



## Colloquium on

# *Engaging stakeholders on Climate Change issues*

**Municipality City Council of Port Louis  
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**8-10 October 2015**



**Association pour le Développement Durable (ADD)**  
**ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS IN CLIMATE CHANGE**  
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## PREFACE

**2015** was a crucial year when the world community committed itself a legally binding Agreement on climate change at the **Paris Climate Change Conference (COP 21)** held in December. The Agreement defines socio-economic and environmental models for a low-carbon and climate-resilient society of the future.

This year was pivotal for sustainability as the global agreement on climate change is inextricably linked to the successful implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda which was adopted by the United Nations.

In view of the potential impacts of the Paris legally binding Agreement on development alternatives, the Association pour le Développement Durable (ADD), a non-governmental organization that has the necessary expertise, organised a Stakeholders' Colloquium from 8 to 10 October 2015 on the theme **Engaging stakeholders in climate change issues** in collaboration with the public and private sectors, academic, research institutions and NGOs to bring about greater awareness and involvement in the related issues as they relate to Mauritius.

The Colloquium was the outcome of a fruitful cooperation between the Association pour le Développement Durable (ADD) and several partners including the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development and Disaster and Beach Management, the Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE), the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, the Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre (RGSC), Aid Action, AHEAD, CLIMAGRI Ltd, Civil Society Forum (CSF) and Development Practitioners in Network (DPiN). The Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) encouraged the organisation of the Colloquium.

The objectives of the colloquium are to provide a platform and engage stakeholders in the exchange of information and experience on climate change issues and identify areas that need to be addressed for long-term sustainability and in addressing challenges in the implementation and discuss suitable mechanisms for follow-up.

The forum provided a unique opportunity to share experiences, discuss the most recent findings relating to climate change and propose strategies in several fields to address corresponding issues.

The programme is given Appendix 1 and the Abstracts given in Appendix 2 show a rich combination of high level scientific papers from national experts, keynote addresses and discussions. A video message of Mr Michel Jarraud, Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) can be assessed at

<https://docs.google.com/a/wmo.int/uc?id=0ByB7SnsqzgwEV0o2azkyTFBzMWs&export=download>

An important outcome of the Colloquium was a Statement, given in Appendix 3. It was addressed to the negotiators of the Agreement at the Paris Conference (COP 21) and to the Mauritian authorities and the private sector.

The Colloquium was the only such a broad based brainstorming session organised in Mauritius. The outcome Statement was submitted to the national authorities and to the Secretariat of the UNFCCC.

## CONFERENCE PURPOSE AND GOALS

The **objectives of the colloquium** are to provide a platform and engage stakeholders in

- (i) Exchanging experience on climate change issues and identify areas that need to be addressed for long-term sustainability;
- (ii) Discussing issues of concern that have to be included in the new legal framework that is expected to be adopted at the Paris Climate Change Conference (PCCC); and
- (iii) Proposing ways of optimising benefits from such an instrument and addressing challenges in the implementation and discuss suitable mechanisms for follow-up

A further aim of the event was to take stock of the current situation in these areas, document and disseminate the experiences available today, and propose solutions or alternatives for the future.

In addition the Colloquium had adopted a statement (Appendix 3) covering the themes of the Conferences with call for specific action by policymakers at the forthcoming Paris Climate Change Conference (COP 21) and by the Government authorities and the private sector.

# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**THURSDAY 8 October 2015**

**09h00-10h00**                      **Registration**

**Morning session 1: 10h00 to 11h00**

*Chairperson:* **Dr Aman Kumar Maulloo, Director Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre**

*Rapporteur:* **Dr Anoradha Chacowry, ADD**

**Welcome address: Mr S.N. Sok Appadu, President, ADD**

**THEME 1      PARIS CONFERENCE – STATUS**

**Keynote address 1: The Climate Change Convention – Status and Prospects for Developing Countries**

**Mr R Nayamuth, Director, CLIMAGRIC Ltd**

**Discussions (Lead Session Chair assisted by Session Rapporteur)**

**11h00 to 11h30**                      **Coffee/Tea break**

**Morning session 2: 11h30 to 12h30**

**THEME.2:      CLIMATE CHANGE SCENARIOS AND IMPACTS**

*Chairperson:* **Dr J. Naugah, Chairperson Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre Trust Fund Board**

*Rapporteur:* **Mr Ajay Lachhman, International Trainer: ANSA, President: Aid Action**

**Keynote address 2: Challenges and Opportunities – The INDC (Mauritius)**

Representative of the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management

**Keynote address 3: Climate change and the challenge of Paris Conference**

M. David GOUTX, Directeur interrégional à Météo-France, à la Direction Interrégionale pour l'Océan Indien.

- Our changing climate  
Mr P. Goolaup, Deputy Director, Mauritius Meteorological Services
- Evaluation of the impact of climate change on maize production over Ethiopia  
Dr Kidist Abera, Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research, Ethiopia, Dr Olivier Crespo and Dr Jemale Seid, Climate System Analysis Group, University of Cape Town, Cape Town.
- Recent acceleration in sea level rise in Mauritius and Rodrigues  
Representative of the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management

**12h30 to 13h30**                      **LUNCH**

**Afternoon session1: 13h30 to 14h45**

**CLIMATE CHANGE SCENARIOS AND IMPACTS (THEME 2 Continue)**

- Impact of climate change and sea level rise on our beaches in Mauritius  
Mr Gaj Pyndiah, Consultant
- Enhancing community resilience to flood risk in Mauritius in the advent of climate change

- Dr Anoradha Chacowry, ADD
- Engaging youth and community in coral reef restoration and beach monitoring  
Mrs S.Ramlugun, Dr J.Naugah, Mr R.Ragoonaden, Ms S.Domah, Dr B.Pathack, Mrs J.Pierre  
ADD and GASAT
- Climate change as an external stimulus to changes in the structure and functioning of  
ecosystems and the redistribution of communities  
Mr P. Khurun, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ministry of Agro Industry
- National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre  
Mr D. Ellayah, NDRRMC

**Discussions (Lead Session Chair assisted by Session Rapporteur)**

**15h00 to 16h00**

**OPENING CEREMONY**

**Master of Ceremony:**

**Dr Vimla A Luximon-Ramma**

**Address:**

**Mr S.N. Sok Appadu, President ADD**

**Mr S. Chacowry, Honorary President, ADD**

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**Opening address: Hon. Jayeshwur Raj Dayal, CSK, QPM, PDSM, FBIM psc (UK),  
MAIMS, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and  
Disaster and Beach Management**

***Reception***

**FRIDAY 9 October 2015**

**Morning session1 09h30 to 09h50**

**THEME 5: CAPACITY BUILDING, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND SENSITISATION**

***Chairperson:* Dr Hemant Bessoondoyal, Associate Professor, Mauritius Institute of Education**

***Rapporteur:* Dr S.Kawol, Senior Lecturer, Home Economics Department, Mauritius Institute of  
Education**

**Keynote address: Role of climate Change Education in the Formal Education Context  
Dr. Oomandra Nath Varma, Director, Mauritius Institute of Education**

**09h50 to 10h45**

- Institutional approach to Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development in the  
Republic of Mauritius: A case Study  
Dr Ravhee Bholah and Mr Mohun Cyparsade, Mauritius Institute of Education
- Climate Change Education in the context of SIDS in the Indian Ocean region

Mr Mohun Cyparsade, Dr Ravhee Bholah, Mr Pierre André Boullé and Mr Chandrashekhar Padaruth, Mauritius Institute of Education

- Education, Training and Public Awareness  
Representative of The Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management
- Fostering youth engagement in climate change issues through science centre programmes: an overview of the contribution of the Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre to climate change  
Education in Mauritius  
Mrs Bhamini Kamudu Applasawmy, Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre
- Youth and Climate Change  
Mr Jeevesh Augnoo, SYAH
- Climate change: a gender perspective  
Dr Vimla A Luximon-Ramma, Dr J. Naugah, Dr A. Chacowry, Mrs S. Domah, Mrs E. Dhunnoo and Mrs S. Ramlugun, ADD

**10h45 to 11h00            Coffee/Tea break**

**Morning session2:            11h00 to 12h30**

**THEME 3            MITIGATION**

**Chairperson: S.N. Sok Appadu, President, ADD**

**Rapporteur: Mrs E. Dhunnoo, ADD**

- Mitigation – Low carbon emission mechanisms  
Representative of The Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management
- Affordable & Sustainable Housing: A Case for Mauritius Small Island Developing State  
Mr Boopen Doobah, Chairman, Community Development Programme Agency (CODEPA)
- Introducing renewable energy and presenting a technical economic analysis of photovoltaic in Mauritius  
Mr Gaj Pyndiah, Consultant and Ms Kevina Mahadeo, Engineer Renewable Energy
- Wetlands Protection in Mauritius; A Community Based Approach  
Mr Boopen Doobah, Chairman, Community Development Programme Agency (CODEPA)
- Prospects for an enhanced mangroves restoration programme in Mauritius  
Mr Sachooda Ragoonaden and Mr Naim Ahmad Shaik Joomun, ADD

**Discussions (Lead Session Chair assisted by Session Rapporteur)**

**12h30 to 13h30            LUNCH**

**Afternoon session1: 13h30 to 15h00**

**THEME 4            ADAPTATION**

**Chairperson: Mr S. Ragoonaden, ADD**

**Rapporteur: Mr Ahmad Shaik Joomun, ADD**

- Adaptation – Impacts and carbon sequestration systems  
Representative of the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management
- Climate change impacts, adaptation and mitigation in agriculture  
Mohammad Alfaz Atawoo, Senior Research Scientist, Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI)
- Consumption of Mauritian exotic fruits, vegetables and tea: towards a reduction of the ecological footprint  
Dr Vimla A Luximon-Ramma and Dr J Naugah, ADD
- Issues in the rehabilitation of estuarine and in-land ecosystems  
Mr S. Chacowry, ADD



15h00 to 15h15 COFFEE BREAK

15h15 to 1600 Discussions (Lead Session Chair assisted by Session Rapporteur)

## SATURDAY 10 October 2015

Morning session1: 09h30 to 11h00

**THEME 6: IMPLICATIONS OF POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF PARIS CONFERENCE,  
NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION**

**Chairperson:** Mr Suraj Rai, President of AHEAD

**Rapporteur:** Ms S. Domah, Deputy Rector, DAV College

**Keynote address 4:** Indian Ocean RIM Association and Climate Change  
Prof. V. Attri, Consultant, Indian Ocean RIM Association

- Statement from SADC  
Mr Timothy Gatora, SADC Secretariat
- Climate change and commodities price volatility  
Mr Jean Missinhoun, Intangis
- Implications of the outcome of Paris Climate Change Conference (COP21)  
Mr S.N. Sok Appadu, President, ADD
- Roles of Civil Society in mitigating the effects of climate change  
Mr Ram Nookadee, President, Development Practitioners in Network (DPiN)
- Climate Justice ‘Trading Carbon, Betting the earth’  
Mr Ajay Lachhman, International Trainer: ANSA and President: Aid Action

11h00 to 11h15 Coffee/Tea break

Morning session2: 11h15 to 12h30

### CLOSING EVENT

**Master of Ceremony: Dr Vimla A Luximon-Ramma, ADD**

- Adoption of colloquium statement
- Vote of thanks
- Closing ceremony

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**EXHIBITION:** Displays by ADD, MIE, MoE and RGSC  
Home-made photovoltaic panel (Dr Pathack, ADD)  
Renewable energy (Mr Gaj Pyndiah, Consultant)

## **OPENING SPEECHES**

## **Welcome address at the Opening Ceremony**

S. Chacowry

Honorary President, ADD

M Le Président,

M Le Lord Maire p.i. de la Ville de Port Louis,

Excellence Mme l'Ambassadeur de L'Union européenne auprès de la République de Maurice,

Excellence M l'Ambassadeur de la République française auprès de la République de Maurice,

Honorable M Le Ministre de l'environnement, du développement durable et la gestion des catastrophes et des plages

Excellences, distinguées invitées, les participants au Colloque, Mesdames et Messieurs,

L'honneur que vous nous faites aujourd'hui est surtout, pensons-nous, pour l'ensemble des ONGs qui œuvrent pour un environnement meilleur que se soit physique, social ou économique.

Ce colloque est organisé dans le cadre de la Conférence de Paris sur le changement climatique. Il regroupe les représentants du secteur public et privé, les institutions de recherche et de formation et les ONGs. Nous serons tous concernés par les engagements découlant de l'instrument juridique que nous souhaitons sera adopté. C'est notre contribution aux efforts de sensibilisation menés par des autorités. Ainsi nous saluons l'entière disponibilité du Ministère de l'environnement de contribuer au succès de ce Colloque.

Nous saluons aussi les efforts que la France ne cesse de déployer pour le succès de la Conférence, tant important pour assurer un avenir sain pour l'humanité et la planète Terre.

Les thèmes de ce colloque s'alignent sur ceux de la Conférence de Paris. Nous saluons la participation des institutions à réfléchir sur les thèmes qui préoccupe la Conférence. Nous poursuivrons la réflexion avec tous ces partenaires en particulier dans le contexte de l'INDC.

Ce document cadre exigera des choix de société pour Maurice de demain. Nous pensons qu'à notre stade de notre développement, la population serait prête, avec une sensibilisation accrue, à consentir à vivre autrement en plus grande harmonie avec la nature, un changement de culture que l'application de l'INDC exigerait.

Maurice mise considérablement sur l'adaptation. Cependant, le financement souhaité n'est pas toujours au rendez-vous. Les ONGs ont un immense potentiel pour contribuer à la transformation voulue et de multiplier les ressources mises à leur disposition.

Ainsi, en s'assurant de sa compétence et la transparence, l'ADD a su assurer la collaboration d'une vingtaine organismes du secteur public et privé et le public, pour créer une dynamique

qui avait permis de quintupler les ressources initiales mise à sa disposition par l'Union européenne pour un projet de réhabilitation à Poudre d'Or village.

L'Association a su recréé la plage de Paul et Virginie tout en donnant un renouveau au Monument abandonné de St Géran. Chaque année, le Village commémore le naufrage tragique du St Géran. Le village a retrouvé sa place dans l'histoire et Bernardin de St Pierre a été honoré tous aussi dans le cadre de tricentenaire de la présence française à Maurice.

Aussi, en créant une dynamique entre plusieurs organismes tel que la MCB Fondation et le Morne Heritage Foundation, l'ADD a contribué à l'endigement de l'érosion et la protection du lagon et les récifs au Morne assure par la plantation de 100 000 plantes de mangrove.

Fort de ces expériences et un développement adapté, ainsi que nos affiliations à la CCCC, au Conseil économique et social des Nations Unies (l'ECOSOC) et au Ministère de l'Environnement, nous faisons appel aux autorités locales et les sponsors d'utiliser autant que possible l'expertise local. L'expertise extérieure est nécessaire que pour les domaines hautement spécialisés.

Nous remercions le Secrétaire General de l'Organisation météorologique mondiale (OMM) dont le message est d'une valeur certaine. L'OMM et son prédécesseur l'OMI créée en 1873 ont assuré des données fiables ainsi que leur analyse et projection permettant de nous alerter de changement climatique. C'était en 1976 qu'elle a émis une première alerte, suivi de la création du GIEC avec le PNUE en 1988 et qui permit l'institution de la CCCC en 1992.

Maurice a contribué à la connaissance du changement climatique. Son service météorologique créée en 1831 et sa longue série des données météorologiques dès 1774 sont les plus anciens que tout autre pays de l'hémisphère sud. Des mauriciens ont joué un rôle de premier plan que ce soit au niveau de l'OMM, le GIEC ou les instances du CCCC.

Nous constatons que ce colloque a provoqué une sensibilisation accrue au problème de changement climatique dans le pays. Nous pensons cependant que les institutions universitaires et de recherches doivent davantage s'impliquer. Nous réfléchissons sur les moyens d'assurer une plus large distribution des travaux dans le domaine.

Notre expérience et notre engagement pour une île Maurice meilleure ne nous permet pas de nous figurer dans des débats futiles de si..alors. Notre association se voit en tant que partenaire des autorités nationales et autres institutions et ONGs engagés dans ce grand effort d'acculturation, de sensibilisation et des actions difficiles que nous devons entreprendre avec le concert des nations pour s'assurer d'une île Maurice meilleure.

Ce colloque est notre gage.

Merci

**Mr S.N. Sok Appadu, President ADD**

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## **CONFERENCE PAPERS**



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## Appendix 2

*“Engaging stakeholders on Climate Change issues*

**(Municipality City Council of Port Louis, Mauritius, 08-10 October 2015)**

**COLLOQUIUM STATEMENT**

The Climate Change Colloquium is an initiative of the Association pour le Développement Durable (ADD). It has been organized, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management (MOESDDBM), the Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE), the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, the Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre, Aid Action, AHEAD, CLIMAGRI Ltd, Civil Society Forum (CSF) and Development Practitioners in Network (DPiN), to provide a forum for interaction and sharing of experience among the public and private sectors, academia, youth organisations, civil society and NGOs in a ‘bottom-up’ initiative ahead of the Paris UN Climate Change Conference in December 2015.

Nearly 100 participants attended the Conference. Keynote addresses were delivered by eminent personalities. The official Opening Ceremony was performed by Mr. Grish Gunraz Gunesh, Ag. Senior Chief Executive, representing the Hon. Raj Dayal, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, and Disasters and Beach Management (MOESDDBM) in the presence of Mr. Chris Loïc Dick, Acting Lord Mayor of the City of Port Louis; H.E Mrs Marjaana Sall, The Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius and H.E Mr Laurent Garnier, The Ambassador of France to the Republic of Mauritius. A Video Message from Mr Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) was conveyed during the ceremony. The opening was also addressed by Mr Soobaraj N. Sok Appadu, the President of ADD and Mr Subash Chacowry, the Honorary President of ADD.

Following the various high level presentations on relevant topics, the Colloquium expressed serious concern at the societal, economic and environmental impacts of climate change and associated accelerated sea level rise (SLR) threatening Mauritius and the low lying islands including Agaléga and St. Brandon with the possibility of complete submergence in case SLR is more than 1m. In addition, it called for special consideration to low income communities which are least resilient and have a low adaptive capacity as well as women who are affected differently from men.

The Colloquium recognised that several actions were being undertaken by public and private sectors and various institutions to build resilience against disasters, promote a low carbon energy system, enhance sensitisation and implement various adaptation and mitigation measures.

The Colloquium urged the authorities to associate NGOs and Civil Society so that they can pursue their efforts collectively to contribute to climate change education and awareness, protect the environment and implement the Sustainable Development Goals adopted at the 2015 UN General Assembly.

Specifically, the Colloquium recommends all parties concerned to:

- (i) Strengthen sensitisation campaigns to ensure that citizens are better prepared to adapt to the impacts of climate change and sea level rise.
- (ii) Adopt '*bottom-up*' approach in the identification of issues, on how they should be tackled and in ensuring the direct involvement of the communities and civil society in the process.
- (iii) Encourage all Ministries/institutions involved in formal and informal education and NGOs in informal education as well as in sensitization campaigns to adopt a common policy and platform for action.
- (iv) Ensure that research and academic institutions are more involved in climate change research, have greater access to data and are encouraged to publish their findings that would be more accessible to all stakeholders for effective action.
- (v) Avail of the expertise available locally especially among NGOs in the formulation and implementation of sustainable development programmes in a cost-effective manner.
- (vi) Contribute in taking concrete and effective measures particularly from the private sector, in collaboration with NGOs to reduce GHG emissions.

The Colloquium advocates that:

- (i) An agreement at Paris should be reached with targets and differentiated responsibilities to achieve a healthy Earth system.
- (ii) Developed countries should not only make firm pledges to provide financial assistance to developing countries but also provide them with assistance and support through transfer of technology and knowledge to build up their capacity to address climate change impacts;
- (iii) Firm commitments are made to complement the Green Climate Fund so as to reach the \$100bn a year by 2020 and beyond.
- (iv) The Funding mechanism hopefully to be adopted by COP21 should ensure that NGOs also benefit from the funds to empower them to participate more effectively in the formulation of national and regional policies and in their implementation.

The Colloquium welcomed ADD's commitment to follow the outcomes of the Paris Conference of relevance to NGOs in Mauritius and the region and to contribute to further reflection on the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDCs) and in its implementation.

We, the participants at the Colloquium, call upon Governments attending the Paris Conference to limit greenhouse gas emissions, so as to avoid continued global warming, and keep global temperature, preferably below the critical 1.5°C threshold by 2100 as endorsed by SIDS. In particular, we affirm our strong determination to work with all stakeholders and contribute to combat climate change and sea level rise.

Adopted by acclamation on 10 October 2015  
 The Municipal City Council of Port Louis  
 Mauritius

**List of Participants**

**Some photos**