

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Launch of the 'Air Corridor' today 11 March 2016 with the first Air Mauritius flight taking off at 20h40**

**The official inaugural flight will leave Mauritius on Monday 14 March with an important delegation led by Honorable Xavier-Luc Duval, Deputy-Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism**

Today 11 March 2016, Air Mauritius is operating its first direct Mauritius-Singapore flight marking the launch of 'The Air Corridor'. Flight MK646 will leave the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International airport at 20h40 and will land at Changi airport in Singapore, the next day at 07h50.

As from today, three direct flights per week are scheduled on Singapore (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). "The Air Corridor" aims at improving air connectivity between Mauritius and Singapore in order to stimulate the growth of passenger and cargo traffic between Asia and Africa through these two hubs.

Furthermore, in order to feed the African side of the 'Air Corridor', Air Mauritius is expanding its operations in Africa with two new destinations as from May this year, namely Dar es Salaam and Maputo.

"The Air Corridor" project is an initiative of the Mauritian Government following the signature of a collaboration agreement between Air Mauritius and Changi Airport in October 2015.

An official delegation led by Deputy-Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, Honorable Xavier-Luc Duval and comprising of high government officials, the private sector and representatives of the local, regional and African press will leave Mauritius on 14 March for Singapore. The delegation will take part in several presentations and work sessions with key partners of the tourism, travel and other economic sectors of Singapore. The objective is to promote Mauritius as a leisure as well as a business destination with the new opportunities it offers as result of enhanced connectivity following the launch of the "Air Corridor"

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*Air Mauritius est la compagnie aérienne nationale de la République de Maurice. Créée en 1967, elle opère actuellement une flotte comprenant quatre A340-300, deux A340-300E, deux A330-200, deux A319 et deux ATR 72-500. Air Mauritius dessert présentement vingt et une destinations en Europe, Asie, Australie, Afrique et Océan Indien.*