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Dear Delegate,

Thank you for participating in the Eighteenth Annual Conference on International Conference on Learning! We are pleased you will be joining us Mauritius at the University of Mauritius and hope you are looking forward to coming together with colleagues and members of the Learning community this July.

In preparation for the conference, we have put together some information that we hope will prove useful to you as you begin to prepare for the conference and your arrival in Mauritius. In this document, you will find information such as transportation information, a map of the University of Mauritius, conference registration information, presentation information, and paper and journal information.

This packet is a starting point for your preparations and we realize you may have some additional questions after reviewing the material here. For any questions that remain, please contact the conference secretariat at support@thelearner.com.

We hope your planning goes well and we look forward to meeting you in Mauritius!

Best regards,

Izabel Szary

Conference Producer

For the Eleventh Annual Diversity Conference

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Transportation

Airport Information

Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, previously known as Plaisance Airport or SSR Airport, is an international airport serving the island country of Mauritius. The airport is located at Plaine Magnien, near Plaisance and 26 nautical miles (48 km) southeast of Port Louis, the capital of Mauritius. For more information about the airport go [here](#).

An interactive map of the airport can be found [here](#).

Taxis and Buses

Airport-based taxis are readily available as per aircraft schedule. A special service counter situated next to the AML Information counter is available in the Tour Operators' Hall for additional information.

Information on other public transportation facilities is available from the AML Information Desk.

Car Rental

Passengers can hire a car on arrival from several car rental agencies represented at the airport. Their counters are located in the Tour Operators hall. See our Terminal Guide for exact location. For more information go [here](#).

Airport Pick-up

Some hotels offer airport transfers at an additional fee. Please check with the hotel you are staying at for additional information and rates.

Directions and Map

All of the accommodations associated with the conference are in Port Louis. In the map below is the route from the airport to Port Louis.



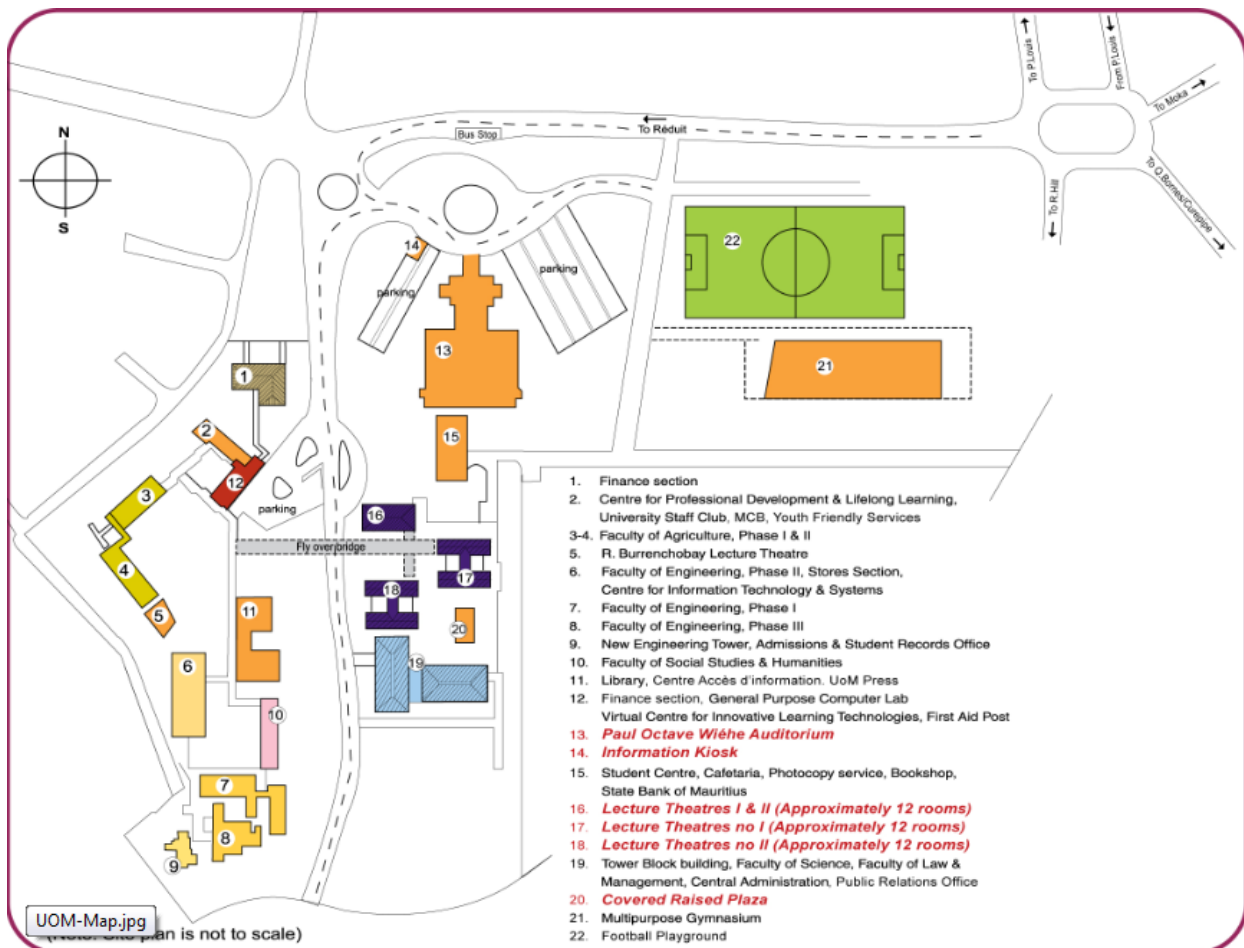
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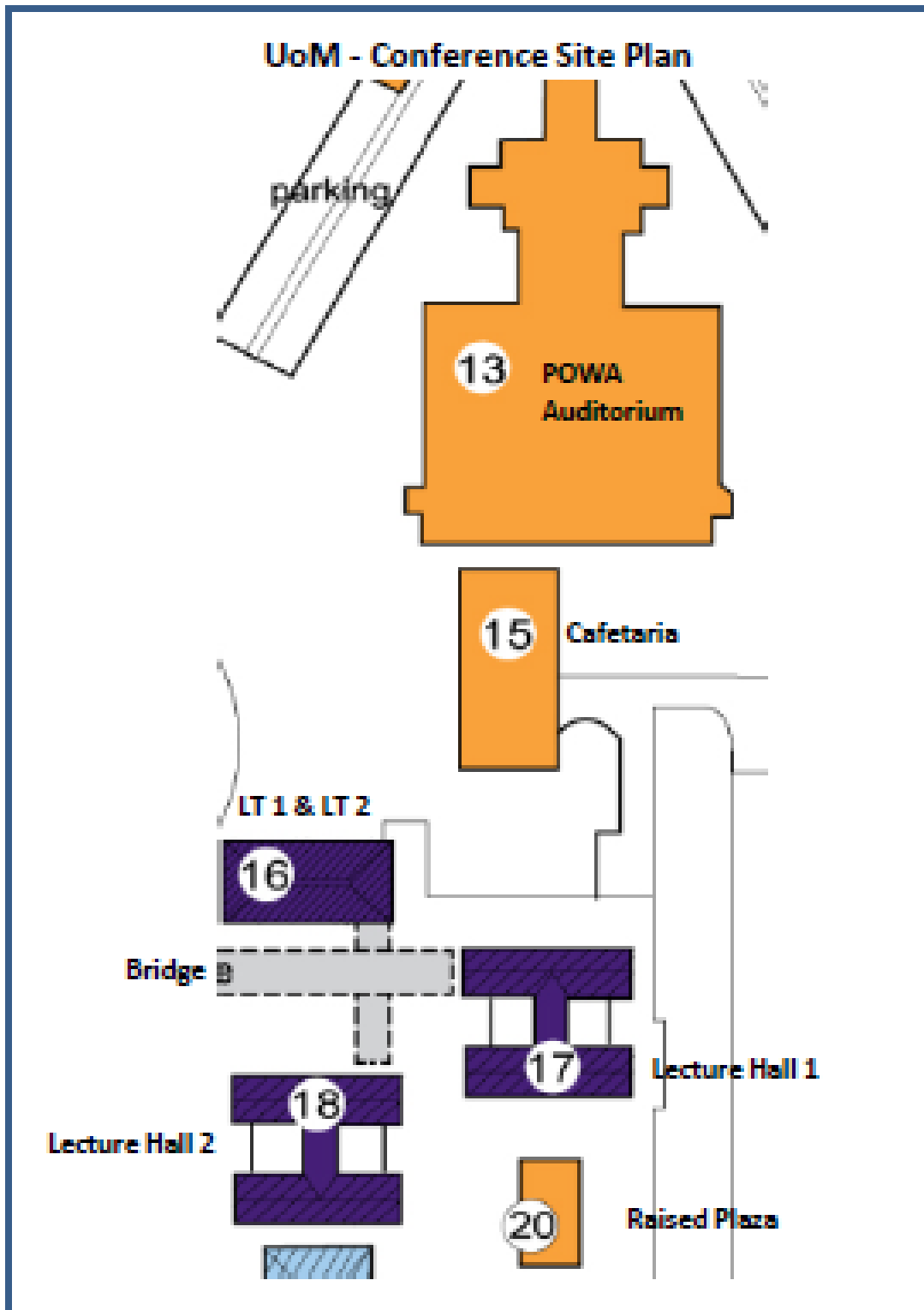
University of Mauritius

Rédout, Mauritius

Below is a map of the University of Mauritius.



Below is a map of the conference location on the campus.



Acommodation Information

Le Suffren Hotel and Marina: Rooms start at US \$140

<http://www.lesuffrenhotel.com/> .

To book, please call (230) 202 4900 or email at info@lesuffrenhotel.com. When making your booking, please be sure to mention that you are attending the 2011 Learning Conference organized by Common Ground Publishing.

Labourdonnais: Rooms start at US \$200

<http://www.labourdonnais.com/index.php>

For reservations or questions please call (230) 202 4000. You may also email any questions to info@labourdonnais.com

Saint Georges Hotelz: Rooms start at US \$93

For further information please visit www.saintgeorghotel-mu.com or call Tel: +(230) 211-2581/82. You may also email any questions and reservation requests to Sanjeev Tatiah at dir.hsg@intnet.mu. When making your booking, please be sure to mention that you are attending the 2011 Learning Conference organized by Common Ground Publishing.

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*Transportation to and from the University of Mauritius be provided daily from the hotels.

Registration Location and Hours

The registration desk is located Lecture Hall 1 and will be open at 8 a.m.

Presentation Information

Equipment

Data projectors will be provided in all of the parallel session rooms. Please bring your presentation on a USB drive and make sure your presentation is saved as a .ppt and not a .pptx.

Program

The current draft may be found online <http://thelearner.com/conference-2011/program/>. In addition to this, you will receive a program booklet at the conference with the final schedule for the plenary and parallel sessions.

Online Presentations

Whether you are a virtual or in-person presenter at this conference, we encourage you to present on the conference YouTube Channel. Here are two suggestions:

1. Record a video of your presentation before or after the conference, or ask a colleague to record a video of your presentation at the conference, then submit it to our YouTube channel.
2. Create a PowerPoint presentation with voice-over before or after the conference, or record the audio of your presentation at the conference, then link this to your PowerPoint presentation.

These presentation recordings will be published to YouTube with links to your Session Description on the conference website.

Paper and Journal Submissions

Submission Timeline:

Whether you participate in the conference as a virtual registrant or as an in-person delegate, you are invited to submit a paper for consideration in *The International Journal of Learning*. The final date for submitting your paper for consideration is 8 August 2011– **one month after the last day of the conference**. This will guarantee that your paper is reviewed through our one way blind refereeing process.

More information on submitting your paper to *The International Journal of Learning* can be found at <http://thelearner.com/journal/publish-your-paper/>. At this site you will find extensive information about the submission process, author guidelines, the editorial quality of our journal, and the publications process. This information will also be available in the conference program.

Peer Review Process:

Journal authors belong to a community of professional interest and concern and on this basis are asked to provide critical and constructive feedback on the work of their peers. People who submit a paper to the journal are requested to referee up to three other submitted papers from the current or subsequent volumes of the journal. Once assigned to a paper, referees are requested to complete reports within two weeks. More information on the Peer Review Process can be found here: http://thelearner.com/journal/publish-your-paper/#pee_rev .

Activities and Extras

Conference Dinner - Le Mirador - Wednesday, 6 July

Nestled in the Casela Nature and Leisure Park is Le Mirador. The restaurant is made of carved stone, thatched roofs and is finely decorated. From its location in the middle of the garden, you will be able to enjoy stunning views of the west coast.

Dinner will include light hors d'oeuvres and a multicultural buffet of salads, main courses, dessert, non-alcoholic drinks and beer.

Conference Tour - Unbelievable Mauritius Day Tour - Monday, 4 July 2011 - PM 10h00 – 18h30

The uniqueness of Mauritius lays in the fact that in spite of being small; it offers wide ranging natural and heritage attractions to the visitors. The 'Unbelievable Mauritius' trip has been specially tailored for learning conference delegates so as get a feel of Mauritius; its multi diversity and some fascinating landscapes.

Itinerary

*** Institutional Visit- Royal College Curepipe**

The Royal College of Curepipe is one of the oldest institutions of the Republic of Mauritius. The actual building was completed in 1914, but the history of the Royal College of Curepipe stretches back to 1791.

*** Trou-aux-Cerfs and Curepipe-La Marie-Petrin-GrandBassin**

Curepipe has the extinct Trou aux Cerfs (Crater of Stags) volcano lying in the middle of the city. It hosts the Curepipe Botanic Gardens, with the rarest palm tree of the world (unique specimen of *Hyophorbe Amaricaulis*). Grand Bassin is also known as Ganga Talao and is a crater lake situated in the district of Savanne, deep in the heart of Mauritius. It is considered the most sacred Hindu place in Mauritius and there is a Hindu Temple there.

*** Alexandra Falls**

Situated in the Petrin region, the Alexandra Falls is one of the most picturesque natural reliefs in the island.

*** Black River Gorges National Park**

Black River Gorges National Park is a national park in the mountainous south-western part of Mauritius. Enjoy some breathtaking vistas at the Gorges. Many endemic plants and animals still occur in the park including the Mauritian flying fox and all of the island's endemic birds: Mauritius kestrel, pink pigeon, Mauritius parakeet, Mauritius cuckoo-shrike, Mauritius bulbul and the Mauritius olive white-eye.

*** Chamarel**

The Seven-Coloured Earth of Chamarel is one of the most amazing natural wonders. Volcanic rocks have been powdered into sands which form beautiful patterns into the hillside, creating a most magical effect.

* Flic-en-Flac Public Beach

As the trip reaches its end, enjoy the mesmeric sunset at Flic-en-Flac. And on top of all, before the start of the conference, the organisers invite you to enjoy one of the finest beaches of the island.

Important Notes

- Packed lunch and refreshments will be provided, however, delegates should cater for extra provisions as required
- You are most welcomed to bring swimming costumes, swim towels and sun lotion
- Grand Bassin is a sacred Hindu religious place, it would be greatly appreciated if delegates have eaten non-veg meals, do not enter the temples as a sign of respect for the local culture.
- Entrance to Chamarel is included

Conference Dinner-Wednesday, 06 July 2011 ([Further Information](#))

\$US80.00

Conference Tour - Unbelievable Mauritius Day Tour - Monday, 4 July 2011 ([Further Information](#))

\$US35.00