

# **DRAFT CONCEPT PAPER\_ MAURITIUS HERITAGE SHORT FILM COMPETITION 2018**

**The National Heritage Fund (NHF)**

**In collaboration with**

**The Mauritius Film Development Corporation (MFDC)**

## **Background**

On 12 March 2018, Mauritius will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence. This Golden Jubilee is a historic occasion, which will, undoubtedly, be celebrated with great pride by all Mauritians, without distinction. The Republic of Mauritius is a multi-ethnic and a plural-cultural island community. Despite its small size, Mauritius has a diverse and dynamic cultural heritage, which was brought and introduced to its shores by people of different origins from various parts of the world. Today, these cultures, traditions, social practices and religions form an integral part of the Mauritian Cultural Heritage that have been molded and fashioned to create a distinctly Mauritian culture.

A country of great beauty, and warm hearts, Mauritius has been to the many visitors who come as tourists, workers and those on transit a place to enjoy its scenic beauty, calm and serene waters, diverse heritage resources with its ever welcoming people's generosity. A country made from the sweat of its hard working populations, the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Mauritius also provides the nation with an opportunity to reflect on the struggles, achievements and contributions of the ancestors who have contributed to realizing the present jewel of the Indian Ocean.

The theme of the independence, which is “La main dan la main”, focuses our attention at one and the same time on our diversity as well as the unity among different communities that has contributed in the social, economic and political progress and on the building of the Mauritian nation.

The celebration of independence this year must reflect genuine pride in our cultural and material inheritance and visibly display our ability to live the legacy of social cohesion, peace, love, unity and prosperity which our fore parents struggled for and have bequeathed to the nation.

To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Mauritius and to give due recognition to our ancestors who have struggled for building the Mauritian nation, the National Heritage Fund and the Mauritius Film Development Corporation are proud to announce the launching of a short film competition on the theme “**Contribution of our heritage in Mauritian nation building**”. You are who we are looking for to make us realize this.

### **Overview of the project**

The project’s aim is to recognize and sensitise the Mauritian population on the rich Mauritian heritage and its contribution to nation building. It will demonstrate heritage as identity, a resource and nation builder. The competition will also be an opportunity to unearth and recognize filmmaking talents who will approach our vibrant Mauritian Heritage with a fresh look. The selected films will be broadcasted on the national television in March 2018 with the award ceremony held in April 2018.

## Objectives or Goals

- To recognize and sensitise the Mauritian population on the abundance of and contribution of heritage to the Mauritian nation building;
- To educate, sensitise and promote our national heritage through films;
- To provoke interest in Mauritians, especially the younger generation to preserve heritage and instill a sense of belongingness and civic pride;
- To exhibit the best films, through organization of outreach programs, film festivals and other media.

## Target Group

This competition is opened to all Mauritians.

## Competition Guidelines

Duration: 7 - 10 minutes

Theme: Contribution of Our Heritage in Mauritian Nation Building

Category: Docu-Fiction

Format: Broadcast Quality such as HD, MP4 amongst others

Jury: An independent jury panel will judge all films and their decision would be final. They will choose the best films based on the following criteria:

- Relevance (heritage factor, originality)
- Research
- Technical competency

- Timeline
- Engagement with social media, raising awareness

Language: All speaking languages in Mauritius

Deadline: Submission of films to MFDC by 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 16.00 hrs.

### **Procedure for submission of films**

- Launching of the competition will be on 15<sup>th</sup> February and deadline for submission of entry on 28 February 2018.
- Film must be submitted in a sealed envelope by 19 March 2018 at latest at 16:00 hrs at the following address:

The General Manager  
Mauritius Film Development Corporation  
Government Quarters, Hugh Otter Barry  
Floreale  
Mauritius

- Each envelope must contain:
  - A copy of the entry form;
  - One copy of the clip on a DVD or pen drive; and
  - Information sheet including synopsis, movie details such as title, duration, participant, cast and credits

## Rules and Eligibility

- This competition is opened to all inhabitants of Mauritius
- All genres will be accepted
- Content must be focus and related to the theme mentioned above
- The MFDC/NHF are strongly opposed to shooting contents that are considered illegal: **(a)** of a pornographic character- **(b)**. incitement to racial animosity- **(c)**. Contemptuous to any of the religion in the country.

## Partners

- The Ministry of Arts and Culture
- The Mauritius Film Development Corporation
- The National Heritage Fund

## Prizes

1st Prize: Cash prize of Rs 30,000 + trophy

2nd Prize: Cash prize of Rs 20,000 + trophy

3rd Prize: Cash prize of Rs 15,000 + trophy

Selected participants will receive Rs 10,000

All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

## **Award Night**

- Trophies and cash prize will be awarded to the best films during an award night to be organized on 18 April 2018.

## **Time Frame**

Launching of the competition	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Registration	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Submission of films to MFDC	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2018

## **Additional information**

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