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## **Launch of AHRIM Graduate Innovative Learning (AGILE)**

**An industry-driven training for the Tourism and Hospitality sector  
targeting unemployed graduates**

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In a bid to fill an immediate need for specific skills in the Tourism and Hospitality sector, the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) and the Association of Hoteliers and Restaurants in Mauritius (AHRIM) have set up the **AHRIM Graduate Innovative Learning (AGILE)** programme. This industry-driven course is targeted at unemployed graduates. The programme involves training and professional work placement in 12 participating hotels for a period of one year. The graduates will be taken into employment after successfully completing their training.

The AGILE programme was officially launched by Mrs Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun, Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research on Thursday 28 July 2016 at the HRDC Lecture Theatre, Ebène.

*"This customised training caters directly to the skills that our hotels require and is underpinned by huge Government investment to ensure that our Tourism and Hospitality sector has the breadth and depth of skilled workers it needs to be competitive at any time,"* said Mr Luc Alain Gunness Balnock, Chairperson of the HRDC.

The AGILE programme aims to equip young graduates with the necessary attitudes, knowledge and skills to take up employment in the hotel industry at middle-management level. 15 trainees are presently following this course. As part of their training, the graduates will acquire skills in hotel operations and hotel management. This full-time course is being delivered by Vatel Mauritius and Ecole Hôtelière Sir Gaëtan Duval.

*"Surveys carried out by the HRDC have shown that many employers have raised concerns about the job readiness of graduates. We know from our research that employers want work-ready individuals who have the right set of skills alongside their academic knowledge. The AGILE programme tries to respond to these needs,"* explained HRDC Director Mr Raj Auckloo.



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The AGILE programme falls under the Graduate Training for Employment Scheme (GTES). Under the GTES, Government is funding up to Rs 80,000 per graduate to cover the cost of their training. In addition, the HRDC provides a stipend of Rs 6,000 per graduate each month.

### **ABOUT GTES**

The Graduate Training for Employment Scheme (GTES) is a budgetary measure to address the issue of unemployment and skills mismatch among graduates. It is a joint public-private sector partnership between the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) with private sector employers. The objective of the GTES is to develop tailor-made crash courses in fields with high job prospects in order to improve the employability of unemployed graduates whose training does not match market requirements.

All employers and unemployed graduates who wish to participate in the GTES can register their interest online at: [www.gtes.hrdc.mu](http://www.gtes.hrdc.mu)

### **Aide-mémoire**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Thursday 28 July 2016</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10 00 hrs</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>HRDC Lecture Theatre, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, NG Tower, Cybercity, Ebène</b>

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