



AVINASH MEETO

COMPUTER SCIENTIST & TEDx SPEAKER
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technology, education and policy-making

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WORK EXPERIENCE

UNITED NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME (UNDP)
MAURITIUS & SEYCHELLES
Port-Louis, Mauritius
Since February 2021

DIGITAL ADVOCATE & HEAD OF EXPERIMENTATION ACCELERATOR LAB
As part of a network operating in 91 countries, the Accelerator Lab aims to accelerate learning to achieve Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. I am responsible for creating multi-stakeholder solutions to address complex problems using innovation, technology and leadership. I am also mandated to disseminate the UNDP Digital Strategy in Mauritius and Seychelles.

MINISTRY OF
TECHNOLOGY,
COMMUNICATION
AND INNOVATION
Ébène, Mauritius
June 2017 – January 2021

SENIOR ADVISER OF THE MINISTER
I advised the Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation on ways to transform Mauritius into an inclusive high-income country as per Vision 2030 of the Government. I advised on creating a culture of innovation among the population, identifying strategic growth areas and making ICT a key driver for economic and social development.

UNIVERSITY OF
TECHNOLOGY (UTM)
La Tour Koenig, Mauritius
July 2018 – January 2021

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
UTM operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Education. I also chaired the Planning and Finance Committee and I was part of the Staff Committee and the Academic Council of the university.

NATIONAL
COMPUTER BOARD (NCB)
Port-Louis, Mauritius
February 2018 – January 2021

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NCB promotes the development of ICT to transform Mauritius into a cyber island and a regional ICT hub. As board member, I contributed to strategic planning and decisions impacting both government and citizens.

ICT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Ébène, Mauritius
January 2015 – May 2017

CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL
The Council advises the Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation on policies to promote users' interest for ICT services.

KNOWLEDGE SEVEN
Quatre-Bornes, Mauritius
November 2008 – May 2017

FOUNDER, OWNER & CEO
Knowledge Seven is an institution which has trained more than 600 people in highly technical fields (Linux, Android & Web Development). It also provided consultancy and mobile app development services (Android/iOS).

SUPINFO UNIVERSITY
November 2014 – May 2017
UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS
March 2005 – August 2008

LECTURER IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Computer science and software engineering taught at undergraduate and graduate levels at Supinfo University at Uniciti Education Hub in Mauritius, at the department of Computer Science & Engineering of the University of Mauritius and at the Business School of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Also engaged in Research and Consulting activities.

MCCI BUSINESS SCHOOL
September 1999 – February 2005

DCDM CONSULTING
Port-Louis, Mauritius
January 1999 – August 1999

BUSINESS ANALYST
Provided support for the Mauritian sugar industry (Weighbridge & Payroll systems) and developed a fixed-assets management software for banks.

EDUCATION

ENS LYON Lyon, France September 1997 – August 1998	MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN COMPUTER SCIENCE M. Phil. in Computer Science (Diplôme d'Études Approfondies) at the École Normale Supérieure (ENS Lyon).
INSA LYON Lyon, France September 1995 – August 1998	MASTER'S DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE Master's Degree in Computer Science (Diplôme d'Ingénieur) at the Institut National des Sciences Appliquées (INSA Lyon). Ranked 1 st in 1996.
UNIVERSITÉ DE LA RÉUNION Réunion Island, France September 1993 – August 1995	DIPLOMA IN MATHS, PHYSICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE Diploma in Maths, Physics & Computer Science (Diplôme d'Études Universitaires Générales / DEUG Sciences et Structures de la Matière) at the Université de la Réunion. Ranked 1 st in 1995.
ROYAL COLLEGE CUREPIPE Curepipe, Mauritius January 1990 – December 1992	HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (SCIENCE SIDE) Higher School Certificate (GCE A-Level) of Cambridge International (UK) in Science in 1992. Ranked 25th in Science at the National Level in 1989. Awarded a French excellence scholarship.
ROYAL COLLEGE CUREPIPE Curepipe, Mauritius January 1985 – December 1989	SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (SCIENCE SIDE) School Certificate (GCE O-Level) of Cambridge International (UK) in Science. Ranked 1st in Computer Science at the National Level in 1989.
NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES RCA Rose-Hill, Mauritius January 1979 – December 1984	CERTIFICATE OF PRIMARY EDUCATION Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) in Maths, Geography, English & French. Ranked 19th at the National Level in 1984.

CERTIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (e-Learning)	Certificates for the following courses: "BSAFE", "Fraud & Corruption Awareness & Prevention", "Ethics & Integrity at UNDP", "Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment & Abuse of Authority", "Prevention of Sexual Exploitation & Abuse of the Local Population", "Greening the Blue", "The Gender Journey", "UNDP Legal Framework", "UN Human Rights & Responsibilities" and "Procurement Level 1 Certification".
WHARTON SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (e-Learning)	Statement of Accomplishment for "Gamification" in March 2015 (https://avinashmeetoo.com/c_2015_1). Certificate with Distinction for "Introduction to Financial Accounting" in December 2014 (https://avinashmeetoo.com/c_2014_1).
RED HAT INC	Red Hat (Linux) Certified Engineer in 2001 (Certificate ID 110-978-970) (https://avinashmeetoo.com/c_2001_1).
ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTING MACHINERY	Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Professional Member for 6+ years. ACM is the world's largest scientific & educational computing society.
LINUX USER GROUP OF MAURITIUS	Founded the Linux User Group of Mauritius in 2000 to promote Linux and open-source software. Current member of the Managing Committee.
ELECTIONSMAURITIUS.COM	Created the electionsmauritius.com website for the 2014 and 2019 general elections in Mauritius. The website was very successful, was featured in the local press and is still fully functional and online.

SELECTED TALKS & MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2023 Interview on ChatGPT during the by MBC Journal Télévisé of 19:30. I explained how ChatGPT chatbot works and how Mauritius can enter the world of AI and ML. (3 March) (https://avinashmeetoo.com/m_2023_1)
- 2022 “Robotique et IA à Maurice: Historique, État des lieux et Challenges” during the “Robotique Cooperative et Intelligence Artificielle” at the “Université des Mascareignes” (7 December)
- “Achieving our 2030 Development Targets” at the “Road to Net Zero” conference at the University of Technology Mauritius (30 November)
- “A Brief History of Programming” at the Developer Conference 2022 at the Caudan Arts Centre (23 November)
- Keynote speech on “SDGs and Innovation for the Educational Technologies sector in Mauritius” during the UoM Research Week (7 November)
- TED-style talk on the UNDP Offer during the “Assises de la Recherche et de l'Innovation” by the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (27 April)
- Presentation of the Lespwar mobile application during the Women's Day SIDS UNDP Global AccLab Network session (8 March)
- 2021 Moderation of a high-level panel during the UoM Innovation Week organized by the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (21 October)
- Presentation during a workshop on the Sandbox Framework organized by the Ministry of Public Service and Institutional Reforms (12 October)
- “Artificial Intelligence Strategy for Mauritius” during the “AI4LOCAL: À la découverte de l'IA” at the “Université des Mascareignes” (4 September)
- “The Innovation Ecosystem in Seychelles” during the official launch of the UNDP Mauritius and Seychelles Accelerator Lab (21 April)
- 2020 “Tibiznes dan Moris: comment valoriser davantage votre business?” on Wazaa FM (5 October) (https://avinashmeetoo.com/m_2020_4)
- “Confluence: Post COVID-19, quel avenir pour le secteur des TIC?” on Wazaa FM (16 September) (https://avinashmeetoo.com/m_2020_3)
- “La technologie comme alliée pour combattre le COVID-19” in Business Magazine (8 April) (https://avinashmeetoo.com/m_2020_2)
- “La mouvance vers le télétravail va s'accélérer” in Le Défi Quotidien (3 April) (https://avinashmeetoo.com/m_2020_1)
- “Privacy aspects of ICT Projects” at the Data Protection workshop organised by the Data Protection Office (16 January)

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- 2019 “AI Opportunities in Mauritius” at the Innovtech 2019 AI for Good conference (20 September)
- “Jobs of the future and how YOU can prepare for them” at the Innovtech 2019 youth forum (19 September)
- “L’Intelligence Artificielle à Maurice, ses perspectives, ses challenges et opportunités” during AI Tuesdays (16 July)
- “La question du numérique” during the “Assises de la Recherche” at the “Université des Mascareignes” (26 June)
- “What the Hell are Emerging Technologies and are they useful to me” during the SME TECH-INNOV conference organised by the National Computer Board (20 June)
- “How Deep Learning Works and Building a Chatbot using Deep Learning (Tensorflow)” during DevCon 2019 (11 April)
- “Jobs of the future and how YOU can prepare for them” during a workshop organised by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (14 February)
- 2018 “The rise of Africa's digital economy”, an interview on CNBC Africa (3 December) (https://avinashmeetoo.com/m_2018_4)
- “A conversation with Sophia, the humanoid robot” during the World AI Show (28 November) (https://avinashmeetoo.com/m_2018_3)
- “L’Intelligence Artificielle” on Talk of the Town Radio Plus (21 November) (https://avinashmeetoo.com/m_2018_2)
- “Innovative Digitalisation Initiatives in Government” during the Industry 4.0 conference organised by Team Synthesis (26 September)
- “Jobs of the Future” during Infotech Rodrigues (2 August)
- “Building a simple Chatbot using Tensorflow” during DevCon 2018 (20 May)
- “50 Fraz pou 50 an Lindependans” on MBC TV (10 February) (https://avinashmeetoo.com/m_2018_1)
- 2017 “Innovation as a major enabler in the transformation of Mauritius” during Innovtech 2017 (2 December)
- “Public Sector Innovation” during the Transformation 4.0 conference by Team Synthesis (13 November)
- “Barriers and Recommendations for a Regulatory Framework and Innovation Ecosystem” during a brainstorming workshop on Overcoming Barriers to Innovation in SMEs organised by the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (16 October)
- “Logiciels Open Source: Opportunités et Défis” during OSS 2017 organised by l’Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie and the University of Mauritius (20 September)
- “Innovation & Emerging Technologies” during Digital Mauritius 2030 Strategy workshop organised by the Ministry of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation (1st August)

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- 2016 “Être efficace avec Android” at Alteo Group (25 May)
- “Jobs of the future and how we can prepare for them” during a TEDx organised by the African Leadership College (21 May)
(https://avinashmeetoo.com/m_2016_1)
- “More youngsters should be Hackers” organised by Hackers.mu (30 April)
- “The ICT Advisory Council” during the World Creativity and Innovation Day Seminar organised by the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (21 April)
- “Interesting Tech Jobs of the Future (for Mauritius)” for Form VI students at College Imperial in Curepipe (5 February)
- 2015 and before “Web 2.0” and “Blogging” at Charles Telfair Institute (20 August 2015)
- “Creating Elections Mauritius using Flask, a Python micro-framework” during the Developers Conference (23 April 2015)
- “Les Logiciels Libres dans le monde de l'Éducation” during OSS2014 organised by l'Agence universitaire de la Francophonie and the University of Mauritius (28 August 2014)
- “Linux and Android World Domination” during Linuxfest 2013 organised by the Linux User Group of Mauritius (25 November 2013)
- “The future of Education” at the Open University (21 November 2013)
- “Les logiciels libres au service de l'éducation” during the “Rencontres Mondiales des Logiciels Libres Décentralisées” in Réunion Island (22 August 2013)
- “Why Linux is important for Mauritius” during a workshop organised at L'Escalier by the Mauritius Linux User Group (15 June 2013)
- “Android, architecture, ecosystem and development” at Lottotech (2 May 2013)
- “Les réseaux sociaux” at Rotary Port Louis (2 April 2013)
- + more than 50 other talks and media appearances on various topics
- + hundreds of lectures made and courses taught from 1999 to 2017 at the MCCI Business School, the University Of Mauritius, Supinfo University and Knowledge Seven Ltd.

BUSINESS & TECHNICAL SKILLS

Business: Strategic Planning, Management, Accounting, Finance, Marketing & Sales, Human Resources, Entrepreneurship.

Emerging Technologies: Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data & Data Science, Automation, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning & Deep Learning, the Blockchain, Fintech & Cryptocurrency.

Cloud & Data: IaaS/PaaS/SaaS Architectures, Relational model, SQL, PostgreSQL, Enterprise DB, MariaDB, Oracle DB, NoSQL databases.

Software Engineering: Software Architecture, Object-Oriented Analysis & Design, UML, Design Patterns, Enterprise Architecture, Agile.

Web Development: HTML/CSS, Javascript, jQuery, PHP, Java, Java EE (Jakarta EE), Spring Framework & Spring Boot, Python, Flask Micro Framework, Representational State Transfer (REST).

Mobile Development: Android App Architecture, Native apps (Java, Kotlin), multi-platform apps (Cordova, jQuery Mobile & Flutter).

System: Linux, UNIX, Android, MacOS, Windows, Networking, Cybersecurity & Cyberdefense, Concurrency & Parallelism.

OTHER INTERESTS

Blogging at avinashmeetoo.com (professional) & noulakaz.net (family)

Personal Social Networking at avinashmeetoo.com/facebook

Professional Social Networking at avinashmeetoo.com/facebookpage, avinashmeetoo.com/linkedin & avinashmeetoo.com/twitter

My Music at avinashmeetoo.com/music

My Photos at avinashmeetoo.com/photos

My Videos at avinashmeetoo.com/videos

Travels to the USA, France, England, Italy, Greece, Turkey, India, South Africa, Ethiopia, Malaysia, Thailand, Réunion and Rodrigues.



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