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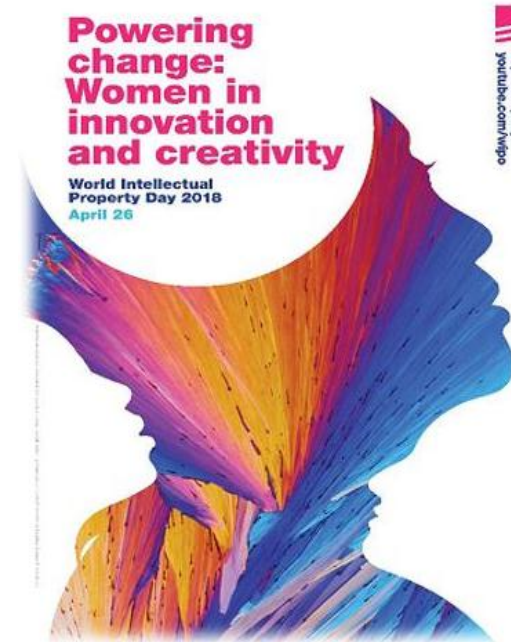
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**Mauritius Research Council**

**World Intellectual Property Day 2018**



**Venue:** *Conference Hall, Level 1, Cyber Tower 1  
Cybercity, Ebène 72201*

**Date:** *Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018*

**Time:** *09:00 hrs*

***Powering Change:  
Women in Innovation and Creativity***

The World Intellectual Property Day, held every year on the 26th of March, is an opportunity to sensitise and to educate people on the importance of Intellectual Property (IP) in fostering an environment conducive to creativity and innovation. This year's theme identified by World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), 'Powering Change; Women in Innovation and Creativity' has been chosen to celebrate the brilliance, ingenuity, curiosity and courage of the women who are driving change in our world and shaping our common future.

Women are becoming increasingly active contributors to economic development and, as agents of change, their influence on the IP landscape is undeniable. Encouraging them to contribute further, directly or indirectly, in innovation and creativity, will act as catalyst to ensure that they can embrace new concepts and modern approaches in their respective organisations to generate new knowledge and IP.

The IP HealthCheck will also be launched on this occasion. This online tool will serve to provide guidance on key IPR issues covering patents, trademarks, industrial designs and copyright.

**Aims of this event**

- Promoting awareness on IP and the need to innovate amongst women
- Launching of the IP HealthCheck
- Consideration of the importance of protecting intellectual property at all stages of business development and growth
- Addressing women entrepreneurs and celebrating their accomplishments and contributions to innovation and economic development

**Programme**

09:00 - 09:30	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
09:30 - 09:35	<b>Welcome Address</b> <i>Dr A Suddhoo, Executive Director, Mauritius Research Council</i>
09:35 - 09:40	<b>Address</b> <i>Dr M Atchia, Chairman, Mauritius Research Council</i>
09:40 - 09:50	<b>Address</b> <i>The Hon (Mrs) R Jadoo-Jaunbocus, Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare</i>
09:50 - 10:00	<b>Address &amp; Launching of IP HealthCheck</b> <i>The Hon Y Sawmynaden, Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation</i>
10:00 - 10:20	<b>Keynote Address</b> <i>Ms C Saunders, Head of Business Outreach and Digital Content, Intellectual Property Office - UK</i>
<b>10:20 - 10:45</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
10:45 - 11:15	<b>Presentation: Women &amp; Economic Development</b> <i>Ms L Rajmun, Director, Mauritius Export Association</i>
11:15 - 11:45	<b>Presentation: Women and Entrepreneurship</b> <i>Mrs M Begue, Entrepreneur (Rodrigues)</i>
11:45 - 12:15	<b>Presentation: Women in Science &amp; Innovation</b> <i>Dr (Mrs) A Bhaw-Luximon, Associate Professor, Centre for Biomedical and Biomaterials Research, University of Mauritius</i>
12:15 - 12:30	<b>Questions and Answers</b>
<b>12:30 - 13:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
13:30 - 14:20	<b>IP HealthCheck sample runs</b>
14:20 - 14:30	<b>Concluding Remarks</b>
<b>14:30</b>	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>