Business

U.S. businesses are investing in Mauritius with important trade links between Mauritius and the U.S. Bilateral trade is now valued at $337 million dollars. Of that, $260 million are exports from Mauritius to the U.S. Mauritius also benefits greatly from the African Growth & Opportunity Act (AGOA), as Mauritian exports to the U.S. grew 420 percent between 2001 and 2014. The biggest sectors of export to the U.S. are textiles and apparel, followed by jewelry and processed fish products.

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between East Africa Trade Hub and Board of Investment:** On September 21, 2016, during the Africa Partnership Conference held in Mauritius, the USAID-funded East Africa Trade and Investment Hub and the Government of Mauritius (GOM) Board of Investment signed a MOU to coordinate efforts in investment promotion activities. The Hub will provide capacity building assistance to Board of Investment (BOI) and its partners, take advantage of trading opportunities between the U.S. and Mauritius, and incentivize trade, such as AGOA.

- **U.S. Africa-Business Forum:** The U.S. Department of Commerce and Bloomberg Philanthropies co-hosted the U.S.-Africa Business Forum in New York on September 21, 2016. The Forum brought together government leaders and private sector CEOs from the United States and Africa to focus on expanding trade and investment opportunities on the continent and between Africa and the United States. The Mauritian Prime Minister attended.

- **Offshore Wind Energy Workshop:** On October 26, 2016, the Embassy in collaboration with the Mauritius Research Council (MRC) hosted a highly successful half-day workshop on offshore wind energy. The event attracted 120 participants. The Embassy funded the expert speaker, General Electric (GE) Renewable Energy's Gautier de Marten.