



## MAURITIUS

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### **New Chairman of CATA**

The Director General of the Mauritius Revenue Authority, Mr Sudhamo Lal, is the new Chairman of the Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators. He was elected during the 13<sup>th</sup> General Meeting held in Malaysia in November 2015 and will be in post for a period of 3 years. In the past, the Director General of the MRA has served as President of CATA during the period 2009 to 2012.

### **MRA collaborating with IMF Afritac South**

Since its inception in 2006, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) has focused on promoting human resource development, capacity building and developing a highly motivated staff. It is even hailed as a model organization in the region with regards to its tax administration reform and modernization process. The MRA has always welcomed tax officials from Africa and the Indian Ocean Region who wish to conduct study tours on our tax administration in Mauritius.

Early this year, the MRA in collaboration with IMF Afritac South mounted a one-month attachment for Senior Officers from Comoros Customs Administration and Madagascar Customs Administration. These officers

who had an exposure on wide areas of activities such as Risk Management, Enforcement, Airport Operations, Post Clearance Audit, etc. are expected to play a leading role in the Custom reforms and modernization of their respective countries.

### **The MRA Taxpayer Portal-Another novel e-service for individual taxpayers**

An important mission of the MRA is to continually reform and modernize Revenue Administration so as to provide taxpayers with world class and hassle free services. Since its inception, the MRA has implemented a number of e-initiatives to facilitate taxpayers, the last one being the MRA Taxpayer Portal which was launched on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

The MRA Taxpayer Portal is a web-enabled intuitive application accessible from PCs, laptops and smart phones. This facility is an extra-edge in the innovation path of the revenue authority and it will help put MRA on the world map for utilizing modern technologies to enhance the efficiency of the organization.

The portal is a self-service facility for taxpayers through which they can query their tax return filing obligations. A taxpayer can also verify recent returns submitted and track status of refund / repayment claims made. The service is available on a 24/7 basis from anywhere and a taxpayer can access the MRA Tax Portal through the MRA website.