

The Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Trade

The Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Trade (IDFT) was set up in 2007 and operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius. It is a virtual training centre and offers lectures, workshops, courses, and information exchanges throughout the year mainly for diplomats, but are equally open to staff from other Ministries, the private sector and civil society.

The objective of the IDFT is to provide participants with key inputs on issues of regional and global concern, such as political, economic, trade, social, cultural, and environmental issues; diplomacy, protocol, and other issues. Its aim is to enable participants to develop the necessary skills to effectively handle issues with an international dimension.

Since its inception, the IDFT has organised over 60 training sessions which have benefited more than a thousand participants. The training sessions can either be short or long term. They are delivered by both internal and external resources persons from Mauritius and from friendly countries / institutions. To date, overseas trainers have been obtained mainly through the Memorandum of Understanding which exists between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade (Mauritius) and the Ministry of External Affairs (India). The IDFT also avails of the presence of personalities on visit to Mauritius to organize lectures and workshops at minimal cost.

The IDFT is currently exploring avenues of cooperation with other Institutes.