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Jugnauth: The NIF will be ready soon

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Vaibhav Parikh and Milind Mundankar, experts of the international law firm Nishith Desai Associates, are in Mauritius since June 1 with the aim of extending their expertise to countries for the establishment of the National Innovation Framework (NIF).

Facing the press on Wednesday at the Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation (ICT), the appropriate minister stressed that the two experts from Silicon Valley have pledged to hold discussions with the Mauritius Research Council (MRC) and the officers of his ministry.

Jugnauth: "Maurice is open to innovation"

The Minister Jugnauth announced that the National Innovation Framework (NIF) will be ready "very soon". He dwelt on the importance of instilling a culture of innovation in Mauritius. In this context, an international conference will be held in September or October to demonstrate that "Mauritius is open to innovation," he said. He added that the ministry wants to make Mauritius a center of innovation, over time.

One expert Vaibhav Parikh, meanwhile, emphasized that the innovation plan will be effective only if Maurice government, the private sector and universities advancing on the same wavelength. He argued that Mauritians have the potential to make innovation a promising sector. Vaibhav Parikh also indicated that Mauritius could count on the support of experts Nishith Desai Associates during the implementation phase of NIF, if the need arises.