

NEWS RELEASE

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Air Mauritius announces its capacity plans for the period 01 April 2011 to 31 March 2012. Record number of 1,850,000 seats deployed.

Air Mauritius announced its capacity plans to the tourism industry at a joint meeting held with the MTPA on 26th January 2011. A meeting was also held with the travel partners in Mauritius. For the first time ever, Air Mauritius will be offering 1,850,000 seats on its network worldwide – a 6.3% increase over last year. Capitalizing on the growth opportunities in the emerging economies and with the view to diversify its market base, the airline announced direct services to Shanghai with effect from July 2011 as the hallmark of its growth in Asia.

HIGHLIGHTS

EUROPE : Over 23,000 additional seats or +5%

- **PARIS**: 13,700 additional seats or +5%

Joint flights operated by Air France leaving Mauritius at night, hence, improving the tourism product. Also, departure from Paris in the evening, hence providing twice as many connecting flights from France and the rest of Europe.

- **LONDON** : 13,000 additional seats or +9%

INDIA : 11,300 additional seats or +5%

FAR EAST : 17,000 additional seats or +11%

AUSTRALIA : 8,600 additional seats or +15%

AFRICA (RSA, KENYA AND MADAGASCAR) : 13,500 additional seats or +4%

REUNION : 17,500 additional seats or +4%

RODRIGUES : 14,000 additional seats or +12%

André Viljoen, the airline's Acting CEO, making the presentation to the stakeholders stated, "Air Mauritius' capacity deployed in our next Financial Year reaches the highest ever for the airline and we are delighted to be providing more seats on our existing services (and new service to Shanghai) to our valued customers. We hope that the tourism and travel partners will be pleased with the additional opportunities for growth worldwide and in particular in the emerging economies – a strategy we have adopted and which is aligned with Government's objectives to rebalance the growth of the tourism industry and build in more resilience."

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Air Mauritius is the national carrier of the Republic of Mauritius. Created in 1967, it currently operates a fleet of four A340-300, two A340-300E, two A330-200, two A319-100 and two ATR72-500. Air Mauritius presently flies to twenty-five destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and the Indian Ocean