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**C O N F E R E N C E - D E B A T :**  
**“ JEUNESSE 2015 NOTRE ENGAGEMENT ”**



- 11:45 Opening remarks by Mr. L. Soopal, Chairperson of the Youth Development Sub-Committee at MACOSS
- 11:50 Presentation on the “I Decide” by Mrs Philippe, MFPWA
- 12:05 Presentation on “Aventure du Monde des ONGs” by Mrs Audrey D’Hotman de Villiers, Social Activist
- 12:20 Presentation on “les défis societaux qui nous guettent” by Mr. Geerish Bucktowonsing, Chairperson of MACOSS,
- 12:35 Questions and vote of thanks



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**MAURITIUS COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE**

**ENGAGING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WITH THE  
COMMUNITY**

*Community Learning and Engagement (CLEn 2015)  
Edition*

**Date: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**Time: 10:00hrs**

**Venue: Conference Room  
University of Technology, Mauritius  
La Tour Koenig  
Pointe aux Sables**



## BRIEF



MACOSS, the NGO focal point, has reached its 50<sup>th</sup> year of existence in 2015. As one of the key events to mark this milestone, MACOSS and UTM have partnered under the initiative “**Engaging University Students in the Community**”.

UTM, through the School of Business Management and Finance has conducted a major review of its academic programmes by incorporating credit based components such as community learning and engagement (CLEn) component, continuous skill development and 6-month effective work placement. In a nutshell, the academic programmes put on offer as from January 2015 is a first and pioneer step towards innovations in inclusive education system in Mauritius, especially at University level.

The current focus is the CLEn which endeavours to integrate community learning and social responsibility in undergraduate education. It is a field-based initiative which aims at promoting civic engagement in community organisations among undergraduate students who will have direct off-campus experience contributing to their intellectual, personal, and professional development.

In view of the above, MACOSS and UTM have partnered to make this initiative a reality and success. UTM will choose students whereas MACOSS will provide a list of NGOs which are willing to accommodate undergraduate students for a period of at least 15 days. MACOSS will also supervise the process and ensure that both students and NGOs make the most of it. This innovative initiative will henceforth be a regular feature for all new UTM students following courses at the School of Business, Management and Finance.



## PROGRAMME



- 09:00 Registration of Students & NGOs
- 09:45 Guests seated
- 10:00 Welcome Address by Assoc. Prof. Dr. H.B. Chittoo, CMILT, Ag. Director General, University of Technology, Mauritius
- 10:10 Address by Mr Geerish Bucktowonsing, Chairperson of MACOSS
- 10:20 Address by Professor (Dr) Theesan BAHORUN, G.O.S.K President of University of Technology, Mauritius(UTM)
- 10:30 Address by the Hon. (Mrs) Fazila JEEWA-DAUREEAWOO, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions
- 10:45 Signature of MoU
- 10:55 Launching of 2015 CLEn Edition
- 11:00 Tour of NGO Exhibition
- 11:15 Refreshment
- 11:45 Conference -Debat: “Jeunesse 2015 Notre Engagement”

