

## MINING AND ENERGY CLUB:

# Making Mauritius meaningful as a fully equipped platform for Africa

MEC has been established with technical advice from the Singapore Mining Club, which has been operating successfully in Singapore since 2014 and have a membership of stakeholders in the Asian and Australian mining industries.

MEC has been designed with a broader perspective to cater for the African Mining and Energy industries which includes Oil and Gas as well as renewables. It will act as a networking centre for corporates and individuals associated with the mining and energy industries, a policy centre for inde-



pendent advisory work for African countries, an educational provider to design courses for upgrading skills in the related industries to be held in Mauritius as well as the promotion of Mauritius as a feasi-

ble finance, arbitration and Stock exchange centre for mining and energy companies. Mauritius was determined to be an ideal centre for MEC, as it has no mining and therefore can provide a wealth of

services (banking, accounting, insurance, management and legal) and advisory policy work from an independent and respected African country perspective. Many foreign mining companies, with exploration or operations in African nations, hold these through Mauritian Global companies.

In energy, Mauritius has extensive experience in power generation from different fuels. Where most African nations have a reliance on hydro, which is subject to climate change, Mauritius does have experience in energy diversification. Mauritius also

provides an ideal platform for policy formation and advice as most African countries have mining but there is no Africa-wide representation of the industry. A number of mining countries (Australia, Canada, UK, etc.) have mining associations to look after their own interests but MEC Mauritius is structured to advise African Governments and foreign mining investors how to mutually benefit from the extraction of resources and the implementation of power projects backed by a dispute settlement route through an arbitration Centre.