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Innovation culture: A National Innovation Framework released soon

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The Minister Pravind Jugnauth with consultants Vaibhav Parikh and Milind Mundankar (with g.) at the press conference.

The Government is preparing to set up, very soon, the framework necessary to instil a culture of innovation in Mauritius. This is what, Wednesday, the Minister announced the ICT Pravind Jugnauth, at the end of the visit to Mauritius by two international consultants in innovation.

The two consultants, Vaibhav Parikh and Milind Mundankar, belong to Nishith Desai Associates. This world-renowned firm has offices in Silicon Valley, Mumbai and Berlin, among others. During their stay with a little less than 48 hours, they had the meetings with executives of various ministries, heads of tertiary institutions, the Mauritius Research Council and the private sector.

Vaibhav Parikh said that Mauritius has enormous potential for innovation. It is said "satisfied" from his mission to the extent that he found in his various interlocutors a desire to introduce innovation in all sectors of development. He was "confident" that the Mauritian private sector can create interesting opportunities through innovation. It is based on three pillars, namely a convention framework, infrastructure and awareness.

For what is the awareness that helps create opportunities, according to Vaibhav Parikh, it was decided that Mauritius would host an international conference on innovation. It should identify what the country is capable to medium and long term innovation. For his part, Minister Pravind Jugnauth stressed the need to seek foreign expertise in a field where Maurice still has a lot of progress to be made. He announced that his Ministry has already initiated the first actions to instill a culture of innovation in the country. These actions will be strengthened by a National Innovation Framework, which will be soon presented.