

The Université des Mascareignes hosted a Consumer Education Outreach session delivered by the Information and Communication Technologies Authority on April 25th at the UdM's Rose-Hill Campus.

Students and faculty at the UdM who took part were given an insight into the achievements of the ICT Authority to promote affordable and adequate access to quality ICT services. The role of the ICT Authority as regulator for ICTs and its key functions as well as its contribution as an enabler for the development ICTs in Mauritius were discussed. Some of the various projects which the Authority has put in place were also presented.

The Consumer Education awareness session coincided with the Girls in ICT Day organized around the world by the International Telecommunications Union. The day aims to encourage girls to take up STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects and careers. This year the theme for the Girls in ICT Day is Leadership, a theme which encourages women and girls to go beyond technological skills and emerge as leaders capable of advocating a more inclusive and sustainable digital world.

The students and members of faculty took part in lively discussion.

Interest was shown by the UdM faculty present to collaborate further with the ICT Authority in similar activities. Mr. Jerome Louis, the Officer in Charge of ICTA, said ICTA represents a good example of gender balance and of women in STEM careers.

