

# Mauritius and South Africa sign MoU on fisheries

The Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping and the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the Republic of South Africa signed yesterday a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the field of fisheries. Signatories were the Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, Mr Premdoot Koonjoo, and the High-Commissioner of South Africa to Mauritius, Her Royal Highness Princess Zenani Dlamini.



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The MoU aims at further enhancing the existing friendly relations between the two countries through development of cooperation in the fields of fisheries, fishing, seafood processing, trade of fish and fish products by promoting aquaculture development and exchange of related expertise and technologies, amongst others. It also provides for the setting up of a joint committee that would be responsible for the development of biennial programmes of cooperation and the implementation thereof.

## Senior officials working session

Furthermore, in the context of the South Africa Week, a working session at senior officials' level was organised on 12 June 2018 and took stock of the bilateral meeting that was held in 2016 between Mauritius and South Africa.

The session also examined issues pertaining to: elaboration of a work programme arising from the existing joint commission between both countries so as to present the said programme at ministerial level to ensure political commitment; coordinating the positions of both countries on the international arena and speaking with one voice since Mauritius and South Africa share common values; and establishing a small working group to facilitate issues pertaining to visa formalities which include people-to-people movements, airline movement, creating a more conducive environment and improving conditions to conduct business.

Cooperation in the fields of scientific research and technology, SMEs and culture were also discussed.

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