

Networking Forum for Data Protection Officers

The *Networking Forum* will operate under the aegis of Data Protection Office (DPO) and in collaboration with the National Committee on Corporate Governance (NCCG). The DPO and NCCG will act as facilitators

1. Roles and activities of Networking Forum

The *Networking Forum* will perform the following roles:

- (i) *Knowledge Sharing* – providing a forum for Data Protection Officers to share their experiences, challenges and insights on the implementation of regulations and evolving best practices in data protection within their organisation. It will allow them to exchange knowledge, strategies and practical solutions related to data protection, ensuring they stay updated and informed about the latest developments in the field.
- (ii) *Collaboration and Cooperation* – data protection is a shared responsibility and collaboration between Data Protection Officers is crucial. The *Networking Forum* will allow Data Protection Officers to collaborate on common issues, share resources and work together to address challenges collectively. This cooperation will enhance the effectiveness of their data protection efforts and facilitate a coordinated approach to ensure compliance with data protection laws and regulations.
- (iii) *Learning Opportunities* – the *Networking Forum* can facilitate the organisation of workshops, seminars and training sessions on various aspects of data protection. These events can feature expert speakers, industry professionals and legal advisors who can provide valuable insights and guidance to Data Protection Officers. The forum can also facilitate discussions on emerging technologies, new regulations, and industry trends, enabling Data Protection Officers to enhance their knowledge and skills continuously.
- (iv) *Professional Development* – the *Networking Forum* will play a crucial role in fostering professional growth and development. By connecting with peers, Data Protection Officers can expand their professional network, establish relationships with experts in the field and gain access to career advancement opportunities. The forum can also facilitate mentorship programs and mentoring circles where experienced Data Protection Officers can guide and support those who are new to the role.

2. Core Team

2.1. Composition of Core Team

- 2.1.1. Absa Bank (Mauritius) Limited
- 2.1.2. Allianz Services Mauritius
- 2.1.3. Apex Fund Services (Mauritius) Ltd
- 2.1.4. BDO IT Consulting Ltd

- 2.1.5. CAMEX DPO Consulting Ltd
- 2.1.6. C-CARE Mauritius Limited
- 2.1.7. Compliance Administration and Support Services Limited
- 2.1.8. Dentons Training and Consultancy (Mauritius) Ltd
- 2.1.9. Ernst & Young Ltd
- 2.1.10. Fundsmith Investment Services Limited
- 2.1.11. Jubilee Allianz General Insurance (Mauritius) Limited
- 2.1.12. Mauritius Finance
- 2.1.13. Mauritius Network Services Ltd
- 2.1.14. Mauritius Union Assurance Company Limited
- 2.1.15. Sanlam Trustees International Limited
- 2.1.16. SBI (Mauritius) Ltd
- 2.1.17. SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd
- 2.1.18. SWAN General Ltd

2.2. Membership of Core Team

Other members may also be co-opted to form part of the activities of the forum.

3. **Team Leaders**

3.1. Duration of appointment

Each team leader is appointed for a period of 3 years from the date of appointment.

3.2. List of Team Leaders

The Team Leaders shall comprise:

- 3.2.1. Absa Bank (Mauritius) Limited
- 3.2.2. Allianz Services Mauritius
- 3.2.3. Apex Fund Services (Mauritius) Ltd
- 3.2.4. BDO IT Consulting Ltd
- 3.2.5. Dentons Training and Consultancy (Mauritius) Ltd
- 3.2.6. Ernst & Young Ltd
- 3.2.7. Jubilee Allianz General Insurance (Mauritius) Limited
- 3.2.8. Mauritius Union Assurance Company Limited
- 3.2.9. Sanlam Trustees International Limited
- 3.2.10. SBI (Mauritius) Ltd
- 3.2.11. SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd
- 3.2.12. Compliance Administration & Support Services Limited

3.3. Membership

There will be no more than fifteen (15) Team Leaders. Other Team Leaders may also be appointed as and when required.

3.4. Meetings

The Team Leaders shall meet quarterly. Meetings can be conducted physically or by conference call or video conference, provided all Team Leaders can communicate with each other simultaneously.

4. Dispute

Any dispute regarding the activities of the forum will be settled amicably between the members. In the event that an amicable resolution cannot be achieved, the matter shall be referred to the DPO and NCCG for resolution. The decision rendered by the DPO and the NCCG shall be final and binding.

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