

NATIONAL INNOVATION FRAMEWORK: Two experts from Silicon Valley are supporting the Ministry of ICT

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Two experts from the Silicon Valley, Vaibhav Parikh and Milind Mundankar, are currently guests of the Ministry of technology, Communication and Innovation (ICT). They will give their support the Ministry in the development of its National Innovation Framework, as announced in the Budget. In mission to Mauritius

from 1 to 3 June, these two experts from Silicon Valley yesterday met the Minister of ICT, Pravind Jugnauth, at his office. They will attend the Ministry concerned at several levels: the capacity building in terms of education and career opportunities in the sectors technology, the creation of an ecosystem that will promote innovation, particularly at the level of incubators and the start-up and development of a robust infrastructure that would facilitate innovation-oriented.

Vaibhav Parikh is a partner and head of the based international law firm Nishith Desai Associates research. Milind Mundankar is Director of Technology Operations within the same firm. The research centre is based in Mumbai.

In a statement to the press at the end of the meeting with Minister Pravind Jugnauth, Vaibhav Parikh explained that they meet during their visit different actors, including representatives of the Ministry. "During our mission, it will be issue to understand demographics, the vision of the Government and its priorities. We will identify immediate needs and then we'll get to work on a framework that will help its citizens. We can also bring our help on the 'policy framework', laws relating to competition and research, among others", said Vaibhav Parikh. These two Indian experts will also meet local universities and will begin discussions in order to have a better overview of the situation. "The start-up of Silicon Valley comes from universities such as Stanford and Burkley. It is important to foster a culture of innovation in universities. We will try to understand what are their visions and on what aspects we have to concentrate on helping Maurice set up its National Innovation Framework', says Vaibhav Parikh.