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HIGHLIGHTS

ICSI 5th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Theme: Strengthening Governance in VUCA World

3-5 August 2026 | Mauritius

Conference at a Glance

Over three days, the Conference brought together policymakers, regulators, governance professionals, business leaders, and academicians from India and Mauritius to deliberate on emerging governance priorities in an increasingly VUCA world.

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DAYS	Plenary Sessions	Eminent Speakers	In-person Delegates	Virtual Delegates	Institutional Study Tour

Theme

Strengthening Governance in VUCA World

Conference Sub-Themes

- Geopolitics and Risk Oversight in Boardrooms
- Mauritius IFC
- Sustainability for Inclusive Growth
- Responsible AI for Future-Ready Institutions
- India–Mauritius Partnership
- Stewardship and Value Creation
- The Registrar Office of Mauritius
- Reimagining Shareholder Participation and Engagement

Opening Plenary

The Conference was inaugurated by **Dr the Hon Mrs Jyoti Jeetun, Minister of Financial Services and Economic Planning, Republic of Mauritius,** in the presence of **Mr Anurag Srivastava, High Commissioner of India to Mauritius.**

The opening plenary reaffirmed the shared commitment of India and Mauritius towards promoting resilient institutions, sustainable economic development and stronger governance frameworks.

"Growth without resilience is fragile. In today's world, where geopolitics shapes market access and regulatory demands, boards must evolve from compliance to adaptive strategies that position the Company Secretary as a crucial boardroom advisor. This conference reaffirms our dedication to institutional cooperation and strengthening our collective international voice to build sustainable, long-term value."

— Dr the Hon Mrs Jyoti Jeetun

"At this pivotal moment, Company Secretaries act as strategic enablers of investment and cross-border commerce. By strengthening transparency and accountability, they build the governance architecture required to translate our shared ambitions into tangible economic growth."

— Mr Anurag Srivastava

Special Session on Mauritius IFC

Speaker

Mrs Dovinassy Pillay Naiken, Acting Director-Financial Services Unit, Ministry of Financial Services and Economic Planning, Mauritius

Session Highlights

The session highlighted Mauritius' position as a trusted International Financial Centre, supported by a strong regulatory environment, business-friendly policies, and extensive global connectivity. Conversation emphasized IFC's role as a global hub for driving capital into emerging markets, fintech, and sustainable finance.

Plenary II: Geopolitics and Risk Oversight in Boardrooms

Speakers (Left to Right)

Mr Madeven Sooben, Managing Partner, ExFin Consult Ltd, Mauritius

CS NPS Chawla, Council Member, The ICSI

Mr Ashveen Gopee, Managing Director, PwC Legal (Mauritius) Limited

Session Highlights

The panel examined the growing influence of geopolitical developments on business strategy, regulatory compliance, risk management and board oversight. It emphasised adaptive leadership and resilience as essential qualities for future-ready boards.

Plenary III: Sustainability for Inclusive Growth

Speakers (Left to Right)

Mr Saurav Chatterjee, Director & CEO, CARE Ratings (Africa)

CS Ranjeet Pandey, Former President, The ICSI

Dr Drishtysingh Ramdenee, Secretary General, Mauritius Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Session Highlights

The discussions focused on ESG integration, climate action, sustainability reporting and balancing profitability with long-term societal value. Emphasis was also placed on inclusive development, social equity, green finance and corporate responsibility as key drivers of sustainable and resilient economic growth.

Plenary IV: India–Mauritius Partnership – A Strategic Gateway to Africa



Speakers (Left to Right)

Mr Jayasankar Seshadri, President, Indian Business Council, Mauritius

Mr Nitin Ramphul, CEO, Financial Services Institute, Mauritius

Mr Daniel Essoo, CEO, Mauritius Bankers Association Limited

Session Highlights

The session highlighted Mauritius' strategic role as a gateway to African markets and explored opportunities for strengthening bilateral trade, investment and regulatory cooperation. It underscored the pivotal role of Company Secretaries in facilitating cross-border governance, compliance and sustainable business growth.

Plenary V: The Registrar Office of Mauritius – A Pillar of Corporate Governance, Business Facilitation and Economic Development

Speaker

Mrs Prabha Chinien, Registrar of Companies, Mauritius

Session Highlights

The session showcased the Registrar Office's contribution to fostering a transparent and business-friendly regulatory environment that supports corporate governance and economic development. Session gave insights into best practices that strengthen investor confidence and ease of doing business.

Plenary VI: Responsible AI for Future-Ready Institutions

Speakers (Left to Right)

CS Manish Ghiya, Principal, Compliense Advisors

Prof (Dr) Kiran Bhujun, Director, Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Research, Mauritius

Mr Jamsheed Ali Khadaroo, Senior Manager, Financial Services Commission, Mauritius

Session Highlights

The discussions emphasised the need for ethical, transparent and accountable AI governance while exploring the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence in governance, compliance and institutional decision-making. The session called for building AI-ready leadership capable of managing emerging technological risks responsibly.

Plenary VII: Stewardship and Value Creation

Speakers (Left to Right)
Mr Kamal Hawabhay, Managing Director, GWMS Ltd
Mr Amit Gupta, Chairman, AMG Group
Mr Vidhyasagar Lingesan, Chief Rating Officer, CARE Ratings (Africa)

Session Highlights

The session reaffirmed that effective stewardship and responsible board leadership are fundamental to creating sustainable long-term value and enhancing investor confidence. Speakers highlighted the importance of aligning governance practices with stakeholder expectations and organisational strategy.

Plenary VIII: Reimagining Shareholder Participation and Engagement

Speakers (Left to Right)
CS (Dr) Sudheendhra Putty, Associate Vice-President & CS, Cyient Limited
CS Manish Gupta, Council Member, and Former President, The ICSI
Mr Afsar Ebrahim, Executive Director, Kick Advisory Services
Ms Jayshree Guness, Assistant Director, Financial Services Commission, Mauritius

Session Highlights

The panel explored innovative approaches to strengthening shareholder participation through digital transformation, enhanced transparency and inclusive engagement practices. The discussions reinforced that meaningful stakeholder communication is essential for building trust and promoting sound corporate governance.

Group Photographs

Study Tour at Ministry of Financial Services and Economic Planning, Republic of Mauritius

On the concluding day of its 5th International Conference in Mauritius, the ICSI organised a Study Tour at the Ministry of Financial Services and Economic Planning (MFSEP), Republic of Mauritius.

The programme featured presentations on the Financial Services Institute (FSI), the AML/CFT framework, economic planning initiatives, and public sector governance, offering delegates key insights into the country's regulatory and economic landscape.

The session was addressed by the following representatives of MFSEP: Mr Sarwansingh Purmessur, Senior Chief Executive; Mr Dhanraj Conhye, Permanent Secretary; Mr Vimal Thakoor, Chief Economist, Economic Planning Division; Mr Edison Narainen, Director, Office of Public Sector Governance; Mrs Dovinassy Pillay Naiken, Acting Director, Financial Services Unit; Mrs Krithika Burdhool, Lead Analyst, AML/CFT Unit; and Mr Nitin Ramphul, CEO, Financial Services Institute Ltd (FSI).

The Study Tour was followed by a Roundtable of ICSI Leadership with Industry Stakeholders, chaired by Mr. Nitin Ramphul, facilitating an exchange of views on financial services, governance, regulatory developments, and institutional collaboration. CS Pawan G. Chandak, President, the ICSI; CS Ranjeet Pandey, Former President, the ICSI; and Ms. Preeti Kaushik Banerjee, Joint Secretary, the ICSI, participated in the deliberations, further strengthening institutional engagement and knowledge exchange between India and Mauritius.

Key Learnings

Adaptive Governance
Move beyond compliance to build resilient and future-ready institutions.

Geopolitical Awareness
Boards must proactively address global risks and emerging uncertainties.

Sustainability & ESG
Long-term value creation depends on responsible and inclusive growth.

Responsible AI
Ethical and transparent AI governance is essential for future readiness.

Strategic Collaboration
Cross-border partnerships strengthen governance, investment and economic growth.

Resilient governance is driven by adaptive leadership, sustainable value creation, responsible innovation, and global collaboration

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