were to function as a start-up platform for a collaborative attempt to problem solving initiatives among the UN entities, Private sector, Academia and Civil Society. This would serve as the platform for linking with innovators and mentors from across the globe as well as to facilitate global exchange of ideas and resources, offering advisory support and guidance that will facilitate solutions through workshops, immersion-learning, and incubated projects.

On 12 October 2018 , the Government of Mauritius, through its Council of Ministers endorsement, agreed to set up the UNTIL in the island.

Following which, UNDP Mauritius submitted a proposal for additional resources to fund the preparatory work for this innovative solution in accelerating the development agenda and to establish initial activities to support the Government of Mauritius’ vision for the Innovation labs. The proposal envisaged to create enabling environment for innovation in Mauritius, to bring different actors to discuss and exchange views and ideas and to engage in upstream policy dialogue for Innovation.

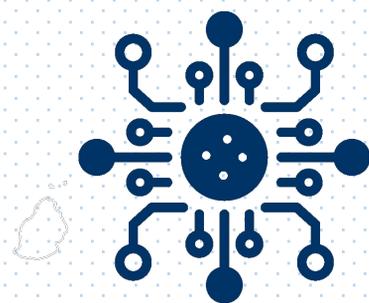
Budget	2019	\$ 136,462
	Total	\$ 136,462

Period February – December 2019

QUICK FACTS

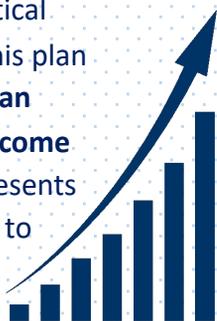


Mauritius has already drafted an SDG roadmap and presented a voluntary national review in July 2019.



UNDP and Estonian President launched the **Estonia-UNDP cooperation on digital transformation** as a sustainable development pathway. Mauritius is considered as first a pilot country in the world.

Mauritius is at critical point in making this plan **move forward as an avenue to high income status** and this presents great opportunity to leverage for SDG achievement.



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OBJECTIVE

The Innovation Initiatives will assist in strengthening the Mauritius' ranking in the Global Innovation Index and in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.



IMPLEMENTATION

This project is nationally implemented by Government of Mauritius in partnership with UNDP.



KEY RESULTS

- Workshop organised by the UNDP in Mauritius on 22 and 23 November 2018, to further discuss the proposal with stakeholders;
- Recruitment of consultants for the elaboration of a Feasibility Study and Strategy for establishment UNTIL Mauritius in 2019;
- Mauritius hosted an Estonia-UNDP's team from Bureau of Programme and Policy Support for a one-week ground mission with government and stakeholders from 22th to 26th of July 2019.



PARTNERS

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade;
- United Nations Office Information Communication and Technology (UNOICT);
- Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation Technology.

UNDP IN MAURITIUS

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