

UoM INNOVATION WEEK 2020

“Government - Academia - Industry Partnership: a key driver of Innovation”

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The UoM Innovation Week 2020 was a first of its kind. It aimed at bringing together academia, the public sector and the private sector in view of strengthening partnerships between the parties for the benefit of the country. The primary purpose of this first UoM Innovation Week was to enhance interactions between all stakeholders in view of stimulating an innovation and entrepreneurship culture in Mauritius, in line with UoM’s vision.

The Innovation Week was also be an opportunity for UoM Academics to showcase their innovative research and increase the researchers’ visibility to both the public and private sectors and it also gave to Students the possibility to unleash their creative potential.

Each day had been designed to target a specific objective and a specific audience. On Day 1, there was the launching of the UoM Hackathon, where UoM Students participated in teams to develop innovative solutions in the health and agricultural sectors in Mauritius. Day 2 was devoted to capacity building and training of UoM academic staff and doctoral students in design thinking and developing the entrepreneurial mindset. On Day 3, UoM engaged with key Industry Players to brainstorm on opportunities for new University-Industry Partnerships as a key strategy for innovative and sustainable national economic growth. Day 4 was dedicated to similar interactions with the public sector and parastatal bodies aimed at identifying impediments and bridging the gaps to innovation in the sector. Day 5 concluded the UoM Innovation Week 2020, with a Roundtable led by the University-Industry Consultative Committee.

The University of Mauritius, in collaboration with the MCCI and WcP, hosted Day 3 of the Innovation week and during this day UoM researchers showcased their innovative research and research capabilities in specific fields and the industry discussed their research needs and share their views on how to engage in a sustainable partnership with UoM.