INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY

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 **INTRODUCTION**

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The ICSTH of the University of Mauritius was set-up in 2015 to facilitate transfer of knowledge between the university and public and private sector stakeholders. In 2007, the ICSTH was recognised as a Pole of Research Excellence (PRE) of the University of Mauritius.  The ICSTH acts as a think tank, advising government and industry partners on tourism and hospitality policies that promote the sustainable development of tourism.  ICSTH has well-established links with universities around the world and has a pool of leading scholars in the field of tourism and hospitality.  Members of the ICSTH have published widely in such leading journals as Annals of Tourism Research, Tourism Management, Journal of Travel Research, Journal of Hospitality Marketing and Management, amongst others.

**The ICSTH has as main objectives:**

1. To deliver cutting edge research findings to tourism and hospitality businesses, the community and the government that enhance the environmental, socio-cultural and economic sustainability of the tourism industry;
2. To provide consultancy service to industry partners and the government;
3. To attract high quality research students; and
4. To provide industry training programmes in the field of tourism and hospitality locally and regionally.

Since its creation, ICSTH has made significant contributions to research and capacity building at the university. A noteworthy achievement of the ICSTH is that it has contributed to the international reputation of the UoM in the field of tourism research. For three consecutive years, 2021, 2022, and 2023, the Shanghai Ranking, also known as the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) ranked UoM among the top 150 universities in the world in the field of Tourism and Hospitality. The ranking is based on research quality measured by publications in leading scientific journals, international collaboration, and research awards.

To date, ICSTH is affiliated with researchers from more than ten (10) institutions such as Washington State University, USA; University of Canterbury, New Zealand; University of Johannesburg; University of Oulu, Finland; amongst others.