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BANK OF MAURITIUS SETS UP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Bank of Mauritius (Bank) has set up an Advisory Committee, which held its first meeting on Friday 26 March 2021. The meeting was held in virtual format.

The Advisory Committee is a platform for the exchange of ideas and experience on matters pertaining to central banking, anti-money laundering, regulatory environment, innovation, technology and other topical matters.

The Governor of the Bank is the Chairman of the Advisory Committee and the Deputy Governors of the Bank are ex-officio members. The Advisory Committee comprises international members who are eminent economists, academics, and top-notch professionals considered as leading international authorities in the field of central banking, monetary policy, regulation, compliance, macroeconomics, financial economics, econometrics, international trade, management, fintech and innovation amongst others.

The international members of the Advisory Committee are:

- **Professor the Lord Mervyn King**
 - Former Governor, Bank of England
 - Professor of Economics and Law at the New York University
 - Former Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics and Political Science
- **Dr Vera Songwe**
 - Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
 - Former Country Director for Senegal, Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, and Mauritania at the World Bank
- **Dr Natacha Valla**
 - Dean of the School of Management and Innovation at Sciences Po Paris
 - Former Deputy Director General of Monetary Policy at the European Central Bank
- **Dr Robert Wardrop**
 - Director and co-founder of the Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance, University of Cambridge
 - Professor of Management Practice, University of Cambridge Judge Business School
- **Mr Paul Edwards**
 - Executive Chairman Meryn Capital and V2, an Africa-wide mobile payments company
 - Former member of the Harvard University's Kennedy School Belfer Centre Advisory Board
 - Former CEO of Emerging Markets Payment, MTN Group and DSTV Multichoice

In the wake of the committee's first meeting, Governor Seegolam stated: *"Through this Advisory Committee, the Bank aims at keeping its innovative stance and its focus on further strengthening the banking environment and landscape in Mauritius while delivering on its mandate."*