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HRDC to organise career talk for university students

As part of its *Let's Talk Career Series*, the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) will hold a career talk session for UTM students **at 11 00 hours at the University of Technology, Mauritius (UTM), Conference Room, La Tour Koenig, Pointe aux Sables on Monday 05 May 2014**. The talk will focus on career prospects in the ICT/BPO sector and will be conducted by Mr Avinash Ramtohum, Director of African Operations Technology Sales Consulting, ORACLE. The theme chosen is "Boosting Your Employability".

"Through such talk sessions, we want to address the education-employment transition and create career awareness opportunities," explained Mr Raj Auckloo, Director of the HRDC. He further said, "By inviting professionals from different sectors to talk about the realities of the world of work, we are thus trying to get students to understand what skills employers are looking for and help them with career planning so that they can make informed decisions on their career choices."

Findings of the recent surveys on labour shortage conducted by the HRDC show that there is a gap between what university graduates generally perceive of the job market and their aspirations, and the actual labour market demand. This gap between graduates' perception and career reality is often one of the contributory factors to graduate youth unemployment. It is thus important to provide university students with opportunities to fill gaps in their understanding and to inform them about prospective career opportunities. The career talk sessions will provide a career reality check to students and will also make the economic community become more involved in the work of universities, thus fostering employer engagement.

To better understand the aspirations and perceptions that university students have of their future careers, the HRDC has conducted a survey among university students at UoM and UTM. The survey covered areas including choice of careers, perceived career prospects, starting salaries, skills required for particular careers and job security versus wages. The findings of the survey would be used as basis to invite selected and relevant industry resource persons to interact with the students.



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Let's Talk Career Series is a new initiative of the HRDC targeted at university students. These career talks by industry representatives will be open to all economic sectors, with focus mainly on priority sectors. To kick start the project, the first career talk session is being organising at UTM and will eventually be extended to students from other universities.

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Date:	Monday, 5 th May 2014
Time:	11 00 hours
Venue:	University of Technology, Mauritius (UTM) Conference Room, La Tour Koenig, Pointe aux Sables

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