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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.