

Board of Investment
Mauritius

Mauritius: Investment Destination of Choice

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AGENDA



Mauritius – Economic Overview



Doing Business Environment



Video on Investment Opportunities

Quick Facts

Basic details

- Land Mass: 2,040 sq km
- EEZ: 1.9 M sq km + 396,000 sq km
- Population: 1.2 million
- Main Languages: English, French, Asian Languages

Political and Legal System

- Independence in 1968
- Republic in 1992
- Parliamentary democracy with free election every 5 years
- Hybrid legal system (Common & Civil Law)

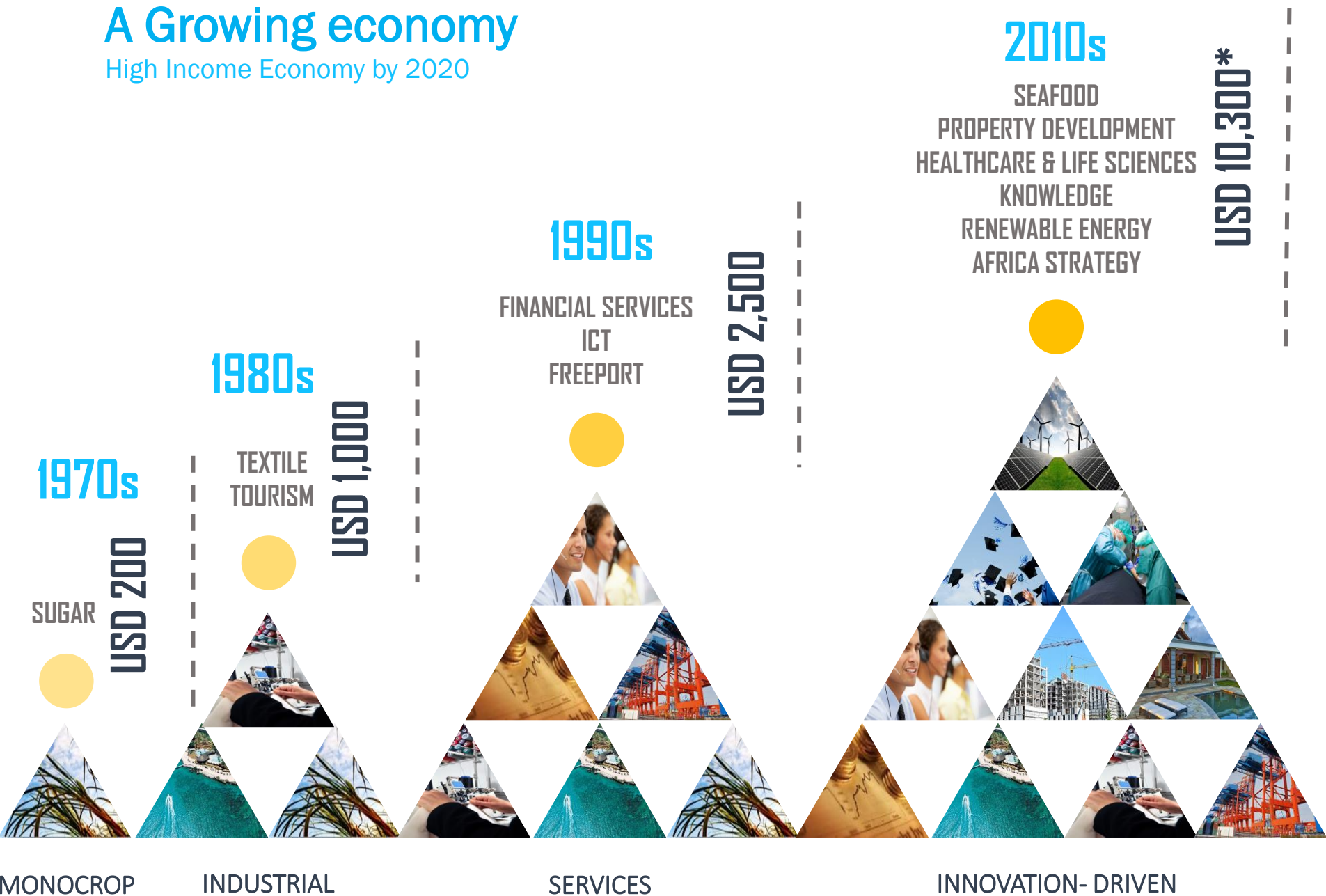
Economy

- Real GDP growth Rate: 3.5% (Est. 2014)
- Inflation: 4.0 % (Est 2014)
- Repo Rate: 4.65%

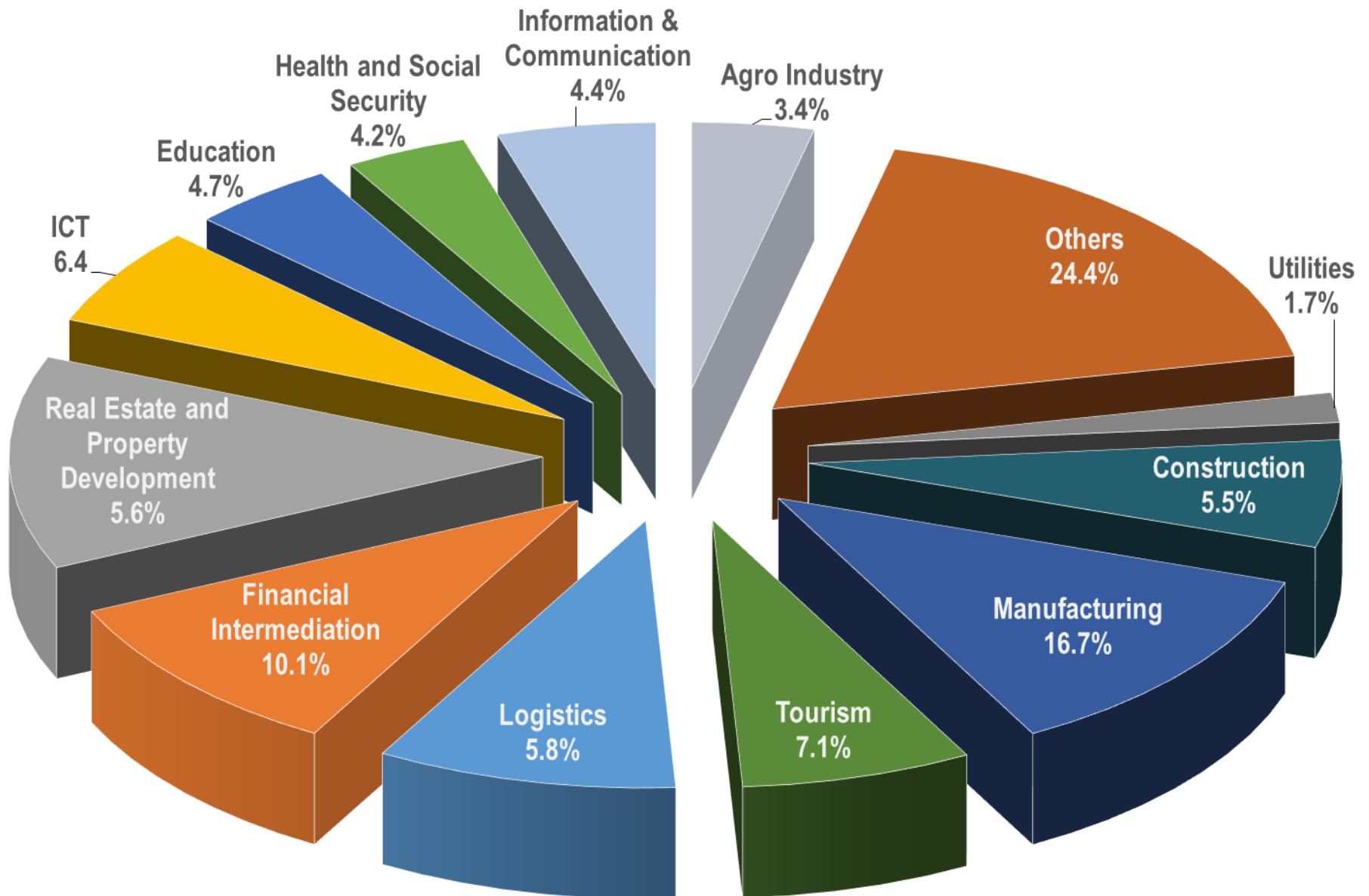
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A Growing economy

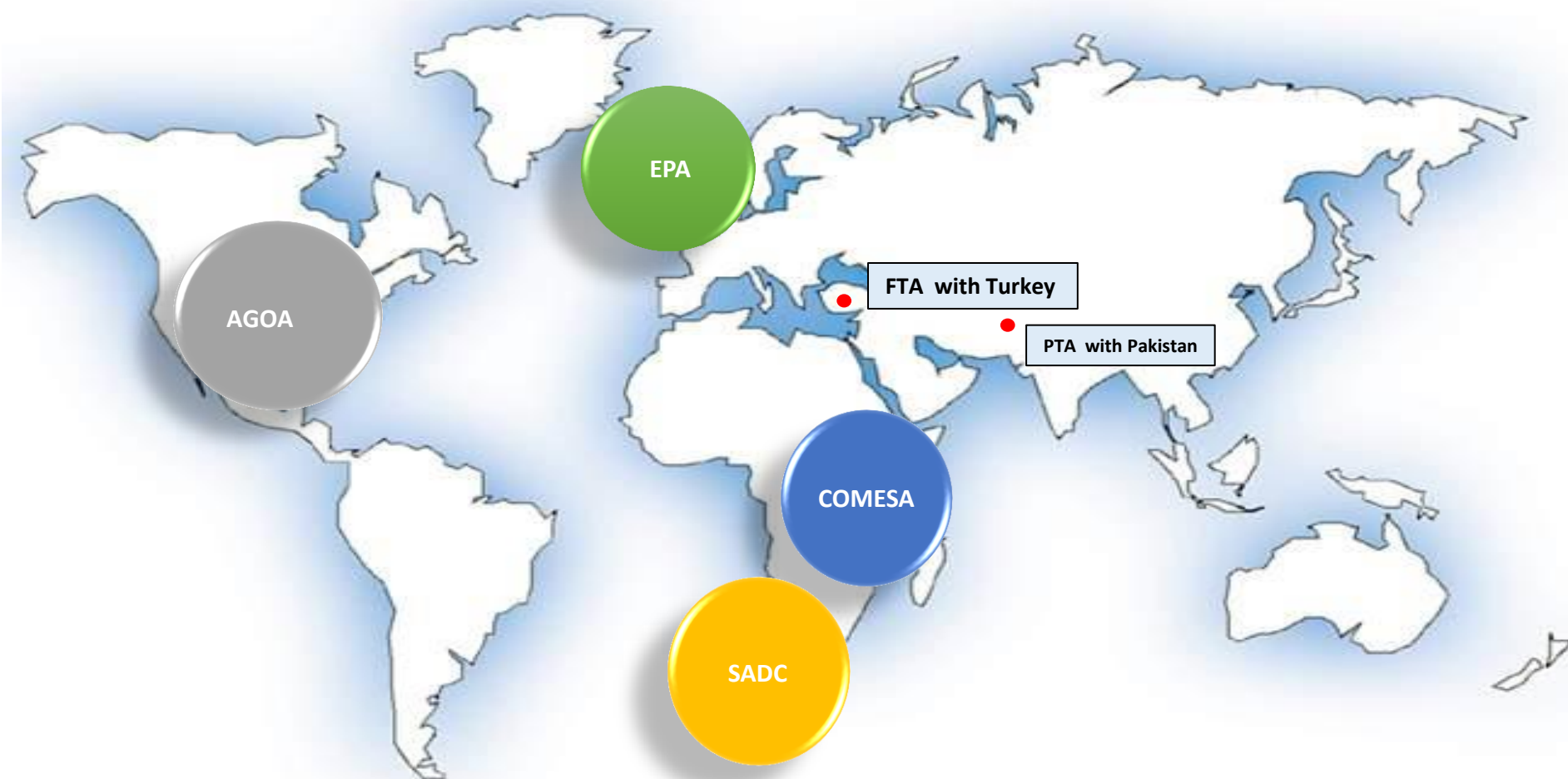
High Income Economy by 2020



2013 GDP COMPOSITION BY INDUSTRY SECTOR



Preferential Access to markets



Access to Regional Markets

SADC – Southern African Development Community

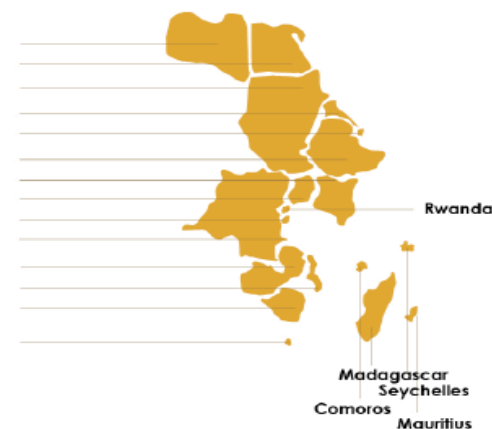
- Free trade area
- 15 member states
- Total population of approx 2.58 million
- Total GDP of over USD471 billion
- Regional cooperation for trade, industry, investment & finance



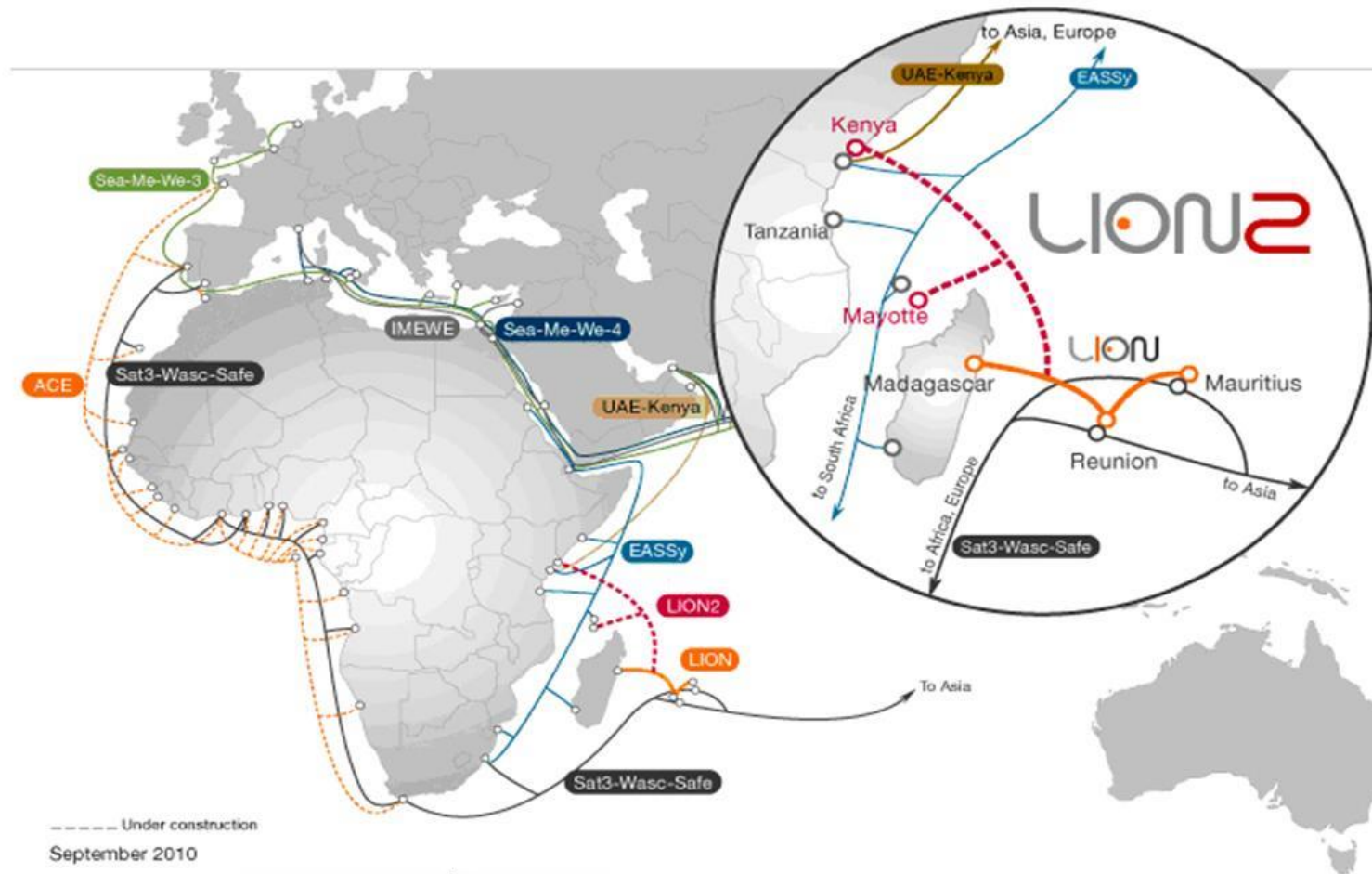
COMESA - Common Market for Eastern & Southern Africa

- Preferential trade area
- 19 member states
- Total population of approx 400m
- Total GDP of over USD360 billion
- Monetary cooperation
- Investment Promotion & Private sector development

Libya
Egypt
Sudan
Eritrea
Djibouti
Ethiopia
Kenya
Uganda
Burundi
DRC
Zambia
Malawi
Zimbabwe
Swaziland



International Bandwidth



BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT



Self-adherence to guidelines



Start a business in 3 working days



Occupation Permit in 3 working days



Silent Agreement Principle



Facilitate Property Acquisition



Ex post control

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

Ease of Doing Business

100% ownership by Non-Citizens

One man company allowed

No minimum capital required for the setting up of company

Online submission and e-payment of notary deeds

Favourable Labour Laws

Investment Facilitation by the Board of Investment

Mauritius Fiscal Regime

Taxation

- Homogenised 15% corporate tax
- GBC effective tax rate (0-3%)
- Income tax at 15%
- No Capital Gains Tax
- Value Added Tax at 15%

Exchange controls

- No Foreign Exchange Controls
- No tax on dividends
- No Inheritance Tax
- Free Repatriation of profits and dividends
- Free convertible currency

International Accolades

Global rankings by international institution

WORLD BANK DOING BUSINESS SURVEY 2014

**1ST IN AFRICA
20TH OUT OF 189
COUNTRIES
7th consecutive year**

MO IBRAHIM INDEX 2014

**1ST OUT OF 52
COUNTRIES
8th consecutive year**

INDEX OF ECONOMIC FREEDOM 2014

**1ST IN AFRICA
8TH OUT OF 178
COUNTRIES**

World Economic Forum Global competitiveness report 2014-2015

**1ST IN AFRICA
39th OUT OF 144
COUNTRIES
2nd consecutive**

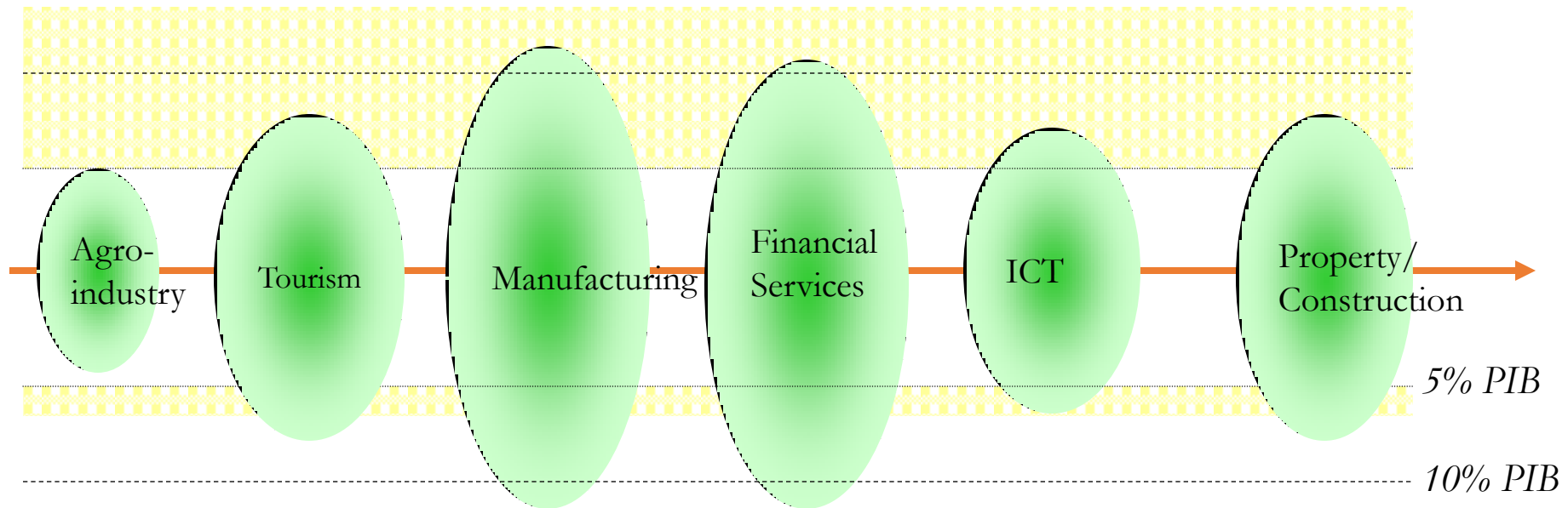
AFRICAN INDEX ON ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

**1ST OUT OF 21
COUNTRIES**

GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX 2014

**1ST IN AFRICA
40TH OUT OF 143
COUNTRIES**

From Preferences to Global Competitiveness



From Sugar Industry to Cane Industry

From a textile manufacturing industry to a design and fashion industry / Vertical Integration / “AGOA”

Boom in Property Development Industry (« IRS » et « RES »)

ICT/ Outsourcing/Telecommunications / Digital Capacity / Human Resources

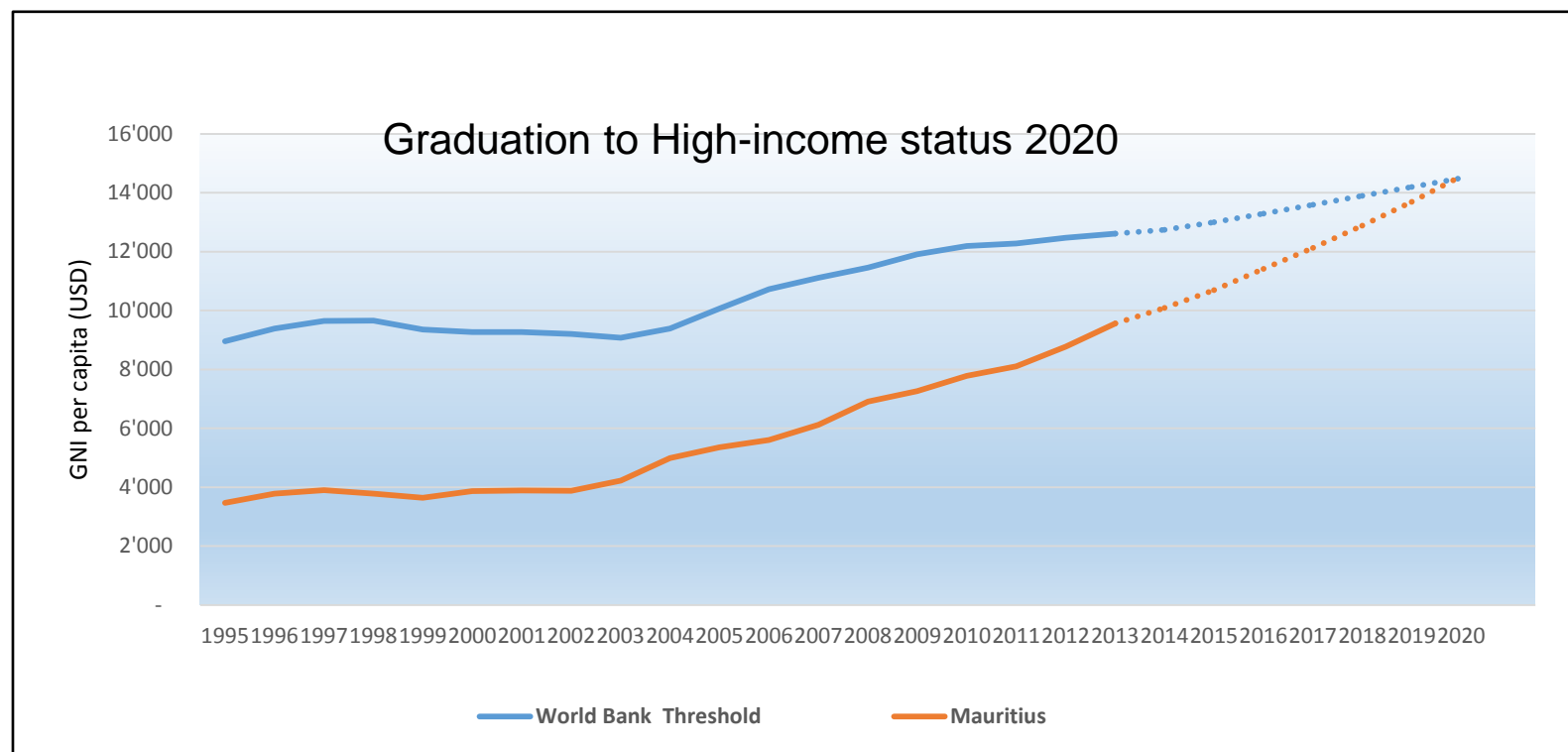
Construction: Property Development/ Ebène City / Highlands & JinFei, Land Based Oceanic Industry

Emerging Sectors

Financial Services

Evolution of threshold for high-income economies

Achievement of the high income status by 2020



GNI per capita of USD 14,560 in 2020 for Mauritius has been based on the following assumptions:

- an annual growth rate of 0.3% in population and
- a 2% depreciation of the rupee against the USD.

Taking into consideration an average GDP growth rate of 4% over the period 2014-2020, the high income status can be attained in 2020.

The Vision: Moving towards a High Income & Inclusive Economy by 2020

- ❖ Investment in key infrastructure
- ❖ Generating greater value addition from existing sectors
- ❖ Setting the foundations of new growth poles
- ❖ Greater Inclusiveness
- ❖ Sustainable development

Realising the potential of Mauritius as an Ocean State

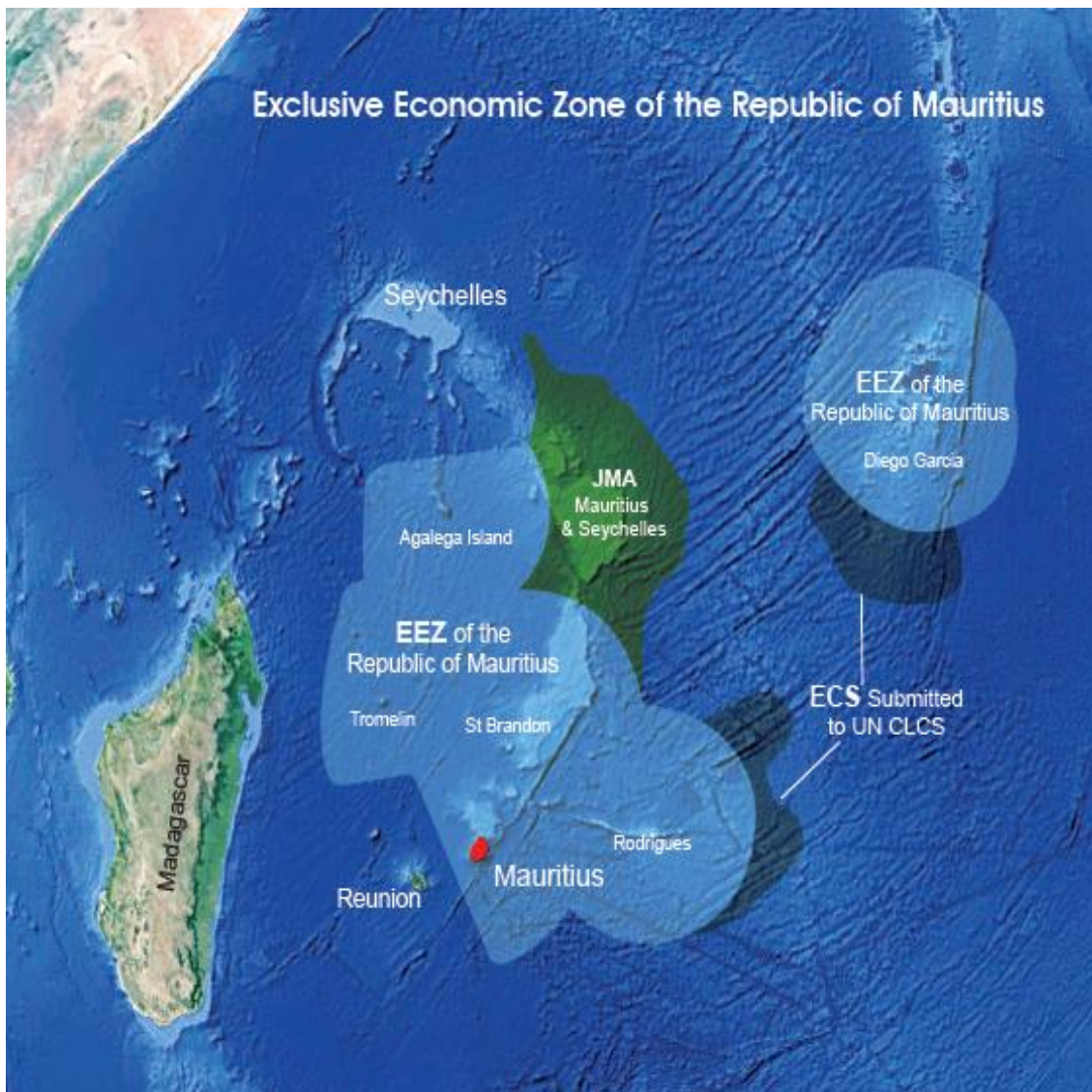


1. Seabed exploration for hydrocarbon and minerals
2. Fishing, seafood processing and aquaculture
3. Deep ocean water applications
4. Marine services
5. Seaport-related activities
6. Marine renewable energies
7. Ocean knowledge cluster



Sectoral Opportunities

Ocean Economy



- **1.9 million km²:**
Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Mauritius
- **396,000 km²:**
Extended area in joint management with the Seychelles
- **2.3 million km²:**
Total maritime zone
- **303,000 km²:**
Further seabed and subsoil extensions submitted to UNCLOS for Rodrigues & Chagos Archipelago

Regional Financial platform

Capital Raising platform for Africa

**Capital
Raising**

**Bourse
Africa**

23 banks

**Islamic
Banking
since 2008**

**Jurisdiction
of Substance**

FUNDS

29

Listed on the SEM

968

Global funds registered

Regional Investment Platform

Platform of Choice for Africa

**Risk
Migration
(IPPAs)**

**OECD White-
listed
Jurisdiction**

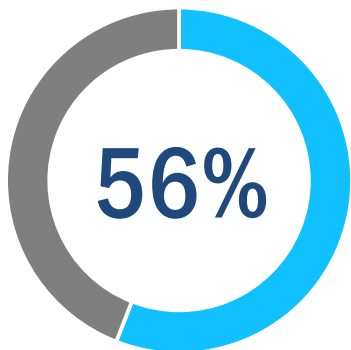
**International
Arbitration**

**More than
18,500 GBC
structures**

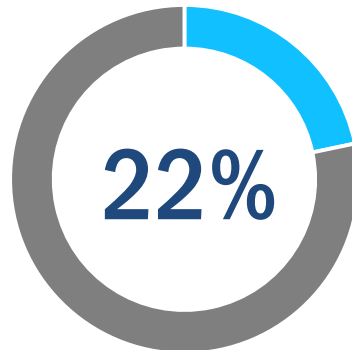
**Complete
Ecosystem**

GBC 1 Target Countries

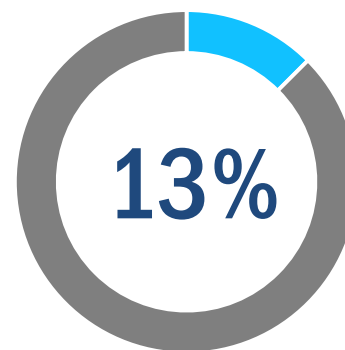
AFRICA



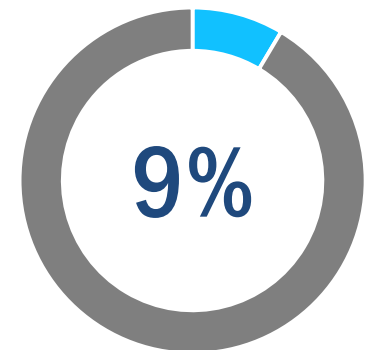
ASIA



EUROPE



AMERICA



Efficient Risk Mitigation Platform

Mininizing Risks while maximizing returns

Member of Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (“MIGA”) (World Bank Group)

**Provides political risk insurance guarantees to private
sector investors and lenders among member countries.**

Insurance against non-commercial risk.

Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements (IPPAs)

19 with African countries

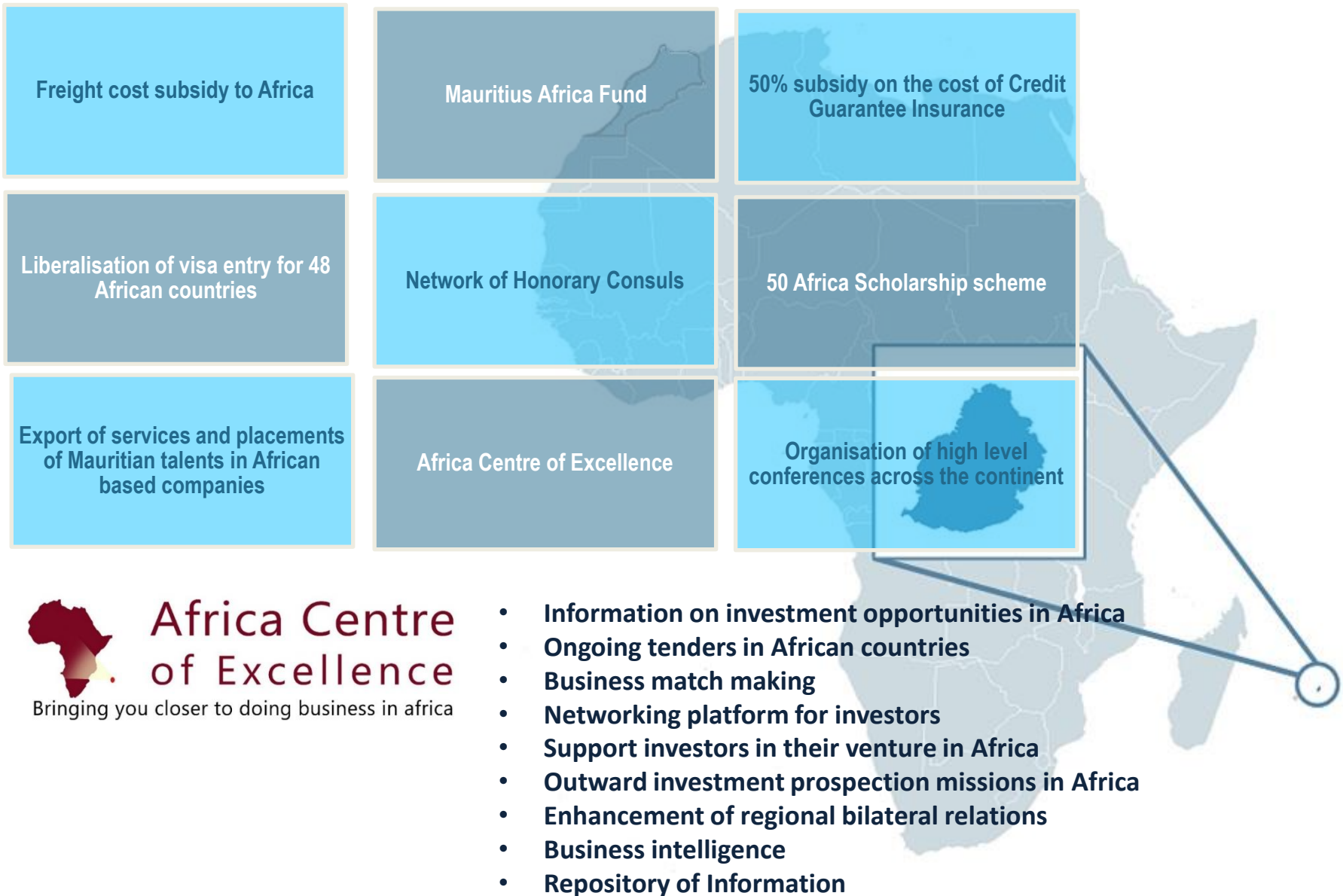
**Free repatriation of investment capital and returns,
guarantee against expropriation,**

**Most Favoured Nation rule with respect to treatment of
investors**

**Arrangements for the settlement of disputes between
investors and the contracting states.**



Africa Strategy



VIDEO ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

THANK YOU