



MAURITIUS RESEARCH COUNCIL

CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP

Collaborative Research Programme on Diabetes (CRPD)

DRAFT PROGRAMME

*Venue: Mauritius Research Council
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34, Cybercity
Ebène*

Date: Thursday, 7th March 2013

Time: 08:45 hours

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BRIEF

Mauritius has one of the highest prevalence of Diabetes Mellitus in the world¹. Almost 20% of our population is affected by this epidemic. Nearly half of the diabetics are unaware of the devastating complications associated with this chronic disease. Unhealthy, sedentary lifestyles, poor nutritional habits and our genetic predisposition are the major culprits for such a high prevalence of Diabetes in Mauritius.

Although the relevant authorities are putting considerable effort in trying to combat this complex multifactorial disease, much still remains to be done.

To this effect, the Council proposes to launch a Collaborative Research Programme on Diabetes (CRPD) in Mauritius. The main goal of this programme is to address the Diabetes epidemic from a research perspective, while emphasising the participatory approach where the contribution of all relevant stakeholders working on Diabetes in Mauritius will be solicited.

In order to create a common platform for discussion amongst relevant stakeholders, a Consultative Workshop is being organised today. The main purpose of this Consultative Workshop is to collect inputs from all the participants to create ownership in a common consolidated Diabetes Research Programme for Mauritius. Moreover, not only will previous and current research work be reviewed, new avenues of Diabetes research will also be explored.

Discussion will revolve around the 3 below-mentioned themes and will be presided by different chairpersons:

1. Socio-Economic Dimension of Diabetes in Mauritius;
2. Traditional Remedies and Indigenous Knowledge for Diabetes in Mauritius and
3. Fundamental and Applied Research on Diabetes in Mauritius.

Matters discussed during this Brainstorming Session would provide inputs for drafting a country proposal for research on Diabetes for Mauritius.

¹ Ministry of Health and Quality of Life

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08:45 – 09:15	Registration of Participants
09:15 – 09:20	Welcome Address <i>Dr A Suddhoo, Executive Director Mauritius Research Council</i>
09:20 – 09:30	Address <i>The Hon Lormus Bundhoo Minister of Health and Quality of Life</i>
09:30 – 09:40	Address <i>Dr the Hon Rajeshwar Jeetah Minister of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology</i>
09:40 – 10:10	Presentation <i>Representative of the Ministry of Health & Quality of Life</i>
10:10 – 10:30	TEA BREAK
10:30 – 12:00	Consultative Session 1 <i>Socio-Economic Dimension of Diabetes in Mauritius</i>
12:00 – 12:30	LUNCH
12:30 – 14:00	Consultative Session 2 <i>Traditional Remedies and Indigenous Knowledge for Diabetes in Mauritius</i>
14:00 – 14:15	TEA BREAK
14:15 – 15:45	Consultative Session 3 <i>Fundamental and Applied Research on Diabetes in Mauritius</i>
15:45 – 16:00	Proposal Formulation

END OF PROGRAMME