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The Embassy of the United States of America  
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present

*The Second Annual  
English Language Learning and  
Teaching (ELLT) Conference in Mauritius*

*Theme: Creative Teaching and Learning*

*Saturday August 24th, 2019*

## **Call for Proposals:**

This conference addresses English Language Teaching & Learning  
in the Mauritian Educational System

Through interactive workshops, the Second ELLT Conference aims at creating a local platform for colleagues from different educational sectors (pre-primary, primary and secondary) to *share* effective and contextualized practical strategies for teaching and learning English in the Mauritian educational context. Parallel workshop sessions will focus on a variety of topics and strategies that will simultaneously develop English language skills, differentiation, creativity, collaboration and/or critical thinking skills. In fact, according to Maley & Peachey, creativity in the English language classroom is an important life skill, as well as a force behind the personal, emotional and academic development of students. However, it's a skill that must be actively encouraged in schools.

This conference also aims at creating a forum for different stakeholders (teacher educators, faculty and curriculum specialists and educators) to exchange various viewpoints and experiences, formulate strategies, and contribute positively towards the integration of communicative, collaborative, creative and critical thinking skills, as well as effective English instruction into the Mauritian education system.

We therefore cordially invite different stakeholders to participate in this conference and submit a workshop proposal. The deadline to submit a proposal is Monday July 15th, 2019.

It is our hope that the active participation in the different workshops will contribute to the professional development of colleagues and it will have a positive impact on their students, their departments, and their institutions as a whole.

Workshop Proposal Criteria: Proposals should address the theme of Creative Teaching and Learning. In addition, proposals may also consider these secondary goals:

- Transforming learning by minimizing lectures and maximizing student participation.
- Prioritizing critical thinking, collaboration and communication.
- Mitigating the challenges facing Mauritian education, such as large class sizes; English as a medium of instruction; and differentiation for low or mixed English proficiency levels.

Things to Consider: Low Tech and Highly Engaging:

- Many institutions do not have easy Internet access, make sure workshop proposals do not rely solely on internet access.
- Successful workshops will generate practical ideas that motivate educators, faculty and teacher trainees to adapt, implement, and share new ideas with their colleagues immediately.

Workshop Format: Format to consider for the workshops (60 minutes):

Facilitators must lead hands-on and interactive workshops.

- Facilitators will provide the rationale of the strategy or activity (15 minutes)
- Engage participants in an application of the activity (30 minutes)
- Lead a discussion and wrap up activity (15 minutes).

If you would like to facilitate a workshop, please email Armen and Annick or complete the google form at the link: <http://bit.ly/2XYT4Ge>. The workshop submission details are attached as well. If you have any questions, please email or call:

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### **Facilitator Proposal Form Mauritius 2019**

#### **1. Details of facilitator(s)**

Name(s): *Please write it as you want it written in the conference booklet.*

Institution/School:

Professional Position:

(Indicate if you're a student and name your department)

Telephone number:

E-mail:

Facebook:

City and country where you reside:

#### **2. Conference Booklet Information:**

Biographical data:

*(Please summarize your professional profile as you would like it to appear in the conference program (maximum 70 words) in impersonal 3rd person style.)*

Workshop title (maximum 10 words):

*(Please give the workshop title that you would like to appear on your certificate)*

Workshop summary as it will appear in the conference program (maximum 70 words)

*(Your summary should accurately reflect the aim and content of your workshop and describe the types of activities participants should expect to do.)*

#### **3. Equipment needed: \_\_\_\_\_**

If you are bringing your own laptop, please specify if Apple or PC. Make sure to have an HDMI adaptor if your laptop does not have a VGA plug. All MAC users need an adaptor as well.

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