

GOVERNANCE

The RMCE is governed by a single Board representing the RECs, their Member States and funding organisations. The Centre will be managed by a Director and a relatively small number of staff in comparison with similar outside institutions. Its services will be phased in over four years allowing time for a roll out of its full capacity and a phased expansion of staff.

FUNDING

The main sources of funding will include donor agencies, member Governments' budgets, REC Secretariat budgets and private firms. The European Commission has finalised a contribution agreement to finance operations of RMCE in its initial years.

The Government of Mauritius is also contributing financially to the running costs of the RMCE. Other development partners have already confirmed their support to the RMCE.



ACHIEVEMENTS

A few training activities have already taken place under the aegis of the RMCE with the support of the COMESA, AFD, ADB, World Bank and UNDP including:

- Performance Budgeting Workshop in June 2008
- Macroeconomic Framework and Budget Support for Regional Integration in Dec 2008
- Fiscal Surveillance Framework workshop in December 2009
- Doing Business reform seminar in Jan 2010
- Mauritius Africa Initiative on Early Childhood Care, Education and Development workshop in March 2010

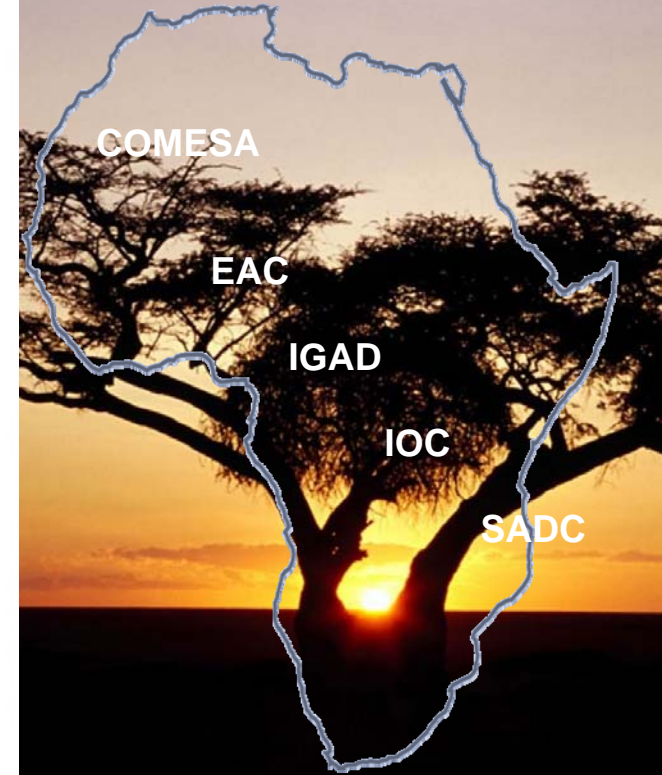
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**REGIONAL
MULTIDISCIPLINARY
CENTRE OF
EXCELLENCE**

INFORMATION

The **Regional Multidisciplinary Centre of Excellence (RMCE)** is a regional training institution hosted by Mauritius and developed with COMESA in consultation with other regional blocs and international partners.

CORE OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the RMCE are to

- Provide a regional training and advisory facility to support the process of Regional Economic Integration in African countries, and
- Be a forum for dialogue serving as a capacity building and expertise hub for the Eastern and Southern Africa - Indian Ocean (ESA-IO) region

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RATIONALE

The main purpose of the RMCE is to build capacity to formulate and implement regional economic development strategy and policy within the countries of the Eastern & Sub-Saharan region encompassing the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the East African Community (EAC), the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), the Inter Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)

SERVICES

Focus is on improving Member States' professional capacity in addressing issues of Regional Economic Integration (REI) in five core areas of common regional concern;

- macroeconomic management
- trade and transit
- cross-border finance
- business development and investment
- common sectoral policies

TARGET AUDIENCE

The Centre will concentrate on senior level staff training, i.e for senior levels of the administrative/professional cadre of member Governments and Regional Economic Communities. The scope of services to be provided by the RMCE will include two main categories:

- Training (Short courses, workshops, seminars & conferences) and
- Advisory, consulting and information services.

RMCE VALUE ADDED

- RMCE will be the only coordinated centre for regional-level training and advisory services in regional economic integration in Eastern & Sub-Saharan region.
- The Centre will complement rather than duplicate other capacity by outsourcing to other existing institutions and will only add to that expertise through its own in-house capacity.