

MRA hosts a five-day workshop entitled ‘Advanced Tax Audit Course’

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) in collaboration with the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), hosted a workshop entitled ‘*Advanced Tax Audit Course*’ from Monday 17 July to Friday 21 July 2023, at the Integrated Customs Clearance Centre (ICCC), Le Chaland, Plaine Magnien.



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Around 87 participants availed themselves of this five-day Advanced Tax Audit Course which aimed to enhance audit skills, address complex tax issues, and more importantly, to facilitate networking and knowledge sharing among the participating countries. This event regrouped participants from Mauritius, Botswana, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Seychelles, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe, and they all passed the assessment, and were each awarded a certificate.

In his keynote address during the closing ceremony held on Friday 21 July 2023, Mr. Sudhamo Lal, Director-General of the MRA expressed his deep gratitude to ATAF for the relentless effort in facilitating the workshop in Mauritius. *“The collaboration between ATAF and MRA stands as a shining example of how partnerships between institutions can lead to transformative outcomes”*, he added. This event, according to him, has not only deepened the long-standing relationship with the African Tax Administration Forum, but has also reinforced the collective commitment to advancing tax administrations across the African continent. *“Together, we can build tax systems that, not only ensure compliance, but also foster economic growth, social development and sustainable progress in Mauritius and the continent as a whole”*, Mr. Lal added. The Director-General also encourages every participant to remain committed to their personal and professional development.

For him, learning is lifelong process and it is for this reason that MRA organizes regular capacity building programmes with a view to keeping up with technological advancements, strengthening compliance and enforcement, improving taxpayer services, and promoting professionalism and ethical conduct.

On another note, Mr. Lal dwelt on the importance of technology. *“Let us seek out opportunities to further our knowledge, embrace new technologies and adapt to the ever-evolving landscape of tax administration. Let us be united by our shared vision of a prosperous, equitable and sustainable future for Africa,”* he concluded.

Mrs. Caroline Mutayabarwa, Manager, Tax Academy, ATAF stated that *“ATAF is implementing a peer-to-peer capacity building initiative where experts from tax administrations in the continent are identified and are engaged to deliver both trainings and technical assistance.”* According to her, these commendable initiatives are yielding returns.

By investing in such comprehensive trainings, MRA is well-positioned to navigate the challenges in a rapidly changing tax landscape.