

# FIU 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

## Director's Message

Today 8 August 2022, the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) Mauritius celebrates 20 years of operation.

To mark this day, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many milestones and successes of this great organization- FIU Mauritius.

20 years ago, FIU Mauritius commenced its operations as the central agency for collecting, processing, analysing and interpreting information regarding money laundering and terrorism financing. Since then, FIU Mauritius reached many milestones, and our mandate has expanded.

In 2003, only a year after being established, FIU Mauritius successfully obtained the prestigious EGMONT FIU status. This EGMONT membership secured FIU Mauritius' ability to request and share information with other EGMONT member countries via secure platforms.

In 2016, the FIU's mandate was broadened to include responsibility as one of the central agencies responsible for Asset Recovery.

In 2019, the FIU's mandate is extended to include AML/CFT Supervision of Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs). This change means that FIU continues to fight ML/TF as a supervisor of REAs, ILPs and DPMS.

In 2021, FIU Mauritius is bestowed the ARINSA presidency and a recognition of FIU's Asset Recovery team playing an important role locally and regionally in the fight against ML/TF.

More recently in July 2022, the FIU's mandate is expanded once more to include responsibility as regulator and supervisor of Law Firms.

Over the course of the past two decades, the FIU also faced serious challenges.

The listing of Mauritius by the FATF as a high-risk jurisdiction was a challenging period for the FIU. As the leading institution for AML/CFT in Mauritius, the FIU demonstrated during the FATF exit process not only its resilience but more importantly its forward-looking and sustainable approach. The earlier than expected exit of Mauritius from the FATF listing solidified the important role of FIU Mauritius.



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Post the exit from the FATF listing in late 2021, the FIU has remained proactive as an organization-with a focus on supervision of DNFBPs, exchange of intelligence at a national and international level, public-private partnership and effective asset recovery.

As a full-fledged member of the Egmont Group since 2003, the FIU Mauritius has recently joined in several projects with foreign counterparts.

Most recently, FIU Mauritius has also taken an active role regionally by taking part in mutual evaluations by ESAAMLG, and the development of AML/CFT frameworks for member countries.

In commemorating our 20th anniversary, we could fill pages with the many successes and our objectives for the next few years. Instead, I take this opportunity to thank the dedicated FIU officers and our Board.

On this special day, I welcome you to celebrate another milestone of the FIU - a redesigned FIU Mauritius official website. This new website better reflects the FIU Mauritius.

Congratulations to the whole FIU family for the successes achieved so far.

“Bonne Continuation”