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Inputs on the role of Technical Assistance and Capacity Building in fostering
mutually beneficial co-operation in promoting and protecting human rights

* Mauritius, being a Member of the Human Rights Council, is fully committed to
upholdi.ng human rights at national and international levels.
* The Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms (MCSAR) ensures that
Ministries and Departments, including the Office of National Human Rights
Commission, the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Office of the
Ombudsperson for Children which are directly responsible to protect and promote
human rights, have the required human resource capacity to enable them to perform at the expected level.
* The Ministry also acts as the focal point for matters pertaining to training and
capacity building while ensuring that knowledge and skills are imparted through
training offered by specialised International Organisations for, *inter alia,* the
promotion and protection of human rights.
* In this regard, the MCSAR welcomes offers for capability development programmes
from donor countries/organisations on a non-exhaustive list of topics such as
education, sports, health, gender, combating fraud, corruption and drug-trafficking.
Its vision is to equip public officers through high level and relevant education and
training so that Government services are dispensed in a more professional manner,
bearing in mind our commitment to fostering fundamental human rights, values and
principles.
* The MCSAR also ensures that there is no gender bias or other impediments such as
physical disability which would prevent public officers from benefitting from training facilities and technical assistance schemes offered by foreign countries.