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Start date : 2019 End date :

Name of responsible governmental body:

- > Economic Development Board (;)
- > Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (;)

Description:

> The Government will be setting up a task force to develop a road map for Mauritius which will be responsible for project implementation and monitoring as well as quantifying the socio-economic impacts of the promotion of AI.

Objectives:

> To establish an AI roadmap, facilitate project implementation and monitor the socio-economic impact of AI.

OECD AI principle adressed:

- > Fostering a digital ecosystem for AI
- Providing an enabling policy environment for AI

Relevant policy area covered:

- **>** Economy
- > Public governance
- > Science and technology

Related to a theme:

> AI policy co-ordination and monitoring

Direct beneficiaries:

> National government

Estimated budget expenditure (range per year):

> Don't know

Background including shifts in the policy initiative:

> The introduction of the Mauritius Artificial Intelligence Council will scale opportunities in this field. The Government will be setting up a task force to develop a road map for Mauritius which will be responsible for project implementation and monitoring as well as quantifying the socio-economic



impacts of the promotion of AI.

- 2. The Council will be, inter-alia, responsible to coordinate with all stakeholders and define specific projects with clear milestones, responsibilities and implementation timelines to foster the AI venture in Mauritius.
- 3. A conducive environment should be created and ensured by Government, but projects will need to be driven by the private sector to ensure that federating projects have adequate support, implementation capacity and clear and impactful deliverables.
- 4. The Mauritius Artificial Intelligence Council as announced in the last budget should be responsible to coordinate, monitor and disburse funds for the selected projects, which would be determined in the report of the working group.
- 5. The EDB will work with other stakeholders in defining the best structure for the Council.
- 6. The MAIC should further extend its role in coordinating, implementing and monitoring innovative projects and technology adoption such as blockchain and IOT amongst others.

Policy initiative is a structural reform:

> No

Evaluated:

> No

Link to evaluation or reports:

> N.A

Public access URL:

- https://ncb.govmu.org/ncb/strategicplans/MauritiusAIStrategy2018.pdf
- https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000377433
- > https://www.lemauricien.com/le-mauricien/mauritius-artificial-intelligence-council-les-membres-nommes-debut-janvier/252694/

Funding from the private sector:

> No

Type of evaluation:

) N.A

Evaluation provides input to:

> N.A

Evaluation performed by:

N.A

Policy instruments:

AI co-ordination and/or monitoring bodies

Type: AI co-ordination and/or monitoring bodies

Name in English: Mauritius AI Council

Country: Mauritius

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Function: Co-ordination | Monitoring

Description of changes in institutional arrangements: Creation of governance structure or public body

Type of coordinating or monitoring body: Coordination or advisory council / committee

Reports to: Head of national government

As mechanisms, the coordination body and/or monitoring body: Provides opportunities to involve non-state stakeholders | Monitors/measures the implementation of AI policy

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