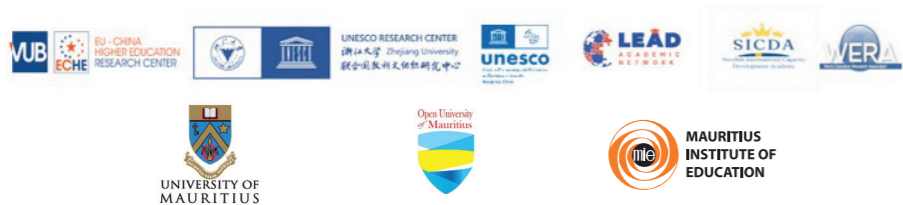




Republic of Mauritius

Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Research

In Partnership with



INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT



Mauritius | 27–29 July 2026

Venue: Paul Octave Wiehé Auditorium, University of Mauritius, Réduit

A Platform for Interaction, Partnership & Institutional Collaboration



Aims of the International Symposium

- To provide a high-level platform for Heads of Senior University Leaders, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Policymakers, Academic experts and Entrepreneurs from Europe, China, Africa, and other international partner regions to engage in high-level dialogue on higher education leadership, institutional capacity development, entrepreneurship education, innovation, AI and micro-credentials.
- To provide opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogue with international partners on collaborative research, institutional partnerships, development of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and funding opportunities.



Who Should Attend?

- Heads of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
- University leaders, Deans, and Department Chairs
- Entrepreneurs in education, technology, and innovation
- Policy makers from Ministries of Education, Science & Research
- International scholars and researchers
- Representatives from funding agencies and development partners



Symposium Themes & Daily Programme

Day	Theme	Lead Organiser
Day 1 (27 July)	1. Higher Educational Leadership 2. Research & Innovation	1. VUB EU-CHINA and LEAD NETWORK, Belgium 2. UNESCO Research Centre, Zhejiang University
Day 2 (28 July)	1. Entrepreneurship Education 2. Capacity Development	1. UNESCO Chair, EE-Net China Chapter 2. SICDA - Swedish International Capacity Development Academy
Day 3 (29 July)	1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) 2. Micro-Credentials	Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science & Research, University of Mauritius, Open University of Mauritius and the Mauritius Institute of Education (TBC)

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION



Daily Schedule - Day 1 (27 July)

Time	Activity	Venue
08 30 – 09 00	Registration	Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, University of Mauritius (UoM)
09 00 – 09 45	Opening Ceremony & Keynote Addresses	Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, UoM
09 45 – 10 45	Ministerial Address and Exchange with Participants	Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, UoM
10 45 – 11 15	Tea Break	Foyer Area, Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, UoM
11 15 – 12 30	Round-Table Discussions Theme: Transformative Leadership, Research and Innovation in Higher Education	Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, UoM
12 30 – 13 30	Lunch Break	UoM Catering Area
13 30 – 16 00	Break-Away Sessions (parallel presentations by theme): 1. Strategic Leadership in Higher Education 2. Research Excellence and Knowledge Production 3. Innovation, Transformation and Institutional Development	1. University of Mauritius, Lecture Theatre 2 2. Open University of Mauritius (OUM), Lecture Theatre 3. Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE), Frank Richard Lecture Theatre
16 00 – 16 10	Day 1 Wrap-up	Rotating venues (UoM or OUM or MIE)
16 10 – 16 30	Refreshment and Networking	Rotating venues (UoM or OUM or MIE)



Day 2 (28 July)

Time	Activity	Venue
08 30 – 09 00	Registration	Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, UoM
09 00 – 10 00	Keynote Addresses	Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, UoM
10 00 – 10 30	Tea Break	Foyer Area, Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, UoM
10 30 – 12 00	Round-Table Discussions Theme: Entrepreneurship Education and Capacity Development	Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, UoM
12 00 – 13 00	Lunch Break	UoM Catering Area
13 00 – 15 30	Break-Away Sessions (parallel presentations by theme): 1. Entrepreneurship Education and Innovation 2. Capacity Development and Professional Growth 3. Competencies Development and Employability	1. University of Mauritius, Lecture Theatre 2 2. Open University of Mauritius, Lecture Theatre 3. Mauritius Institute of Education, Frank Richard Lecture Theatre
15 30 – 16 00	Day 2 Wrap-up & Networking	Rotating venues (UoM or OUM or MIE)
16 00 – 16 30	Refreshment and Networking	Rotating venues (UoM or OUM or MIE)



Day 3 (29 July)

Time	Activity	Venue
08 30 – 09 00	Registration	Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, UoM
09 00 – 10 00	Keynote Addresses	Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, UoM
10 00 – 10 30	Tea Break	Foyer Area, Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, UoM
10 30 – 12 00	Round-Table Discussions Theme: Artificial Intelligence and Micro-Credentials	Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, UoM
12 00 – 13 00	Lunch Break	UoM Catering Area
13 00 – 14 30	General Discussions: 1. Artificial Intelligence 2. Microcredentials	Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, UoM
14 30 – 16 00	Closing Ceremony • Distribution of Certificates of Participation • Distribution of Certificates of Signed MOU • Closing Speech	Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium, UoM



Keynote Addresses

Day	International Keynotes	Mauritius Keynotes
Day 1 (27 July)	1. Higher Educational Leadership (VUB EU-CHINA and LEAD NETWORK, Belgium) 2. Research & Innovation (UNESCO Research Centre, Zhejiang University)	1. Higher Education Reform in Mauritius (Minister/Senior Official) 2. Research Ecosystem Development (Mauritian HEI Leader)
Day 2 (28 July)	1. Entrepreneurship Education (UNESCO Chair, EE-Net China Chapter) 2. Capacity Development (SICDA - Swedish International Capacity Development Academy)	1. Entrepreneurship & Youth Employment in Mauritius (X-TBC) 2. Institutional Capacity Development (Mauritian HEI Leader)
Day 3 (29 July)	1. Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education (Int Expert) 2. Micro-Credentials & Lifelong Learning (Intl Partner)	1. AI Readiness in Mauritius (Mauritian Tech Leader) 2. Micro-Credentials & Workforce Development (X-TBC)



Key Outcomes & Opportunities

- Collaborative research partnerships
- Development of joint MoUs between Mauritian and international HEIs
- Access to funding opportunities for innovation & capacity development
- Networking with representatives from leading global institutions



Confirmed International Partners

Vrije Universiteit Brussel · Zhejiang University · Stellenbosch University · Mzumbe University · Tongji University · University of Zagreb · Tsinghua University · Minzu University of China · East China Normal University · Renmin University of China · University of Chinese Academy of Sciences · Beijing Normal University · Stockholm University · University of Eastern Finland · Mountains of the Moon University · Silesian University of Technology · Eduardo Mondlane University · University of Vocational Technology · Alagappa University · Digboi Mahila Mahavidyalaya · Guangdong Higher Education Association · South China University of Technology · BABA SAHEB AMBEDKAR EDUCATION UNIVERSITY, INDIA · Kotebe University of Education · University Saint Thomas of Mozambique · Rovuma University of Mozambique · Save University-Mozambique · National Quality Assurance Agency for Education · UNESCO EE-Net Indonesia Chapter · Chinese Society of Educational Development Strategy · Beijing Foreign Studies University · Shandong Agricultural University · UCAS · And many more.

Registration & Contact

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

07 June 2026

REGISTRATION LINK

<https://forms.gle/YcjaEzMQZwoj29Q9>



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