

Esri's 100 African Universities Programme a Game Changer for University of Mauritius

Moka, Mauritius - Esri South Africa and the University of Mauritius recently announced the launch of a partnership which allows the entire University access to Esri's ArcGIS Technology.

At an event held on Friday 12 January, Vice Chancellor Professor Jhurry, joined Patrick McKivergan, Managing Director Esri South Africa, in concluding the agreement.

The University of Mauritius (UoM) is one of the 100 African Universities that has been selected to participate in the Esri's 100 African Universities Programme.



Vice Chancellor Professor Jhurry, with Patrick McKivergan, Managing Director Esri South Africa.

In his keynote address Professor Jhurry stated, "GIS together with Remote Sensing have been addressed at the University of Mauritius since the year 1990. However, we still have a long way to go, as we move from addressing GIS in isolation, to promoting GIS at an enterprise level."

ArcGIS technology is now accessible in multiple departments and computer labs where all students, lecturers and researchers can access the software. As part of the 100 African Universities programme, UoM will be provided with online materials, including books, courses, and related course materials.

Local support is available from Esri South Africa's partner in Mauritius, GeoVision, headed up by Adish Maudho. In addition, Esri South Africa and GeoVision are providing UoM with hands-on training courses for the students on ArcGIS technology.

"As earth observation and spatial data analysis are becoming increasingly important in decision making tools, UoM is indeed privileged to partner with Esri South Africa under the Esri 100 African Universities programme to consolidate capacity building in the field of Geographic Information Systems and Earth Observation at national and hopefully regional level," observed Professor Jhurry.

Esri South Africa are committed to using their resources to promote GIS technology and making a difference through education. They look forward to continuing their relationship with the University of Mauritius.

