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Ethics in Higher Education: Best Practices, Talents, Policies and Resources and the 2030 Agenda

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Mauritius: Quick Facts

- 2,040-square-kilometer island
- GDP per capita: approx. USD 10,500 (2017)
- Population: approx. 1.3 million
- GDP Growth: 3.5% (2017)
- Adult Literacy rate: approx. 90%
- Strategic location between Africa and Asia
- Gateway and Channel for investment in Africa
- Upper-middle-income, diversified economy, known as the leading business/financial services hub, model of economic success in the Indian Ocean/Africa

Mauritius Education Sector: Quick Facts

- 556 training institutions
- 10 publicly-funded tertiary educational institutions
- 53 private tertiary educational institutions (*e.g International Campus for Sustainable and Innovative Africa (ICSIA), The African Leadership University , Middlesex University, Ecole Centrale de Nantes, Vatel Mauritius ..*)
- 2,900 International Students from 80 countries; 41,000 Mauritian students in tertiary education
- GDP Contribution: Almost 5% (2015)
- The Mauritius Institute of Education, MIE, recognizes the value of ethics at all levels, and has published a guide of Code of Ethics

Aim: Position Mauritius as a world class knowledge hub

Ethics, Education, Talent.....

- Ethics and Education: 2 sides of the same coin
- Public universities founded in post-independent Mauritius, as in many African countries, aimed for nation-building, hence sheltered from financial worries
- Need to set national standards for quality in higher education and establish a level playing field
- Country's aim of 'world-class quality education' to be achieved through the "Mauritius Higher Education Desk" ; the Tertiary Education Commission; the new Higher Education Bill which provides for an independent Quality Authority etc.
- Attract back national talents e.g. through the Mauritian Diaspora (approx. 300 000 Mauritians) - a precious asset- Hence the set up of the Mauritian Diaspora Scheme