

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS' DAY

At the Café du Vieux Conseil, rue du Vieux Conseil, Port-Louis On 18 December 2009

"The Contribution of Migrants"

The successful management of global labour mobility has been effectively achieved through the implementation of comprehensive policies and collaborative partnerships where the human rights of migrants and of temporary contractual workers have been recognised and adequately protected.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) with its HQ in Geneva and a network of 400 offices in its 147 Member States worldwide has facilitated and achieved a lot in this respect.

The IOM office in Mauritius is equally committed to raising awareness about the welfare and human dignity of migrants. This is reflected in all its activities, projects and programmes. Thus, it assigns a great priority to educating potential migrants about their rights and obligations prior to their departure from Mauritius to work in another country. To this end, IOM in Mauritius has established a Migration Resource Centre which provides information on migrants' rights, the paths to regular migration and other migration-related issues.

To mark the International Migrants' Day on 18 December, IOM in Mauritius will launch a Photo Exhibition entitled The Contribution of Migrants showcasing labour migration and IOM's Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programmes in Mauritius.

IOM is pleased to invite you to a reception on 18 December, starting from 4.30 pm until 5.30 pm at the Café du Vieux Conseil. A small concert featuring *Black Men Blues* will follow.

RSVP: Please call us on 213-3304 by 15 Dec at the latest to confirm your attendance. NB This invitation entitles only one person to attend this event.