



Ministry of Technology, Communication
and Innovation

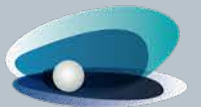


ICT / BPO Workshop 2015:

"Catalyzing the ICT / BPO Industry and redefining the vision for the Industry"

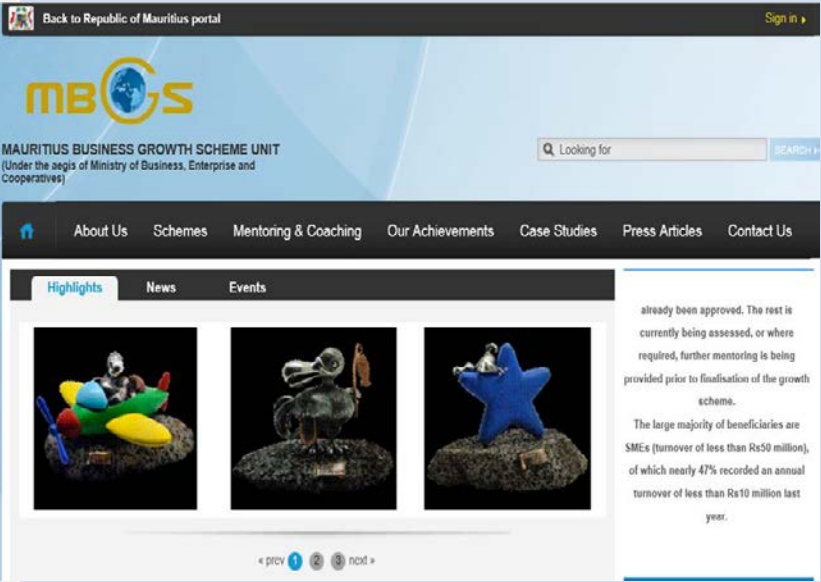


Innovation and boosting entrepreneurship




Creating the right ecosystem to foster innovation and entrepreneurship


Point raised	Issues	Proposed Way Forward
<p>1. Government</p> <p>Have the right structure within Government and Governmental agencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Too much overlapping and confusion regarding existing agencies and schemes- Lack of awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Single point of contact for entrepreneurs for information dissemination
<p>2. Academia</p> <p>To have academia more engaged with industry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Misalignment of objectives- Disconnect with industry- Lack of preparedness of students/graduates with regards to entrepreneurship- Weak research culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mandatory industry placements (6 months or more)- Need for lecturers from private sector (at least 25% of lecture time)- University lecturers spending time in industry- Industry experts' presentations- Include innovation and entrepreneurship in curriculum (secondary & tertiary level)- Introduce programming at primary level



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<p>3. Incubators and accelerators Establish the right framework to convert ideas into successful startups</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Too much fragmentation- Lack of visibility and awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Incubator gateway with generic and national services, consolidate common streams- Decentralization and specialization- Government to leverage startups for Government contracts and projects- Entrepreneurs' Club and networking- Mentoring and coaching
<p>4. Industry/Corporate How to equip industry to innovate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lack of know-how and technology leading to low productivity- Lack of financial resources- Absence of collaboration between companies to win export markets- No patent protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Agency to drive innovation and measure key metrics- Transfer of know-how and technologies from local and foreign companies- Innovation grants and/or tax credits- World recognition for local patents

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<p>5. Angel investors & Venture Capital Create a dynamic investor community</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Access to finance/seed capital is an obstacle- Mauritius is not known as an innovation hub- Access to markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- To recognize and reward successful startups- Build and grow investors' community (local & foreign)- Linkage to foreign innovation hotspots, e.g. BOI mission to Silicon Valley or Singapore- Provide visas and incentives to foreign innovators and entrepreneurs