

THE NATIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT
Fifth Edition, held on 28 and 29 August 2026

Motion:

The Member of the National Youth Parliament (Mr Kaulesarsingh)

“The National Youth Parliament resolves that Artificial Intelligence be established as a strategic driver of the Mauritian economy, harnessing its economic, technological and innovative potential, supported by a skilled national workforce capable of sustaining this transformation.”

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RECALLING Sustainable Development Goal 9, which calls upon States to build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation, and in particular Target 9.5, on enhancing scientific research and increasing research and development spending by 2030, acknowledging that as a Small Island Developing State (SIDS), Mauritius cannot compete through physical scale but must build economic resilience through skills, agility and modernised digital infrastructure; and

RECALLING the National AI Strategy 2025–2029 launched in April 2026 together with the FAIR Guidelines, having set the objective of establishing the Republic of Mauritius as a trusted regional leader in responsible Artificial Intelligence and digital innovation by 2029; and

RECOGNISING that the Information and Communications Technologies sector generated Rs 36.3 billion in value added in 2025, representing 5.7% of gross value added and an increase of 6.9% on the previous year, and directly supports the ambition of positioning the Republic of Mauritius as a regional digital hub; and

ACKNOWLEDGING that Artificial Intelligence is reshaping international trade in digitally delivered services, upon which the Mauritian economy substantially depends; that the Protocol on Digital Trade adopted by the African Union Assembly on 18 February 2024 forms an integral part of the African Continental Free Trade Area to which the Republic of Mauritius is a Party; and that digitalisation enables enterprises, particularly Small and Medium Enterprises, to reach international markets and improve supply-chain efficiency; and

CONCERNED that 33,300 persons were unemployed in the first quarter of 2026 while employers continue to report unfilled vacancies, indicating a structural mismatch between the skills held by jobseekers and those sought by employers whom jobseekers are often unable to identify at the point of application; and

FINALLY CONVINCED that AI offers significant capacity to analyse large volumes of health, energy and water data, to forecast demand, to detect anomalies and leaks, to support faster evidence-based decision-making, and that at a time when the national response to leptospirosis, chikungunya and dengue depends on coordinated surveillance across multiple agencies, AI-assisted analysis can detect outbreaks earlier and target precise intervention,

THE NATIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT HEREBY:

1. **CALLS UPON** Government and relevant authorities to strengthen the Workfare Programme established under Part VII of the Workers' Rights Act 2019 so as to address workforce transition arising from Artificial Intelligence and automation, by —
 - a. recording, at the point of registration, where displacement is attributable to technological change, a ground the law already recognises, so that Mauritius may measure technology-driven job loss on national evidence rather than extrapolation from global studies;
 - b. undertaking forward-looking assessments of the occupations and sectors most exposed to automation, so that reskilling may begin before displacement rather than after it;
 - c. aligning the reskilling pathways available under the Programme with the Council's existing Artificial Intelligence training incentives, so that displaced workers are directed toward skills in demonstrable demand; and
2. **URGES** that the commitment in Budget 2026-2027 to train or equip 50,000 Mauritians in AI over the coming year be sustained beyond its first year and embedded within the national curriculum, with rural and underserved schools prioritised in sequencing; and
3. **CALLS FOR** the establishment of a dedicated Youth Artificial Intelligence Innovation Window under existing national innovation and entrepreneurship support schemes, including those administered by the National Research and Innovation Institute, to reserve funding, incubation support and mentorship for AI-focused ventures led by Mauritians under the age of 30, regardless of university enrolment; and
4. **CALLS UPON** Government and relevant public and private-sector stakeholders, to establish an AI Cybersecurity and Resilience Framework requiring the risk assessment, security testing and continuous monitoring of AI systems deployed in critical public services and infrastructure, including mechanisms for the prompt reporting, containment and mitigation of AI-related cybersecurity incidents; and
5. **ENDORSES** Recommendation 6 of the National Audit Office's performance audit of December 2025, that the relevant authority integrates state-of-the-art technologies and AI-powered solutions in new, upgraded and renewed networks, and that the implementation be reported against the Office's recommended trajectory of reducing non-revenue water from 60 percent to 50 percent within five years from 2026; and
6. **FINALLY, RECOMMENDS** the implementation of a nationwide program for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Health Innovation responsible for coordinating healthcare AI projects, supporting medical research, facilitating partnerships between hospitals and universities, developing national standards for healthcare AI systems, with equity of access to regional and rural health facilities as a founding design criterion.
