





# THE ROAD DECONGESTION PROGRAM IN MAURITIUS

**KEC AND RDA TECHNICAL COOPERATION** 



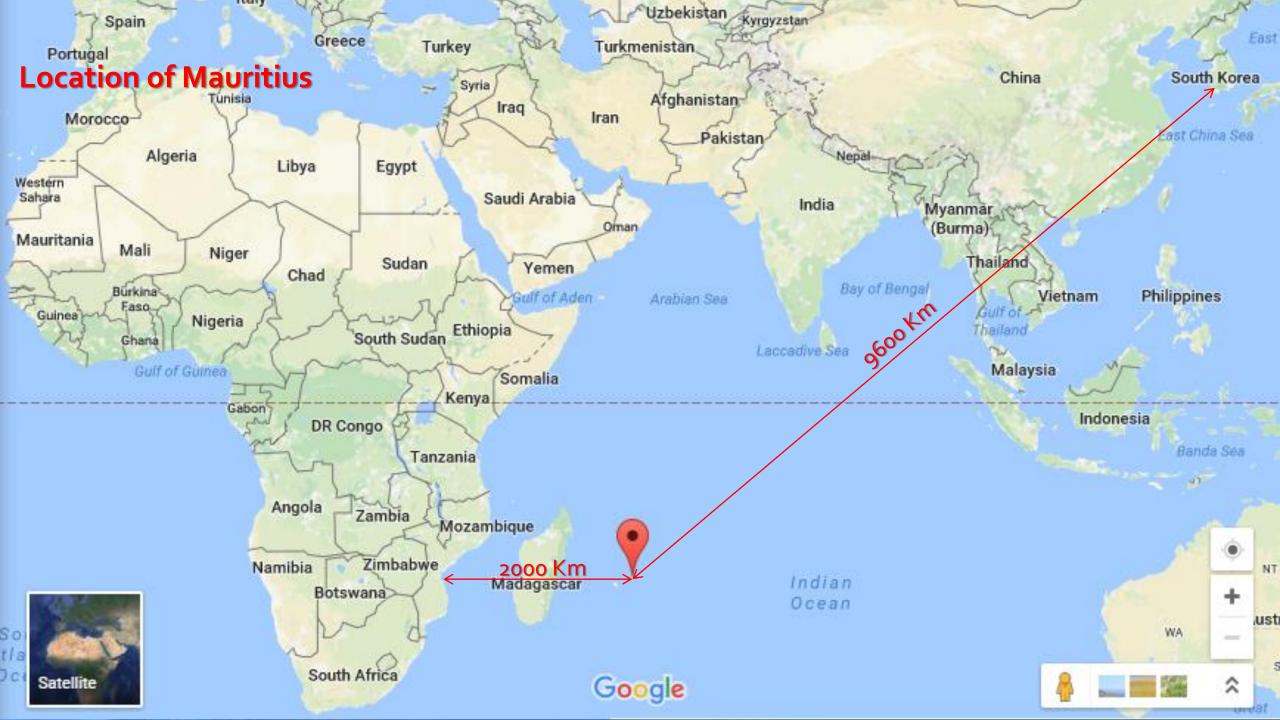
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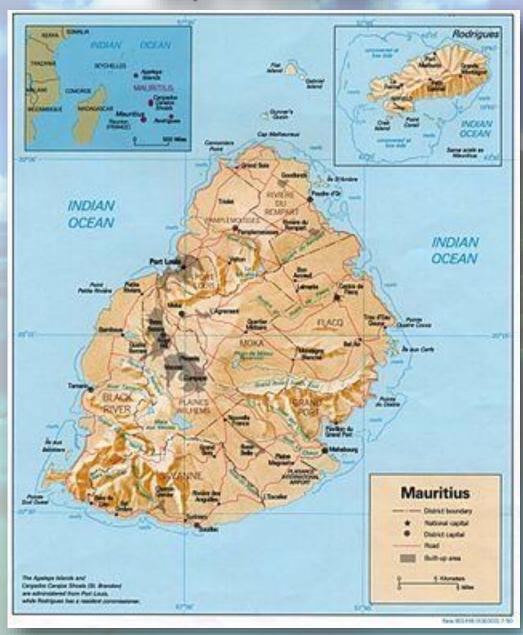




## History

- Middle ages Visited by Arabs and Portuguese
- Colonized by the Dutch in 1638 (Maurice)
- · Abandoned by the Dutch in 1710
- Colonized by the French in 1715 (Isle de France)
- · Star and Key of the Indian Ocean
- Invaded by British in 1810 (Mauritius)
- · Gained independence in 1968
- Became a republic in 1992

#### **Map of Mauritius**



#### **Key Facts**

■Size of land: 2,040 Sq Km

**■**Size of ocean: 1.9 Million Sq Km

Size of population: 1.3 Million

Political system: Democracy with free and fair

elections held every 5 years

Legal system: Common and Civil Law

Official Language: English

•Literacy rate: 93% (2017)

•GDP per capita: USD 9,700 (2017)

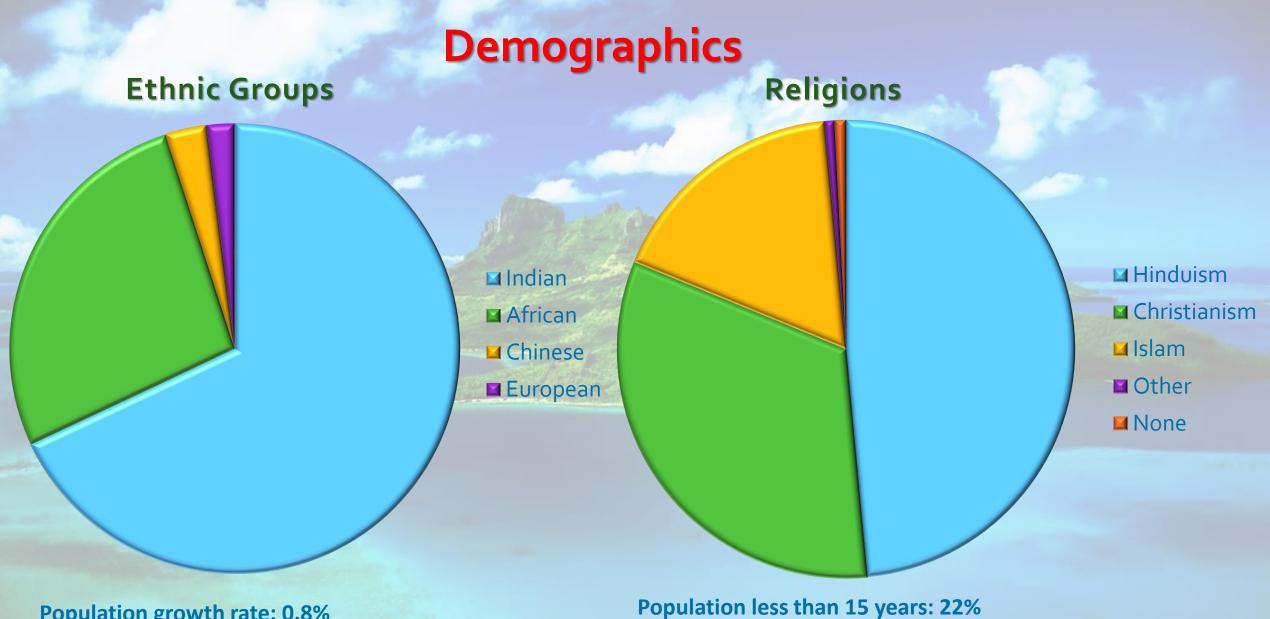
**GDP** growth: 3.7% (2017)

**■**Inflation rate: 3.7% (2017)

**■Unemployment rate: 6.9% (2017)** 

•Repo rate: 3.50% (2018)

Moody's Investors Service: BAA1 (2018)



**Population growth rate: 0.8% Infant mortality rate: 1.2%** 

Life expectancy: 71 years (Male) 78 years (Female)

Population between 15 and 65 years: 71%

**Population more than 65 years: 7%** 

Sex ratio: 1:1

#### 2. Road Networks and Traffic Congestion

- > Island network of roads
- > All road intersections at grade
- Responsibility of RDA and Local Authorities
- Fleet of vehicles exceeding 500,000 (>200,000 autocycles/motorcycles)
- Heavy congestion at major intersections at peak times.



# 3. Road Development Authority

#### The Road Development Authority (RDA)

- The RDA is a state owned organization set up in 1998 under aegis of the Ministry of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport
- The RDA develops, preserves and maintains motorways and main roads
- The RDA is made up of the Technical, Finance and Administration Departments.
- The Technical Department consists of:
  - Development Division
  - Planning Division
  - Project Implementation Division
  - Maintenance Division



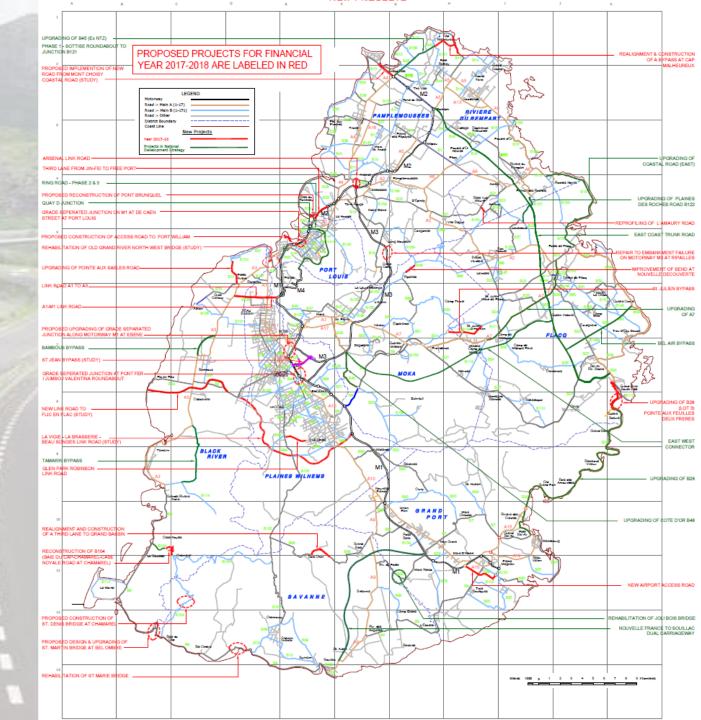
#### **RDA Road Network**

Length of A Roads: 235 Km

Length of B Roads: 905 Km

Length of Motorway: 105 Km

Total Length: 1245 Km



#### **RDA Other Objectives**

- > To reduce costly traffic congestion
- > To sustain economic growth of Mauritius by expanding road infrastructure to new areas of development
- > To support social development with upgrading or extension of existing road networks



## 4. Road Decongestion Program (RDP)

#### **Road Decongestion Program (RDP)**

- > Government identified need for RDP and gave full support for implementation
- > Bypasses around busy villages and towns.
- > Constructions of new overhead bypasses for better traffic fluidity
- > Improved pedestrian safety
- > To alleviate congestion along Main Road Corridor linking Curepipe to Capital City of Port Louis
- > 3 components of RDP identified
  - i) A1-M1 Link Road
  - ii) Grade Separated Junctions at Pont Fer/Jumbo Dowlut
  - iii) Port Louis Ring Road including tunnel



# 5. World Road Congress in Seoul, November 2015

#### World Road Congress in Seoul, November 2015

- **➢ Ministerial Delegation attended World Road Congress**
- > Contacts established at Ministerial level.
- > KEC visits to Mauritius in November-December 2015 and March 2016
- > KEC Final Mission Report April 2016



#### **MOU RDA-KEC and G2G Agreement**

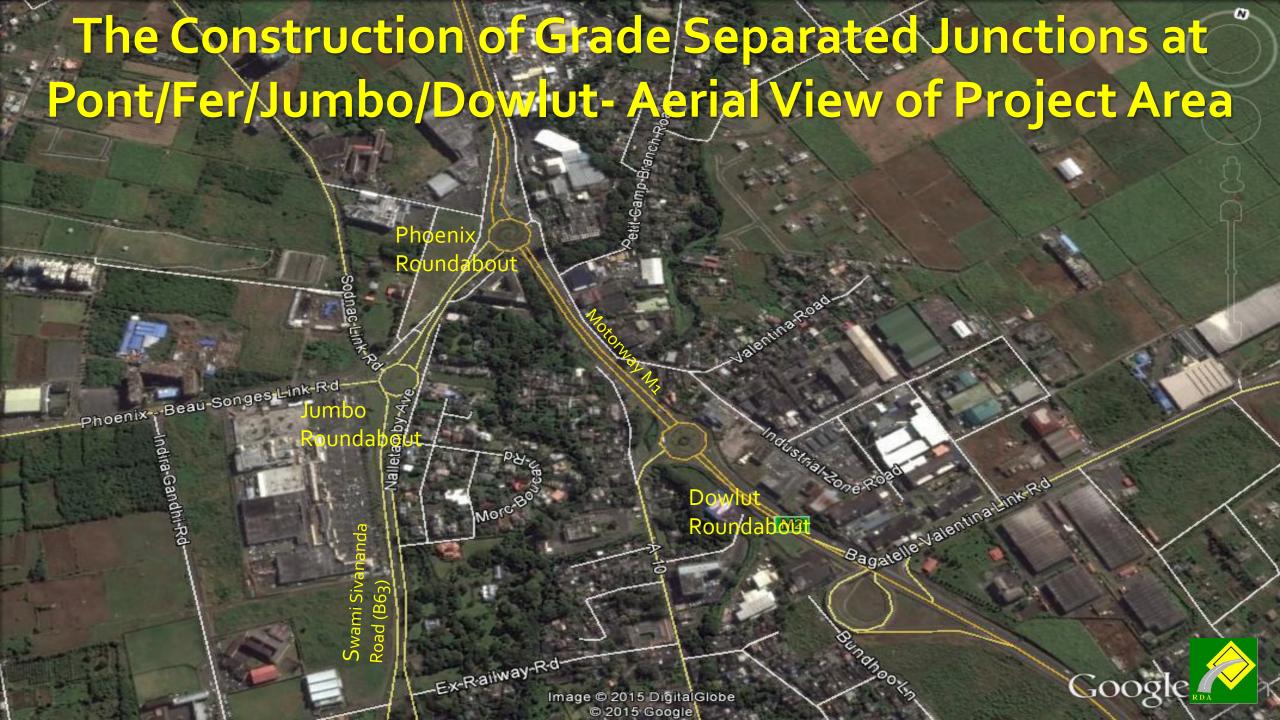
- ➤ Signature of MOU between RDA and KEC on 05 April 2016 to promote technical and institutional knowledge exchange in the field of road and transport.
- ➤ G2G Agreement and Government decision to award contract for consultancy services for Phase I of RDP to KEC
- ➤ KEC and other consulting engineering firms Cheil Engineering Co
  Ltd and Kyongdong Engineering Co Ltd to provide FEED proposals
  and tender documentation.
- ➤ Under present arrangements, KEC is assisting RDA and MPILT in consultancy works at Traffic Modelling Unit (TMRSU) and TRV rehabilitation project.





### 7. Road Decongestion Program:

A. The Construction of Grade Separated Junctions at Pont Fer/Jumbo/Dowlut



# CONGESTION AT PONT FER ROUNDABOUT





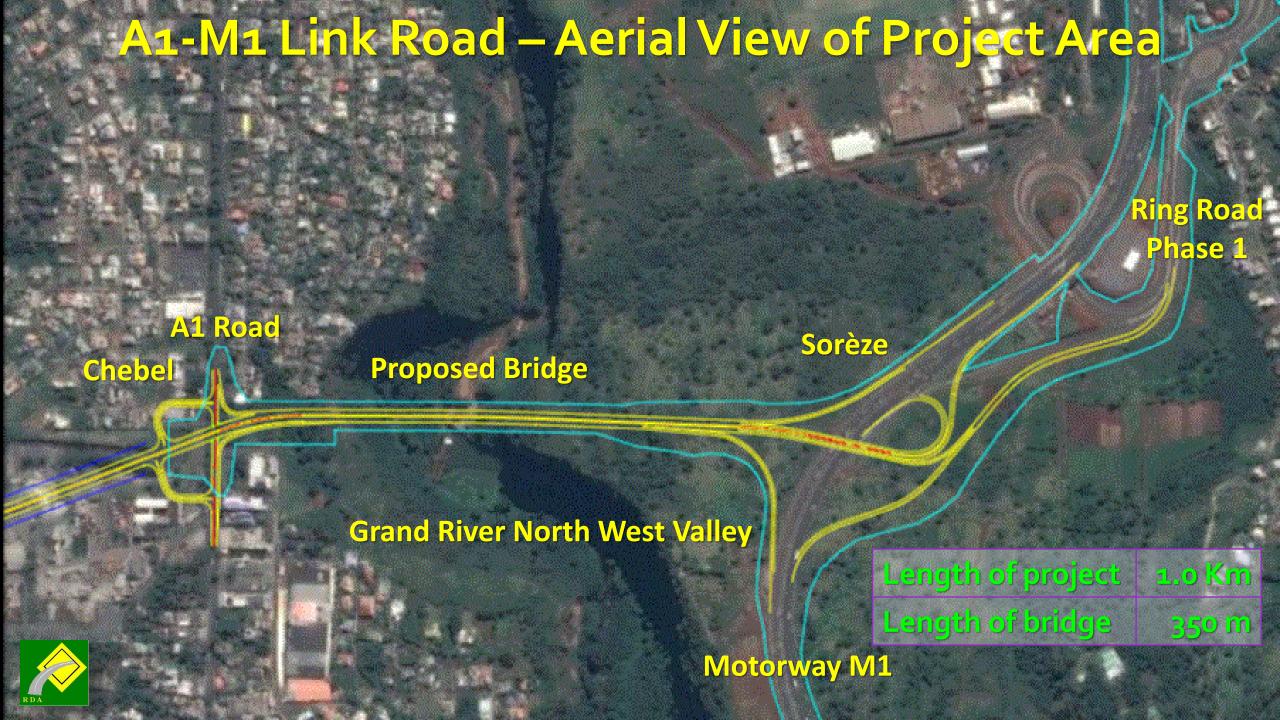






# 7. Road Decongestion Program:

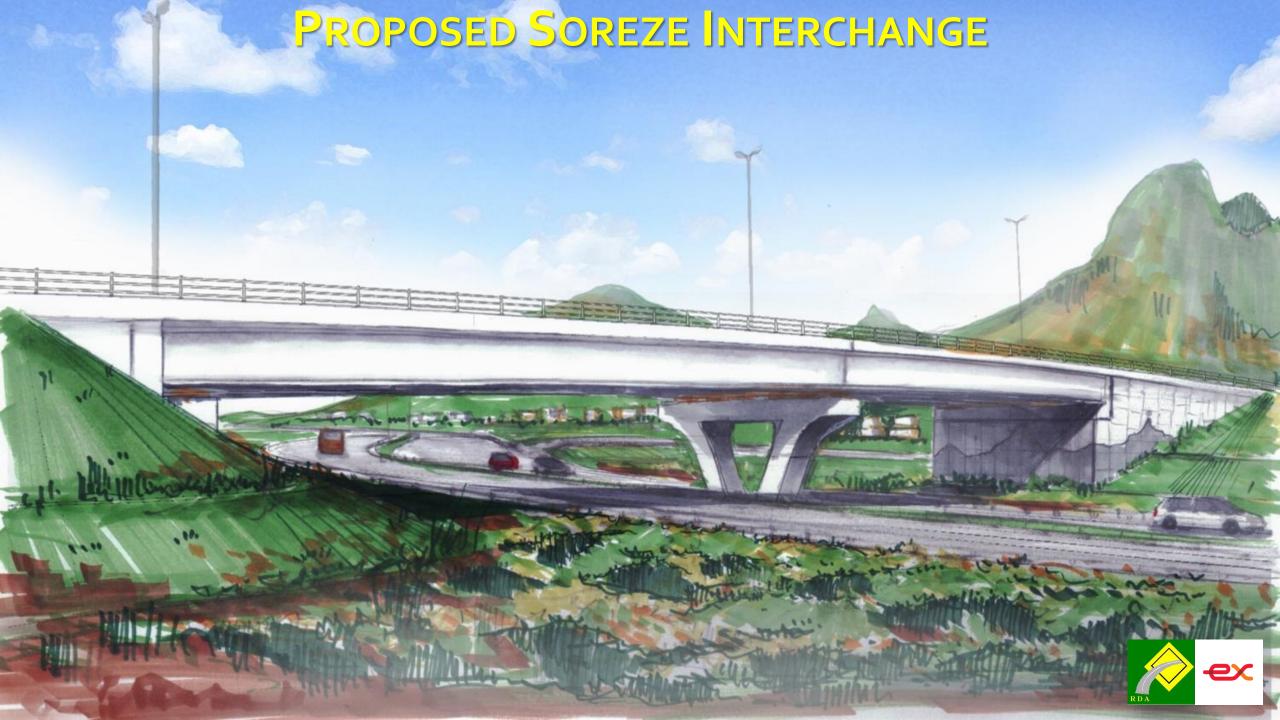
**B. A1-M1 Link Road** 

















9. Other Areas of Future Cooperation Opportunities RDP Phase II - Port Louis Ring Road including tunnel















9. Other Areas of Future Cooperation Opportunities Implementation of Intelligent Transport System (ITS)



9. Other Areas of Future Cooperation Opportunities Establishment of State of the Art Materials Laboratory



9. Other Areas of Future Cooperation Opportunities Establishment of proper R&D department within RDA

