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The Embassy of the United States of America  
The Regional English Language Office Southern Africa  
The English Language Fellow Program and the  
English Speaking Union:  
present

***The First Annual Conference  
on English Language Teaching & Learning  
Thursday September 6, 2018***

**Call for Proposals:**

This conference addresses the changing role of English in the Mauritian Educational System.  
The theme for 2018 is:

**Teaching English Beyond the Exam: Integrating Communication, Creative, Collaborative and Critical Thinking Skills into the English Classroom.**

This is the first ever Mauritius ELT Symposium: its goal is to create a forum for colleagues to share effective and contextualized practical strategies for teaching and learning English in the Mauritian educational context. The second goal is to develop the capacity of primary through high school teachers to integrate communicative, creative, collaborative and critical thinking skills into their English and/or English-medium curricula. The third goal is to provide a platform for U.S. Government Program recipients (e-teachers, webinar viewers, YALI, Nelson Mandela Fellows, etc.) to share what they have learned through their program and how they have used and adapted these skills and methods in Mauritius. The Conference aims at creating a forum for scholars and educators to exchange various viewpoints and

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experiences, formulate strategies, and contribute positively towards the integration of communicative, collaborative, creative and critical thinking skills as well as effective English instruction into Mauritian education.

To offer the best possible conference program, we invite all interested trainers, faculty, and development specialists to submit a workshop proposal. Our vision is to provide workshops that will equip educators and teacher trainees with the theories and practices they need to succeed in the Mauritian educational context. Workshops may interpret the theme openly. It is our hope that participants will engage deeply in the workshops and will gain insights that will benefit their students, their departments, and their institutions as a whole. During the conference, parallel workshop sessions may focus on a variety of topics and strategies that simultaneously develop English language skills, communication, creativity, collaboration and/or critical thinking.

**Workshop Proposal Criteria:** Proposals should moderately address the theme of the conference. In addition, proposals may also consider these secondary goals:

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

**Format to consider for the workshops (60 minutes):** Facilitators lead hands-on, interactive workshops related to the conference theme. They will provide the rationale of the strategy or activity (15 minutes) and then engage participants in an application of the activity (30 minutes) followed by a discussion and wrap up (15 minutes). Workshops should emphasize strategies for integrating communication, creativity, collaborative and critical thinking skills and/or English language skills into primary through high school Mauritian classrooms.

If you would like to facilitate a workshop, please complete the form, on the following page, and email it to the **two** following email addresses:

**EL Fellow:** Mathilde Verillaud [verillaudmathilde@gmail.com](mailto:verillaudmathilde@gmail.com)

**ESU:** Ms. Anne-Marie Ahkine [esumau@intnet.mu](mailto:esumau@intnet.mu)

**Deadline for submission is August 8, 2018.**

## **Facilitator Proposal Form Mauritius 2018**

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

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

Institution/School:

If any, recipient of which U.S. Government Program:

Date of completion of said program:

Professional Position:

(Indicate student and name your department if student)

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.**

Please check (x)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Whiteboard      | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Projector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flip-chart      | <input type="checkbox"/> Laptop         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CD Player       | <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Access |   |

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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