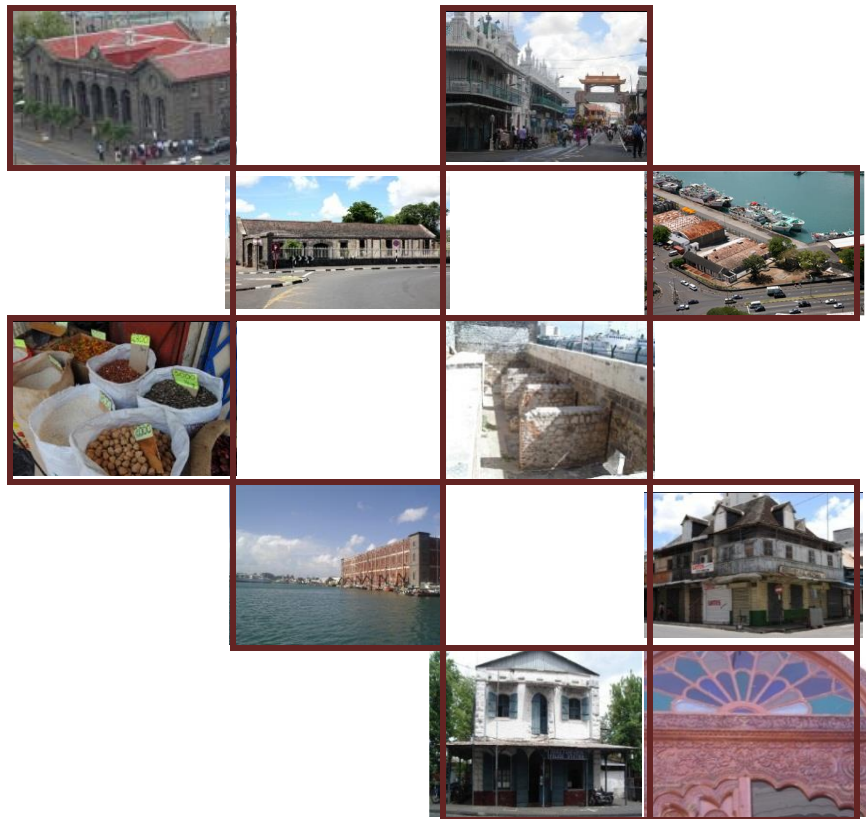


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ACRONYMS

AGTF	Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund
AG WHS	Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site
AG WHP	Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property
BRIC	Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre
BZ	Buffer Zone
CM	Conservation Manual
DP	Development Plan
STAC	Scientific Technical and Advisory Committee
VMP	Visitor Management Plan



VISION AND MISSION

The mandate and the actions of the Trust Fund are guided by the following framework:

In 2001, the Mauritian Government set up a dedicated institution, the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund (AGTF), to document, manage and promote the Aapravasi Ghat as a national and international site. The AGTF is a parastatal body that operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Arts and Culture.

The Trust Fund was mandated to:

- Establish, administer, manage, promote and maintain the Aapravasi Ghat as a national, regional and international heritage site;
- Preserve, restore and manage the Aapravasi Ghat and the sites specified in schedule 2 of the Act;
- Set up a museum at Aapravasi Ghat and create public awareness of the history of indentured labour;
- Promote social and cultural aspects of the sites specified in schedules 1 and 2 of the Act;
- Encourage and support projects and publications related to the Indentured Labour;
- Establish links with appropriate national, regional and international organizations in line with the objects of the Act;
- Identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures associated with indentured labour; and
- Encourage and support interdisciplinary scientific research related to indentured labour and to the sites specified in schedules 1 and 2.

The Trust's guiding principles include:

- Support of activities related to indentured Labour immigration;
- Support projects that benefit all Mauritians and in which Mauritians from all walks of life can participate. This includes the conceptualization, planning and execution of projects;
- To restore the links with past and our origins that have been broken as a result of rapid modernization and to restore pride into our indentured Heritage;
- To carry out projects in a democratic spirit, in a historically accurate way and in full respect of the multi-cultural society in which we live;
- To promote excellence rather than be satisfied with basic minimum or the cheapest alternative.



Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund AGTF is a body corporate under the aegis of the Ministry of Arts and Culture. It was created in 2001 by the Government of the Republic of Mauritius through Act of Parliament to manage and promote the Aapravasi Ghat Site.

The site was declared National Monument under the National Monuments Act in 1987(GN31/87) and subsequently proclaimed National Heritage in 2003 under the National Heritage Act 2003.

The Aapravasi Ghat Site was inscribed on the World Heritage List under criteria (VI) in 2006 (Decision 30 COM 8 B.33). The concept of World Heritage was developed by UNESCO to define cultural and natural heritage that are irreplaceable, unique and authentic, not only for the nation to which they belong, but also for humanity as a whole. It is considered that the loss of this heritage through deterioration or disappearance would generate an impoverishment of the heritage of all the peoples of the world. As such, their significance is of Outstanding Universal Value¹ (OUV).

The Aapravasi Ghat was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2006. The World Heritage Status is defined by the *Convention concerning the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage* (1972) of UNESCO and by the *operational Guidelines for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention* (2008).

The inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat recognizes the Outstanding Universal Value of the Site as a symbol of the Great Experiment initiated in 1834 by the British colonial Government to evaluate the viability of *indenture* as a system to recruit “free” labour after the abolition of slavery in the British Colonies in 1833.

“The first site chosen by the British Government in 1834 for the great experiment in the use of indentured rather than slave Labor, is strongly associated with memories of almost half a million indentured labourers moving from India to Mauritius to work on sugarcane plantations or to be transshipped to other parts of the World.”

¹ A definition is provided in the glossary.

A Buffer Zone² (BZ) was delimited for Aapravasi Ghat (AG) World Heritage Site (WHS) to allow the full expression of the outstanding significance of the World Heritage Site as per UNESCO *Convention concerning the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage*. In its Convention, UNESCO explains that the Buffer Zone is important as it represents the context in which the World Heritage Site has evolved through time. As such, it is a fundamental element supporting its cultural significance at national and international level. This is the reason why appropriate measures are enforced in the Buffer Zone to protect, preserve, enhance and promote the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the World Heritage Site. The ultimate objective is to create a suitable environment supporting the retention of the heritage in the BZ, and also, its sustainable development.

When the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2006, the Buffer Zone had no legal protection. The Buffer Zone was proclaimed a legal entity in June 2011 with the legal protection provided by:

1. The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Act (amended 2006 and 2011) defining the boundaries of the Buffer Zones;
2. The Local Government Act 2003 (amended 2011) making provision for the creation of a system to monitor development in the Buffer Zones; and
3. The Planning Policy Guidance 6 - Urban heritage area: Buffer Zone of Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property (PPG 6) provides with a set of planning guidance in the Buffer Zone to orientate development towards the valorisation and revitalization of the area which holds attributes associated to the outstanding universal value of the property.

The actions of the Trust Fund are therefore guided by this legal framework and also by key documents required by UNESCO.

The framework for the management, preservation and promotion of the World Heritage Property is described in the Management Plan. The **Management Plan** is the overarching document presenting the overall strategy for the conservation, management and the promotion of the World Heritage Property and its surroundings.

To address further specific issues that may affect the World Heritage Property, the Management Plan is complemented by supporting documents addressing:

- visitor management;
- risk management;
- management mechanisms for the Buffer Zone;
- urban planning for the conservation of heritage and its revitalisation in the Buffer Zone;
- actions for the implementation of the vision for development;
- measures for conservation management and enhancement.

² The concept of buffer zone is explained in the annex.



Profile of the AGTF

❖ **Corporate Governance**

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund is a statutory body set up under the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Act No 31 of 2001 operating under aegis of Ministry of Arts and Culture.

❖ **Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Fund's Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Accounting Standards issued by Financial Reporting Council in compliance with the requirements of prevailing statutes.

❖ **Responsibilities of the Board of Directors**

The fundamental statutory responsibilities of the Board of Directors are to lay down the overall policies regulating the various business/ activities of the Fund; it oversees the Fund's strategic direction and its organizational structure. The Board discharges the above responsibilities either or through Board Committees for more in-depth analysis and review of various issues while retaining its responsibility for all policy matters.

The Chairman of each Committee periodically places reports of its proceedings before the Board for approval/information, as may be relevant. The Board promotes openness, integrity and accountability to improve corporate behavior, strengthens control systems over business and reviews management performance on a regular basis. In addition the Board is committed to ensure as far as reasonably possible, and in accordance with legislation in force, the safety and health of its staff. To fulfill their responsibilities, Board members have unhindered access to accurate, relevant and timely information.

❖ **INTERNAL CONTROL**

Directors' responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Such systems should ensure that all transactions are authorized and recorded and that any material irregularities are detected and rectified within a reasonable time frame.

.....
Chairman

.....
Board Member

❖ THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND

The main objectives of the Fund is to establish and promote Aapravasi Ghat as a national, regional and international site, set up a museum at Aapravasi Ghat, create public awareness in the history of the site and depict the arrival, settlement and evolution of indenture in Mauritius. It also has to identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures linked with the history of the arrival of immigrants and promote the social and cultural aspects of Aapravasi Ghat.

❖ ADMINISTRATION

The Fund is administered by a Board comprising of a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and 13 members all appointed by the Minister of Arts and Culture under whose aegis the Fund operates.

❖ SOURCES OF INCOME

The main source of income of the Fund is derived from the Government. Hence the Fund has to depend entirely on government grant which are used for different projects and administrative purposes.

❖ THE MAIN DIVISIONS

For the execution of the policy of the AGTF Board and for the control and management of its day to day business, the Fund has the following main divisions:

- (a). The Administrative Section; and
- (b). The Technical and Research Section.

❖ TOP MANAGEMENT

In accordance with section No 21 of the AGTF ACT 2001 and subsequently amended in 2011.

- the Director shall be responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board for the control and management of the day to day business of the Fund.
- every member of the staff shall be render the administrative control of the Director

❖ ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

The Administrative Secretary is directly responsible for the general administration including the Personnel Division and acts inter-alia as Secretary to the Board. The Administrative Section is staffed by incumbents in the grades of Administrative Secretary, Accounting Technician, Financial Operations, Officer Clerk/Word Processing Operator, Accounts Clerk, Confidential Secretary and Office Attendant/Driver.

❖ **TECHNICAL AND RESEARCH SECTION**

This unit is responsible for the implementation of projects and activities defined by the Management Plan of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property as well as the projects defined in the strategic plan to meet the objects of the Fund.

The Technical and Research Section is composed of 30 members in the posts of WHS Manager (1), Researcher (3), Research Assistant (5), Field Guide (1), Heritage Guide/Public Outreach Officer (4), Site Conservation Worker (7), Watchman (4), Gateman (1) and General Worker (3). The unit is managed by the Head Technical Unit (1).

❖ **RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Risk Management Policy has been disclosed at note 12 of the Financial Statement.

❖ **HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

With the coming into force of the Occupational Health and safety Act 2005, this organization recognizes the fundamental importance of Health and safety of its staff members and other persons who may be directly affected by its activities. This organization complies with all relevant Health and Safety legislation. Protective clothing and equipment are supplied to staff working on different sites. Fire fighting equipment, first aid boxes are fixed in places to ensure rapid and easy use.

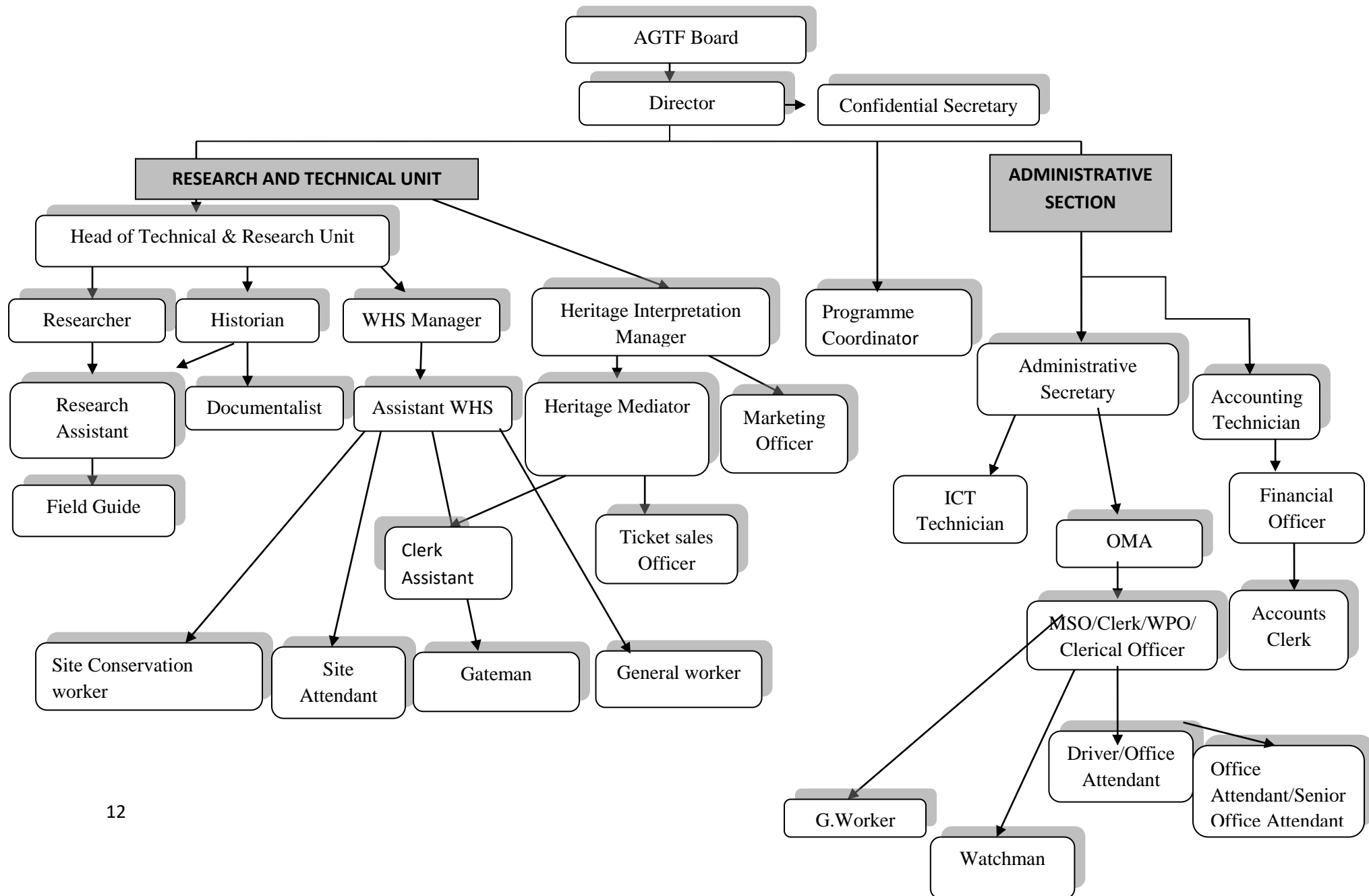
❖ **REGISTERED OFFICE**

1, Quay Street
Ex-DWC Building
Port Louis

❖ **AUDITORS**

Director of Audit
National Audit Office
14th Floor
Paille en Queue Court
Port-Louis

Organigramme



Composition of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Board

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund is responsible for the day-to-day management of the World Heritage Property. The Board of the Trust Fund is composed of 16 members as follows including the Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson:

- One representative of the Prime Minister's Office;
- One representative of the Ministry of Finance;
- One representative of the Ministry of Arts and Culture;
- One representative of the Ministry of Education;
- One representative of the Ministry of Tourism and Leisure;
- One representative of the High Commission of India;
- One representative of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute;
- One representative of the National Heritage Fund;

7 Members from the local community.

Name	Position
Mr. M.Utchanah	Chairperson
Mr R.Auliar	Vice Chairman
Mr T.Garburrin	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Culture
Mr O P Seebaluck	Representative from Prime Minister's Office
Mr N.Mutty	Representative Min of Finance and Economic Development
Mrs M.Thannoo	Representative from National Heritage Fund
Mr B Madhou	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Institute
Mrs M Jhugroo	Representative. from Ministry of Education & Human Resources
Miss K.Bhogun	Representative from Ministry of Tourism & Leisure
Mrs V.Maitra	Representative from High Commissioner of India
Mr M Jhummun	Member
Mrs S Ramlallah	Member
Mr B P Dinand	Member
Mr D Ramloll	Member
Mrs Z.H.B. Mahamode	Member
Mr D.Auleear	Member

Profile of Board Members

- Mr Mahyendrah Utchanah
Chairperson of AGTF.
Chairperson Gopio International and former Member of Parliament and Minister from 1982-1995.
- Mr Rajeshwar Auliar is the Vice Chairman of the AGTF Board and is the Rector of Lycée Mauricien.
- Mr O. P. Seebaluck works at the Prime Minister's Office and represents the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
- Miss K.Bhogun is the Tourism Planner at the Ministry of Tourism and Leisure and represents the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
- Mr B Madhou is the Director of Mahatma Gandhi Institute and representative of the said institution on AGTF Board.
- Mr T.Garburrin is the Assistant Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Arts and Culture and is the representative of the Parent Ministry.
- Mr N.Mutty is an Analyst at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and represents the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
- Mrs M.Jhugroo is the Assistant Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education and Human Resources and represents the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
- Mrs M.Thannoo is the Director at the National Heritage Fund and represents the Fund on AGTF Board
- Mrs V.Maitra is the Second Secretary and represents the High Commission of India on the AGTF Board from 26 August 2013.
- Mr Mukesh Jhummun is a nominated member and presently he is working as Education Officer in a Private School.
- Ms Sadhna Ramlallah is a nominated member and is working at the Edition Ocean Indien.
- Mr Bhuruth Prasad Dinand is a nominated member and is working as Education Officer in Secondary School.
- Mr Dravindranath Ramlool is a nominated member and presently he is working at the Central Water Authority.
- Mrs Z.H.B.Mahamode is a nominated member and is working as Education Officer in Secondary school.
- Mr D. Auleear is a nominated member and is a retired Education Officer of History.

Senior Management Profile

1. Mr J.Mohit
Director (as from 18 June 2014)
Graduate in Maths /Statistics/Economics with Socio-Politico-Cultural background.
2. Mr V. Ramoutar
Administrative Secretary
Post Graduate in Public Sector Management
3. Ms C. Forest
Head Technical Unit
Post-Graduate in Museology and Anthropology
4. Mrs D.Chuckowree
Accounting Technician
Graduate in Public Sector Financial Management
5. Mr L.Andiapen
World Heritage Site Manager-
Post Graduate in Heritage Management

Constitution of Sub-Committees In 2014

A. Finance Committee

Finance Committee	
Mr N.Mutty	Rep. Min of Finance and Economic Development
Mr T.Garburrun	Rep. of Ministry of Arts and Culture
Miss K.Bhogun	Rep. of Ministry of Tourism & Leisure
Mr D.Aulear	Member
Mr M.Jhummun	Member
Mr B.P.Dinand	Member
Mr Mohit	Director
Mr Ramoutar	Administrative Secretary
Mrs Chuckowree	Accounting Technician

(B). Staff Committee

Staff Committee	
Mr T.Garburrun	Rep. of Ministry of Arts and Culture
Mr N.Mutty	Rep. Min of Finance and Economic Development
Mrs M.Thannoo	Rep. of National Heritage Fund
Mr D.Ramloll	Member
Mr B. P.Dinand	Member
Mrs Z.H.B. Mahamode	Member
Mrs D.Malecaut Mrs R.Ruchchan	Rep. from Ministry of Arts and Culture
Mr Mohit	Director
Mr Ramoutar	Administrative Secretary

(C). Scientific Technical and Advisory Committee on the Buffer Zone

STAC BZ Committee	
Mr N.Mutty	Rep. of Ministry of Finance
Mr M. Jhummun	Member
Mr B. P.Dinand	Member
Mr B Madhou	Rep. of Mahatma Gandhi Institute
Ms Forest	Head Technical Unit
Mrs Soodin-Runghen	Researcher

(D). Sub Committee Meeting for Trianon Site

Sub Committee Meeting for Trianon Site	
Mr R.Auliar	Vice Chairman
Mr N.Mutty	Rep. of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
Mr B Jhummun	Member
Mr Mohit	Director
Ms Forest	Head Technical Unit
Mr Andiapen	WHS Manager

(E) Sub Committee ICW BRIC Shop Meeting

Sub-Committee ICW BRIC Shop	
Mr T.Garburrun	Rep of Ministry of Arts and Culture
Mr B Jhummun	Member
Ms K Bhogun	Rep of Ministry of Tourism and Leisure
Ms Forest	Head Technical Unit
Mr Mugon	Heritage Interpretation Manager

(F). Editing Committee for Coffee Table Book

Editing Committee	
Mr T.Garburrun	Rep. of the Ministry of Arts and Culture(Chair)
Mrs M Thannoo	Rep. of National Heritage Fund
Mrs S. Ramlallah	Member
Mr B.P.Dinand	Member

(F). Editing Committee for Souvenir Magazine

Souvenir Magazine Meeting	
Mr B P Dinand	Member
Mr D Auleear	Member
Mr Mohit	Director
Ms Forest	Head Technical Unit
Mr Peerthum	Historian
Ms Miao Foh	Research Assistant

The Departmental Injury Committee

Recommended by the Personal Management Manual, the departmental injury Board (Committee) is set up to enquire and report on case/s of injury sustained by an employee while on duty.

NUMBER OF MEETINGS

- **NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD**

For the period under review, the main Board meeting of AGTF held 9 meetings, one Special Board Meeting and the holding of sub-committees meetings were as follows:

Staff Committee	6 times
Finance Committee	4 times
STAC Buffer Zone Committee	2 times
Editing Committee	8 times
Sub Committee ICW Trianon	6 times
Sub-Committee ICW BRIC Shop	Once
Sub-Committee ICW WHF	Once
Sub-Committee ICW Interview for Director	Once
Sub-Committee ICW Special Souvenir magazine	Once

Remuneration of Directors of Board

The Chairperson is entitled to a monthly allowance of Rs 28,500.

All other Board members receive an allowance of Rs 850 as per Board meeting and an allowance of Rs 775 per sub-committee.

The Chairperson of the following sub-committees receives an allowance of Rs 1065 per sitting:

- Staff Committee;
- Finance Committee;
- Sub-Committee ICW Procedural Agreement;
- Editorial Committee.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS & REMUNERATION & BENEFITS OF MEMBERS

In total, 9 Board Meetings, 1 Special Board Meetings, 6 Staff Committee meetings and 4 Finance Committee meetings were held during the year 2014.

Name	Board	Special Board	Staff	Finance
	9	1	5	4
Mr M.Utchanah	9	1	-	-
Mr R.Auliar	9	1	-	1
Miss K.Bhogun	2	-	-	2
Mr T.Garburrun	7	-	5	4
Mrs M.Thannoo	6	1	3	-
Mr O. P. Seebaluck	9	1	-	-
Mr N.Mutty	6	-	5	4
Mr B.Madhou	5	-	-	-
Mr P Ramhota	2	1	-	-
Mrs M. Jhugroo	6	1	-	-
Mr M. Jhummun	8	1	-	3
Mrs S Ramlallah	5	1	-	-
Mr B P Dinand	8	1	5	2
Mr D Ramloll	8	-	-	-
Miss Z.H.B.Mahamode	9	1	-	4
Mr D.Auleear	9	1	-	4
Mrs D.Malecaut	-	-	2	-
Mr A.Jhoomun	1	-	-	-
Mr D.Auleear	4	-	-	2
Ms Kala	1	-	-	-
Mr Lalande	1	-	-	-

Funds allocated for year 2014

For the financial year 2014 Government has allocated:

❖ Recurrent Grant

The Government Grant for Recurrent Expenditure was MUR 26.7 Million for the financial year 2014.

❖ Capital Grant

The AGTF received a Capital Grant of MUR 17.8 Million for the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre project.

Organisation: Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund
Statement of Estimated Expenditure and Revenue for the Year
2014

		Approved
		Year 2014
		Rs
	EXPENDITURE	
	Recurrent	
	Personal Emoluments	18,039,500
	Other Charges	8,605,500
		26,645,000
	Capital	55,000
		26,700,000
	Projects/Activities	17,813,951
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	44,513,951
	FINANCED BY	
	Own	0
	Revenue Generated	
		0
	Government of Mauritius:	
	Grants:	0
	Recurrent	26,700,000
	Capital	17,813,951
	Loan	
	Other Sources	0
	Net Deficit/(Surplus)	
	TOTAL REVENUE	44,513,951

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR AGTF

Name	Position	Dates	Subject
Mrs Urmila Ramkisoorn	Heritage Guide	24/9/14 Full day	website
Mrs Devianee Chuckowree	Accounting Technician	03 /10/14 (from 10.00 to 14.00)	Training on financial issues

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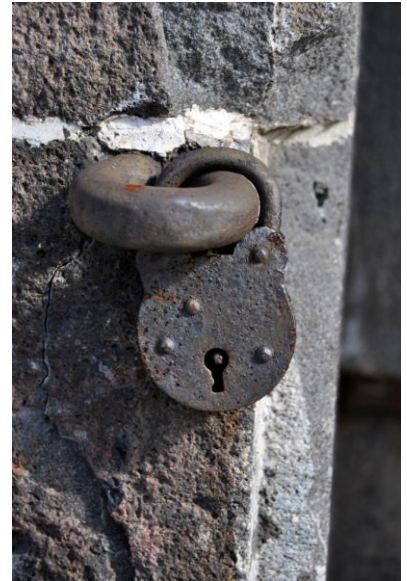
Name	Position	Dates	Country	Subject
Mr J.Mohit Mr Utchanah	Director Chairman	Jan 2014	India	PBD- More visibility and awareness on AGWHS in line with AGTF Act.
Mr Utchanah	Chairman	26 May to 06 June 2014	UNESCO_FRANCE	Proposal for the Indenture labour Route project
Mr Utchanah	Chairman	11 to 15 June	India- Bowaneepur	For 2 nd Nov
Mr Utchanah Mr Soobarah Mr Parsuramen Mrs Mukherjee	Chairman Rep of Ministry of Arts & Culture Rep of UNESCO Consultant	19 Oct to 27 Oct 2014	UNESCO	Indenture Labour Route
Mr Utchanah	Chairman	11 November	Reunion Island	Prendre parole- la Journee a la memoire des Engages

Research and Technical Unit

Yearly report

2014

25 February 2015





Introduction

This report states the achievements of the Technical and Research Unit in 2014 on the following projects:

1. Restoration, conservation and maintenance at World Heritage Site;
2. Implementation of Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) and Monitoring of World Heritage Site Buffer Zone (WHS BZ);
3. Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre Project;
4. Restoration and conservation of Trianon Heritage Site;
5. Research programme;
6. Outreach programme.

Each section provides a project outline and achievements in 2014.

Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property Conservation and maintenance

The concept of World Heritage was developed by UNESCO to define cultural and natural heritage that are irreplaceable, unique and authentic, not only for the nation to which they belong, but also for humanity as a whole. It is considered that the loss of this heritage through deterioration or disappearance would generate an impoverishment of the heritage of all the peoples of the world. As such, their significance is of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV).

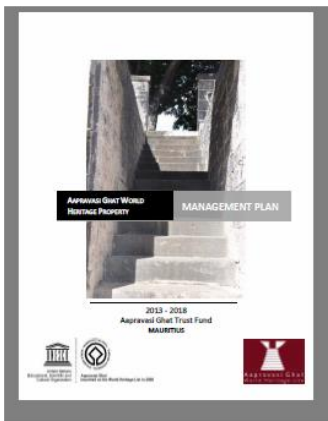
Because the Aapravasi Ghat is of Outstanding Universal Value, it was inscribed on the World Heritage list in 2006. Following UNESCO'S World Heritage Convention, The Outstanding Universal Value of Aapravasi Ghat (AG) World Heritage Property (WHP) need to be conserved and promoted.

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund was entrusted to conserve, manage and promote the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site and has developed projects to achieve these aims.

Review and submission of the Final Management Plan for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site

The commitments taken by the Government of Mauritius with UNESCO are consigned in the Management Plan stating the strategy for the retention, management and promotion of the World Heritage Site. The Management Plan states a number of projects aiming at preserving and promoting the World Heritage Site.

The changes brought by the establishment of legal boundaries for the Buffer Zone led to review the Management Plan adopted in 2006. The Management Plan is required by UNESCO World Heritage Convention to ensure the preservation and sustainability of the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Property. The Management Plan describes the World Heritage Property, its outstanding Universal Value and related significance, and analyses the issues affecting the conservation and management of the World Heritage Property. The review of the Management Plan 2006 was essential to integrate developments that occurred in the last six years and consolidate the existing management system for the World Heritage Property.



The Management Plan has an essential role: it is a key document that guides all the stakeholders involved in the conservation, management and promotion of the World Heritage Property. It is elaborated upon a vision for the World Heritage Property in the future and addresses key principles and objectives that will guide the implementation of this vision.

The Management Plan was reviewed by the Head Technical Unit in collaboration with the technical team of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund who optimized collaboration with stakeholders by addressing key issues in workshops held in 2013. The objective of this strategy was to better identify the needs of each partner/stakeholder. This allowed the elaboration of objectives and actions that privilege an effective and adaptive management of the World Heritage Property.

The final document of the Management Plan 2013-2018 was completed in January 2013 and submitted to Dr Francois Odendaal, EcoAfrica Ltd for review. The final Management Plan stating the strategy at the World Heritage Site for the next five years was submitted to the Ministry of Arts and Culture in April 2013.

On 24 January 2014, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the Management Plan for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site. It was submitted to the World Heritage Centre in January 2014 for consideration during the 38e session of the World Heritage Committee (38COM) at Doha, Qatar between 15 and 25 June 2014.

Following the decision of the World Heritage Committee regarding the Management Plan 2013-2018 for Aapravasi Ghat WHS, the Management Plan 2013-2018 is being implemented.

State of Conservation Report

UNESCO requested that Mauritius submits a state of conservation report to the World Heritage Committee by 1st February 2014 to report on the steps taken to implement the following recommendations following the Decisions adopted the World Heritage Committee at its 36th session (36 COM 7B.45; UNESCO, 2012) :

- a) Finalise the updating of the management plan and submit it to the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies for consideration and review,



- b) Develop a capacity building strategy to ensure that qualified conservation and management professionals are available to support the work of the Technical Committee,

- c) Improve collaboration mechanisms to ensure the adequate protection and management of the buffer zones and better utilise mechanisms such as the consultative meeting to strengthen participatory decision-making,

- d) Increase awareness raising activities and produce summaries of existing planning tools for easier consultation by different public users.

The objective of the State of Conservation Report is to monitor progress and changes at World Heritage Properties. In this report, the UNESCO sees an opportunity to review the state of conservation of World Heritage Property and invites State Parties to report on the following:

1. Response from the State Party to the World Heritage Committee's Decision, paragraph by paragraph;
2. Other current conservation issues identified by the State Party;
3. In conformity with paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines, please describe any potential major restorations, alterations and/or new construction(s) within the protected area (core zone and buffer zone and/or corridors) that might be envisaged.

The State of Conservation Report (SOC) was prepared by the Technical and Research Unit of the AGTF in consultation with the Ministry of Arts and Culture, National Heritage Fund and the City Council of Port Louis. The SOC was submitted to the Parent Ministry to seek Cabinet approval.

The Cabinet of Ministers approved the SOC on 24 January 2014 and submitted to the World Heritage Centre in January 2014 for consideration during the 38e session of the World Heritage Committee (38COM) at Doha, Qatar held between 15 and 25 June 2014.

The World Heritage Committee received the Management Plan and the State of Conservation Report 2014 favourably and published the following decisions:

Decision: 38 COM 7B.98

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-14/38.COM/7B.Add,

2. Takes note with satisfaction of the measures taken by the States Parties concerned to address its previous requests to mitigate the threats on the Outstanding Universal Value of the following World Heritage properties:

- Town of Luang Prabang (Lao People's Democratic Republic),
- Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments (Russian Federation),
- Historic Bridgetown and its Garrison (Barbados),
- Port, Fortresses and Group of Monuments, Cartagena (Colombia),
- Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan (Mexico),
- Historic Quarter of the City of Colonia del Sacramento (Uruguay),
- Royal Palaces of Abomey (Benin),
- Rock-Hewn Churches, Lalibela (Ethiopia),
- Aapravasi Ghat (Mauritius);

3. Encourages the States Parties concerned to pursue their efforts to ensure the conservation of World Heritage properties;

4. Reminds the States Parties concerned to inform the World Heritage Centre in due course about any major development project that may negatively impact the Outstanding Universal Value of a property, before any irreversible decisions are made, in line with Paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines.



Implementation of Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) and Monitoring of World Heritage Site Buffer Zone (WHS BZ)

Following UNESCO'S World Heritage Convention, a Buffer Zone (BZ) was delimited around Apravasi Ghat (AG) World Heritage Property (WHP) in 2011 to allow the full expression of its outstanding significance. UNESCO explains that the buffer zone is important as it represents the context in which the World Heritage Property has evolved through time. As such, it supports the outstanding cultural significance at national and international level. This is the reason why appropriate measures are enforced in the buffer zone to protect, preserve, enhance and promote the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the World Heritage Property. The ultimate objective is to create a suitable environment supporting the retention of the heritage in the BZ and its sustainable development.

In this undertaking, three institutions are involved: the City Council of Port Louis (CCPL), the Apravasi Ghat Trust Fund (AGTF) and the National Heritage Fund (NHF). The AGTF is monitoring the heritage component in the Buffer Zone while the CCPL has the legal responsibility to implement the Planning Policy Guidance 6 for the Apravasi Ghat World Heritage Property Buffer Zone.

The City Council of Port Louis chairs the Technical Committee created under the Local Government Act (2011). The role of the Technical Committee is to ensure the implementation of the Planning Policy Guidance for the Apravasi Ghat World Heritage Property Buffer Zone. This task is achieved through the assessment of all applications for Building and Lands Use Permits in the Buffer Zone.

Monitoring development

After the proclamation of PPG6 in 2011, the role of the Apravasi Ghat Trust Fund is to monitor the heritage component in the buffer zone. The institution carries out weekly monitoring of heritage in the buffer zone and reports to the Technical Committee in case of non-compliance with the PPG 6.

Regular monitoring in the buffer zone took place to assess and monitor the changes affecting the heritage component. Regular reports were submitted. The following table gives an overview of changes and alterations that affected the heritage component in the buffer zone during the year 2014:

Building Name		AGTF ID	Street Name	Grade of Building	Nature of Development	Date of Monitoring	Authorization for Development
1.	Ibrahim Cassam & Co Ltd	29/W1	18/20 Cnr Queen & Bourbon St	Not applicable (Vacant land)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction is in process. - The promoter was granted permit prior to the proclamation of the PPG6 in 2011 and had two years to implement the work. - During previous Technical Committee, further information regarding the validation of the application for Building and Land Use Permit (BLP) was requested. - Response is awaited from the CCPL. 	04/04/2014	Yes
2.	Soc. Wong Chap Lan & Co	25/W1	34B, Farquhar St	2	Major interior renovation work in process	04/04/2014	No A Stop Order was issued to the owner during the site visit
3.	Societe Ip Min Wan Ltd	23/SW	Jummah Mosque St	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Major interior renovation work in process. - CCPL was notified about this development on 15 January 2014. 	04/04/2014	No Stop Order was issued to the owner during the site visit
4.	Jummah Mosque	31/NW	Cnr J. Mosque & Queen St	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Original corrugated iron sheets were removed. - Concrete pitched structure was added with corrugated iron sheets on the top. - The ground floor made of basalt stones painted completely in white. 	04/04/2014	No

Building Name		AGTF ID	Street Name	Grade of Building	Nature of Development	Date of Monitoring	Authorization for Development
5.	Unknown (adjacent to Kinoo Square)	23/S1	Jummah Mosque St	2	- Unused building. Roofing is in a derelict state	04/04/2014	CCPL to verify if building is listed as dangerous building
6.	Sugar Association Building Ltd (Plantation House)	27/SE	Duke of Edinburg St	3	- Ground floor is vacated to make provision for lift. - One opening is made on the façade of Royal Street for emergency exit. - Person in charge informed that development application was submitted to Health Department of the CCPL.	04/04/2014	No
7.	Soc. Wong Chap Lan & Co	25/W1	34B, Farquhar St	2	- Renovation work still in process despite that a Stop Order was issued to the owner during joint site visit carried out on 04 April 2014.	24/07/2014	As there was no response from the owner a second Stop Order was issued by CCPL Inspector during the site visit.
8.	Mohamed Cassim Morad	23/S2	3, Jummah Mosque St	3	- Interior structures and roof of building completely demolished. Digging work in process.	24/07/2014	No



Societe Ip Min Wan Ltd



The location of the Buffer Zone of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property



Soc. Wong Chap Lan & Co



Mohamed Cassim Morad



Jumma Mosque Building



Sugar Association Building Ltd
(Plantation House)



Unknown
(adjacent to Kinoo Square)



Ibrahim Cassam & Co Ltd

The **technical Committee** met on a regular basis to assess development by private developers in the buffer zone as presented in the table hereunder

	Application & Location	Nature of Application	STAC held on	Recommendation of STAC	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
1	Ah-Fock & Co Ltd 52, Royal St	Construction Ground + 3 floors	25/02/2014	- Revised plan was requested from the proponent.	26/02/ 2014	- Revised application was requested from the proponent.
			22/09/2014	- Revised plan was requested from the proponent.	25/09/2014	- Applicant was requested to submit revised set of drawings and engineer's report.
2	Desai & Associated Ltd 11, Corderie St	Construction Ground, mezzanine, first up to third floors	29/01/ 2014	- Revised application was requested from the proponent.	30/01/2014	- Revised application was requested from the proponent.
			22/09/2014	- Positive recommendation with conditions.	25/09/2014	- Positive recommendation with conditions.
3	Mrs H. I. Bahemia & E. A. Bibi Ibrahim Amode 24, Cnr Corderie & Queen St	Demolition and reconstruction	29/01/2014	- Revised application was requested from the proponent.	30/01/2014	- Amended plans submitted were not clear. - Request was made to resubmit the plans and CHIS.
			25/02/2014	- Positive recommendation with conditions.	26/02/2014	- Revised application was requested from the proponent.
					08/05/2014	- Positive recommendation with conditions.

	Application & Location	Nature of Application	STAC held on	Recommendation of STAC	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
4	ABC Banking/Weal House 2, Queen St	Renovation of existing building and addition of 4th floor	25/02/2014	- Positive recommendation with conditions.	26/02/2014	- Positive recommendation with conditions.
5	Bank of Mauritius Cnr Royal & Sir William Newton St	Renovation and addition	07/05/2014	- Revised application was requested from the proponent.	08/05/2014	- Revised application was requested from the proponent.
			22/09/2014	- Revised plan was requested from the proponent.	25/09/2014	- Applicant was requested to revise alternative for staircase.
6	Automatic Systems Ltd 7, Dr Sun Yat Sen St	Renovation	07/05/2014	- Positive recommendation with conditions.	08/05/2014	- No recommendation was made as clearances from the Gambling Regulatory Authority were not submitted by the proponent.
7	Labour Joseph Victor Richard Albion Docks Bldg Trou Fanfaron	Installation of temporary metal structure	07/05/2014	- Positive recommendation with conditions.	08/05/2014	- Positive recommendation with conditions.
8	Guan Ji Gong 3, Emmanuel Anquetil St	Change in use	22/09/2014	- Positive recommendation with conditions.	25/09/2014	- Positive recommendation with conditions.

Updating documentation on heritage and buildings in the buffer zone

The monitoring of heritage in the buffer zone is based on an inventory and building documentation prepared in 2008 and 2009. This detailed documentation is a benchmark to assess development applications and monitor changes operated in the buffer zone.

Considering this, it is important to update information on a regular basis in order to identify alterations on buildings and absorb this information for future assessment. This is the reason why the documentation was updated in 2014: the purpose was to appreciate changes resulting from changes operated after the deliverance of a development permit and those happening beyond the established process. It also allowed to appreciate the impact of the Planning Policy Guidance 6 for the buffer zone on the development of the City.

This year, the documentation focused on updating the photographic survey. To undertake this survey from 03 June to 31 July 2014, the AGTF enlisted the services of two interns, Mr Arshaad Jeedaran and Mr Mondatta Rajkumarsingh from the Faculty of Engineering from the University of Mauritius and one staff, Mr Erald Chanteur from the National Archives of Mauritius who worked under the supervision of Mrs N. K. Ramcharitar, Research Assistant.

It consisted in updating information on 130 buildings listed as grade 1, 2 and 3. To do so, trainees used an evaluation sheet and equipment including a photographic camera, an inclinometer and a measuring tape.

The evaluation sheet consisted of the following details:

- Building identification including the AGTF ID for the building, the reference of the photograph and the street name;
- the update of description first prepared for the Grading Report to include information on openings, roof, balcony and the façade;
- information on condition assessment of openings, roof, balcony, and the façade was included;
- height measurements;
- Detailed photographic documentation
- Photo ID; description of what is being recorded.

Information collected was recorded in an excel database; the purpose is to input this information in a GIS database to optimize heritage monitoring.

On completion of this survey, a report was submitted by the interns who also prepared and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the methodology used during the field work and on the analysis process of the information compiled at the 7th Edition of the UoM Research Week held from 15 to 19 September 2014. The same presentation was made by the interns for the stakeholders at the AGTF office on 30 July 2014 where Mrs N. K. Ramcharitar also presented a PowerPoint on the need for documentation of heritage buildings.

Local Economic Development (LED) Plan Project

AGTF received a total sum of USD 29,500 from the Participation Programme of UNESCO to enlist the services of an expert in Heritage Economics for the buffer zone. The preparation of a Local Economic Development (LED) Plan was recommended to identify economic opportunities in the buffer zone and produce recommendations for the development of an enabling environment to achieve these opportunities.

The objective of the LED Plan is to foster economic development in line with the concerns of the local community and offer opportunities for the consolidation and the development of economic activities in the area. The goal is also to consolidate and improve the existing framework by directing development towards the preservation, enhancement and adaptive reuse of heritage while diminishing the threat of its demolition. The purpose is to serve the vision for the development stated in the Planning Policy Guidance 6, to create a dynamic historic centre in the Capital City of Mauritius.

In 2014, the AGTF developed the terms of reference to enlist the services of an expert in heritage economics. Same was finalized through a Scientific Technical and Advisory Committee with key partners. The request for proposals will be launched in 2015 to retain such services.



Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre Project

The project was defined as an object of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Act 2001 defining the setting up of an interpretation centre under section 4, (c). The project forms part of implementation policies undertaken by AGTF to fulfil the requirements stated in the UNESCO World Heritage Convention which stresses the need to promote World Heritage and its Outstanding Universal Value while allowing access to the public.

This project was also identified as the objective 16 of the AG WHS Management Plan 2006. This project was defined as a major priority to improve visitor management and to mitigate the impact of tourism at site. It will also be revenue generative to support expenses at WHS.

BRIC 1 consists in the conversion of an existing building into an interpretation centre and landscaping works at World Heritage Site. The interpretation centre is composed of a permanent exhibition area, an office for staff, visitor facilities, a shop and a store.

The creation of the interpretation centre required various competence to conceptualize, design and implement this project. The first step was initiated in July 2010 with the constitution of a professional team to work in collaboration with AGTF Museologists. It included an Architect, a Mechanical and Electrical Engineer, an Interior Designer and a Quantity Surveyor. In January 2011, the AGTF enlisted the services of a Landscape Architect, a Graphic Designer, Archaeologists and an Artist/Sculptor.

The conceptualisation of the Interpretation Centre started in 2011 and ended in 2012. It was followed by the construction phase (May – December 2013) including Interior and Landscaping works and the conservation of archaeological features. On completion of interior works, the permanent exhibition was mounted to finalise the Interpretation Centre. The Interpretation Centre was inaugurated on 2nd November 2014 in the context of the 180th Anniversary of the arrival of indentured labourers in Mauritius.

Interior and landscaping works

To set up the Interpretation Centre, a tender for the “Rehabilitation and interior fit out works to existing Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre including landscaping works at Aapravasi Ghat WHS” was launched on 20 July 2012 with a closing date on 28 August 2012. The contract was awarded to Ramlohl Bhooshan Renovation and Building Ltd for the corrected sum of MUR 54,249,480.15 inclusive of VAT.

On 2nd May 2013, the works started at World Heritage Site. The Practical Completion Certificate was issued on 20 December 2013 on completion of the works.

Name	Organisation	Post
Mr Pritoo Purmanund	Morphos Architects Ltd	Project Manager and Architect
Mrs Caritas Hastarani	Morphos Architects Ltd	Architect
Mr Anil Chuttur	Chuttur & Partners Ltd	Quantity Surveyor
Mr Daniel Maestracci	Land Concept Ltd	Landscape Architect
Mr Stuyven Reddi	M&E Engineer	Pro Design Engineering Consultants Ltd
Mr K.R. Ramsawmy	Ramloll Bhooshan Co Ltd	Site Manager
Mr R. Ghoorah	Ramloll Bhooshan Co Ltd	Commercial Manager
Ms C. Forest	Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund	Head Technical Unit Museologist
Mr V. Mugon	Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund	Researcher
Mr R. Andiapen	Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund	WHS Manager

The works were monitored by the coordination and technical committee composed of:

On completion of the landscaping and interior works in December 2013, the maintenance period started and few snags were identified. These snags were addressed in 2014 and the following meetings were held to complete the snags and ensure smooth running of the Centre before its inauguration on 2nd November 2014.

The meetings were as follows:

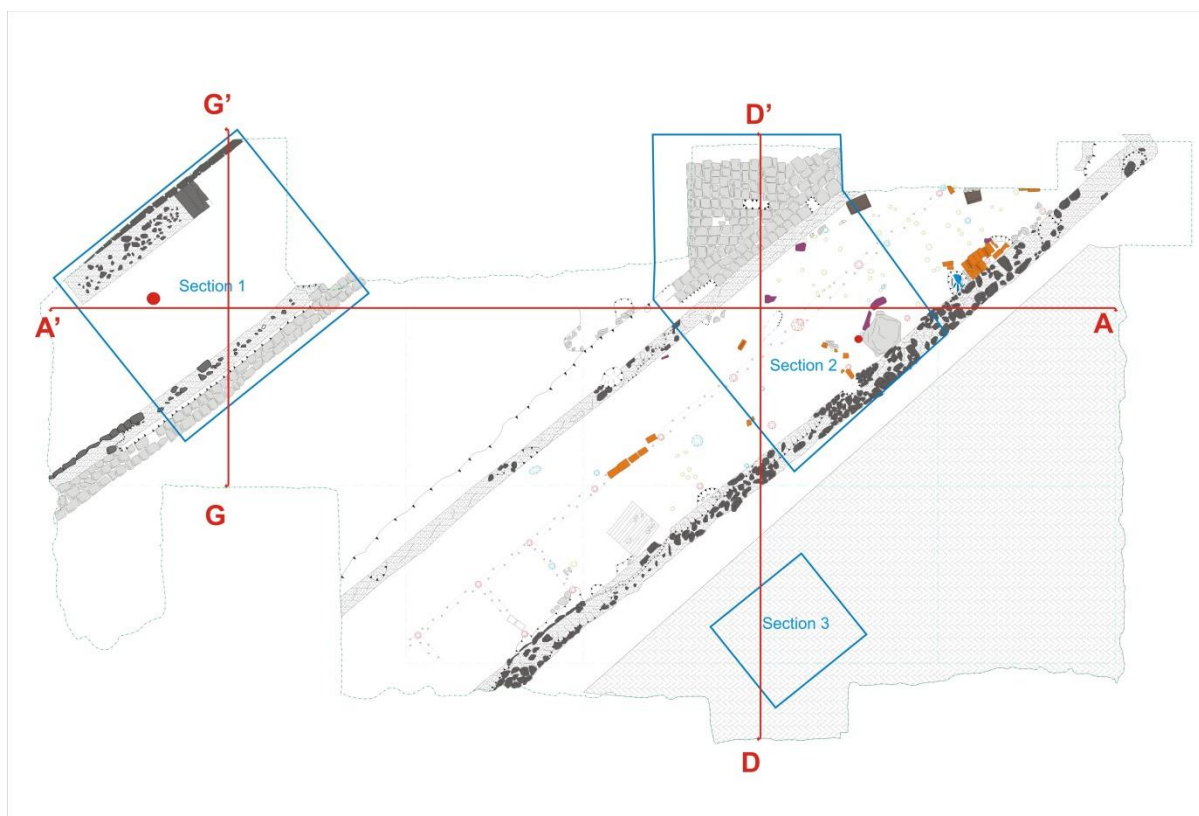
Site meeting 1	21 January 2014
Site meeting 2	6 February 2014
Site meeting 3	3 April 2014
Site Meeting 4	4 April 2014
Site Meeting 5	8 April 2014
Site meeting 6	16 April 2014
Site meeting 7	22 April 2014
Site meeting 8	24 April 2014
Site Meeting 9	19 May 2014
Site Meeting 10	23 May 2014
Site meeting 11	3 September 2014
Site meeting 12	15 September 2014

Research Unit Meeting

Meeting no 75	4 February 2014
Meeting no 76	25 February 2014
Meeting no 77	1 April 2014
Meeting no 78	28 April 2014
Meeting no 79	29 May 2014
Meeting no 80	23 June 2014
Meeting no 81	4 September 2014

Conservation of Archaeological features

The interpretation centre project included the conservation archaeological features. On completion of the preventive archaeological excavations in January 2011, decision was taken to integrate the following sections of the features in the display:



Map indicating the sections integrated in the display of the Interpretation Centre

Considering the scenographic dynamics, it was decided to enlarge section 2 in order to interpret the features of the former patent slip. Section 2 was enlarged to receive the reconstruction of a ship section representing one fifth the size of the actual ships coming into the patent slip.

The Archaeologist Dr Diego Calaon from Ca'Foscari University in Venice, also specialist in Historic Archaeology was selected to undertake this work. The conservation of the features was undertaken in four phases:

- First phase from 16 April to 18 May 2012;
- Second and third phases of conservation from 11 July to 8 August 2013;
- Final phase of conservation from 20 January 2014 until 15 February 2014.

On 15 February 2014, the conservation of archaeological features was completed. It also included the interpretation of the features in order to provide meaning to the visitors.

Multimedia

In total, 14 multimedia applications were developed for the permanent exhibition area. It comprised:

- Four “if you want to know more” multimedia providing detailed information on:
 - Indenture in Mauritius and in the world (Part 1 of BRIC);
 - The voyage experience (part 2 of BRIC);
 - The sugar industry and the beginnings of indenture (part 4 of BRIC);
 - The Immigration Depot or Aapravasi Ghat (part 5 of BRIC).
- Five DVD Roms on:

- Trou Fanfaron Basin through time – part 1 (part 3 of BRIC);
- Trou Fanfaron Basin through time – part 2 (part 3 of BRIC);
- Indenture (part 4 of BRIC);
- Life on Sugar Estates (part 5 of BRIC);
- Intangible Cultural Heritage (part 6 of BRIC).
- Three multimedia for children (Rajah at Aapravasi Ghat in three stages);
- One multimedia application on Rajah, the Archaeologist (part 3 of BRIC);
- One multimedia application allowing reading of Blue Books presented in section one.

The texts and pictures were elaborated by the Technical Team of the AGTF. Research reports on several topics were prepared by Satyendra Peerthum (Historian), Christelle Mia Foh, Ashveen Nemchand, Babita Bahadoor (Research Assistants). Information was also provided by Kiran Jankee (Research Assistant) and Mrs Aartee Pydatalli (Field Guide) on Intangible Cultural Heritage.

The final texts and translations were prepared by Corinne Forest (Head Technical Unit) and Christelle Mia Foh (Research Assistant). All texts were edited in French and English by Mr George Easton, Editor.

Three companies were selected by tender to develop the multimedia applications namely Animacode/Redhouse MacCann (Mauritius), Patrimoine et Musées (Reunion) and Norbert Meunier (Mauritius).

In 2014, several meetings were held to monitor the finalisation of the multimedia applications. These meetings dealt with editing and trial at BRIC.

Monitoring meeting	28 February 2014
Monitoring meeting	8 April 2014
Monitoring meeting	20 May 2014
Monitoring meeting	30 May 2014
Monitoring meeting	11 July 2014
Monitoring meeting	12 September 2014

All the multimedia applications were completed and edited. They are currently available at Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre.

Installation of graphics at BRIC

A Restricted Bidding for the Supply, printing and installation of graphic designs and signage for the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre and Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site in Port Louis (AGTF/34/2013) was launched on 6 December 2013 with a closing date on 20 December 2013.

Bids from 9 firms were received. The Bid Evaluation Committee proceeded with the Evaluation Exercise from 9 January 2014 to 07 February 2014. This exercise revealed that Strike Viscom Ltd proposed the best offer for a total amount of MUR 1,016,216 VAT inclusive.

Several meetings to place with Strike viscom ltd to undertake and monitor the work:

Site meeting	28 February 2014
Site meeting	7 April 2014
Site meeting	22 April 2014
Site meeting	24 April 2014
Meeting at Phoenix	28 April 2014
Site meeting	6 May 2014
Site meeting	8 July 2014
Site meeting	27 August 2014
Site meeting	1 September 2014
Site meeting	15 September 2014
Site meeting	16 September 2014
Site meeting	10 October 2014
Site meeting	14 October 2014
Installation of graphics at BRIC	14 to 30 October 2014

The works were completed on 30th October 2014.



Model of the Aapravasi Ghat in 1866

On 22 March 2013, a restricted bidding exercise (AGTF/11/2013) was launched to enlist the services of a supplier to create a model of the Aapravasi Ghat Immigration Depot as it was in 1866.

The contract was awarded to XWORX Ltd for the total sum of MUR 454,250 inclusive of VAT. The model was completed in December 2013 and delivered on 14 March 2014 after a deep cleaning of the Centre.



Restoration and Conservation Trianon Heritage Site

As per AGTF Act 2001, our institution was entrusted “to identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures linked with the history of the arrival of immigrants in Mauritius” and “to preserve, restore and manage the sites specified in the Schedule”. The AGTF has undertaken actions to preserve, conserve and promote the Old Labourers’ Quarters at Trianon, a National Heritage Site.

The Old Labourers’ barracks were used to house indentured labourers working on Trianon Sugar Estate established in 1803. The barracks are one of the rare remaining structures constructed in stone used for accommodation on a sugar estate. It was listed as a National Monument in 1974.

Since 2003, the site was vested in AGTF. The restoration and conservation of the Trianon Barracks started in August 2011. The objective is to restore the indentured labourers’ barracks and consolidate its structure to preserve it for future generations.

On completion of the restoration of Trianon barracks, a comprehensive development plan will be prepared. Its implementation in the years to come will provide visitor facilities and activities while retaining and promoting the heritage structure as one of the major component of Mauritian Heritage.

Achievements in 2014

- The conservation of all outer walls is completed representing 400 sq meters;
- The cement raking and lime pointing was completed inside chambers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14 and 15;
- Chambers 9 and 10: paintings and other designs were found on the walls. Decision was therefore taken to integrate their restoration within the programme of development of the heritage site as the preservation of these drawings and paintings requires the expertise of a trained and specialized restorer;
- Chamber 9: the stones found on the arches of chamber were marked, documented and dismantled; curing of the lime plaster is underway
- The conservation of the roofs of the chambers 11 and 14 were completed including roofing;
- Chamber 14: the patching and reinforcement was completed;
- - Maintenance of the site after heavy rains and sorting of materials received from the Aapravasi Ghat.



Research programme

AIM: To promote and encourage research on Aapravasi Ghat WHP, other indenture sites, locally and globally, as well as the history of indentured labour and their legacy as a whole.

Research is an ongoing process and was defined as an object of the Trust Fund in AGTF ACT and was also a recommendation made by UNESCO at the time of the inscription of the site on the World Heritage List in 2006:

“Undertake research on indentured labour to consider the extent, scope and impact of the indentured labour Diaspora around the world”.

(Decision WHC 30 COM 8B. 33)

It also responds to objectives 11 and 12 of the AG WHS Management Plan 2013-2018.

Research during the year 2014

Research for the preparation of a coffee table book on Aapravasi Ghat

The research team has worked on several themes pertaining to the publication. The themes relate to the history of indentured immigration to Mauritius and the Aapravasi Ghat Immigration Depot.

- The Aapravasi Ghat as the symbol of the Great Experiment;
- Indenture in the world;
- The Voyage Experience of the Indentured Labourers during the mid-19th Century;
- The origins of indentured labourers and life stories;
- The phases of evolution of the former immigration depot (1849-1810);
- Life at the Depot between 1849 and 1870;
- Life on sugar estates;
- The campaign for the recognition of the Aapravasi Ghat as a Heritage Site;
- A Profile of the Aapravasi Ghat Buffer Zone;
- The Intangible Heritage of the Indentured Labourers and their Descendants.

Intangible Cultural Heritage Project

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund has currently catalogued 60 elements of intangible heritage related to indenture and conducts further research to complement their documentation. In total, the AGTF has conducted 125 interviews as part of this inventory project.

The AGTF has worked on the development of a multimedia on Intangible Cultural Heritage that is presented in BRIC. It also includes testimonies of descendants of indentured labourers that worked on sugar estates.

The Oral History/Oral Traditions Unit has worked on the documentation of the inventory and organised data for research.

A section on ICH is also being prepared for the research plan of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site.

Archaeological research



Bois Marchand Cemetery

From 2nd to 25th July 2014, Dr Seetah, Assistant Professor at the University of Stanford, USA, and his team conducted archaeological research at Bois Marchand Cemetery.

The research project at Bois Marchand, now in its fourth year, seeks to understand the lives of labourers by exploring the modes of burial during the period of the Malaria epidemics in 1850s and 1860s.

The process of this year's campaign was in two phases: firstly, a non-destructive field survey was carried out followed by excavations aiming at recovering human remains for analysis. Secondly, the osteological analysis is undertaken to establish specific diets (using isotopic analysis), migration patterns (using aDNA analysis) and indications of working life from osteological analysis of the bones for clues as to the persons' specific employment.

The research process and results were presented by Dr Seetah during the Consultative Committee held on 16 July 2014. During this committee, he also presented the strategy for archaeology at the AGTF and shared the results of archaeological research conducted in Mauritius. The objective of his talk was to explain how archaeology could contribute to the understanding and documentation of the indenture period in the local and international contexts.

Bras d'Eau



The National Parks and Conservation Services (NPCS) requested the assistance of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund to document and conserve the cultural heritage at Bras d'Eau National Park.

Bras d'Eau National Park contains vestiges of a sugar factory, a distillery and potentially of dwellings where indentured labourers might have stayed. Considering that the AGTF has the mandate to "Identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures associated with indentured

labour"; and "Encourage and support interdisciplinary scientific research related to indentured labour and to the sites specified in schedules 1 and 2", technical assistance was offered to the NPCS to document the vestiges.

The AGTF research team worked on the documentation of the former Sugar Estate at the National Archives and gathered information on the evolution of the site. Currently, the team of Archaeologist led by Dr Seetah from Stanford University (USA) undertook a preliminary survey of the cultural heritage conserved at Bras d'Eau National Park during a first field survey from 14 to 25 July 2014.

Following this survey, the AGTF representative attended a workshop for the preparation of the Management Plan for Bras d'Eau in order to integrate elements regarding the preservation, management and documentation of the cultural resources at Bras d'Eau on 16 September 2014.



Flat Island

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund submitted an application entitled “Documentation and conservation of the former quarantine station in Flat Island, Mauritius” to the US Ambassador’s Fund for Cultural Heritage Preservation (AFCP) 2013 Competition. In July 2014, notification was given that a grant of USD 20,666 was awarded for this project.

The islet located 12 km away from the Mauritian north coast was a former quarantine station for indentured labourers. The stone buildings and structures on Flat Island are intimately linked with the former Immigration Depot - *Aapravasi Ghat* -listed on the World Heritage List by UNESCO in 2006. Flat Island former quarantine station is a key site to

document further the global phenomenon of indenture in the 19th century and the cultural significance of the World Heritage Site.

The project consists in the comprehensive documentation of the structures with the view to undertake the conservation of the cultural site.

The deliverables would include a complete conservation plan for the islet’s structures to be submitted to the National Parks and Conservation Services. It is understood that this conservation plan will take into consideration the Management Plan for the islet and serve its purpose to rehabilitate and restore cultural heritage.

The project of documentation and conservation of the cultural site is also in line with the proposal of the Ministry of Agriculture to create a permanent station on the island to monitor the nature reserve.

The long term vision for the former quarantine station is to allow the development of eco-tourism on the island. The documentation and conservation of the structures are essential to achieve this vision mentioned in the Management Plan for the islet.

In 2014, the AGTF has planned the expedition and research to be undertaken in July 2015 together with detailed documentation and historical research on the islet.

Indenture Labour Route Project

This project deals with the establishment of a network between countries which have experienced indenture. The purpose is to share data on projects - of all disciplines –related to indenture. This project is based on the model of the Slave Route Project.

A request to examine the proposal from Mauritius was made to UNESCO Executive Committee which will be held from 15 to 31st October 2014. The purpose was to enlist the support of UNESCO for the establishment of the Indenture Labour Route project.

In its decision of October 2014 (195 EX-p39), UNESCO's Executive Committee:

- acknowledges the need to create a corpus of professionals in various fields such as history, anthropology, archaeology and heritage in order to elaborate an international database on indentured labour;
- noted that there is a need to identify coordinated activities between the indenture labour route and the slave route projects;
- welcomed the establishment of a secretariat for the indenture labour route project at the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund (fully funded by the Government of Mauritius);
- notes the establishment of an International Scientific Committee whose terms of reference would be elaborated along with a detailed plan of action to be regularly monitored and underlined that it should not have any direct or indirect financial implications for the regular budget of UNESCO;
- proposes to provide technical support for the project with extrabudgetary funding as appropriate;
- notes that efforts will be made at international and regional levels to encourage member states, especially those associated with indentured labour, to contribute through voluntary contributions to the project during implementation stage.

Seminars/Conferences

- A conference on "Projet d'Aapravasi Ghat: l'apport du patrimoine mondial au patrimoine mauricien" by Ms Corinne Forest, Head Technical Unit, was held at Institut Français de Maurice on 16 January 2014.
- AGTF presented a 13-panel exhibit and a powerpoint presentation by S.Peerthum with the collaboration of Mr. V. Mugon on the History and Settlement of the Tamil Community in Mauritius at the First World Tamil Diaspora Conference in July 2014.
- AGTF staff namely Corinne Forest, Maurina Soodin, and Satyendra Peerthum presented research papers on on-going research at AGTF at the 8th Annual Research Week organized at the University of Mauritius from 15 to 19 September 2014.
- A paper on the historical and heritage value of the national monuments of Port Louis and the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site was presented by S.Peerthum at the Indian Ocean History and Heritage Conference in Saint Denis, La Reunion in October 2014.

International Conference on the indenture labour route

The AGTF in collaboration with the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund and the Ministry of Arts and Culture organised an international Conference entitled “Towards the establishment of the Indentured Labour Route project at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute from 3 to 5 November 2014.

The objectives of the Conference were to:

1. Consolidate the recommendations of the first conference organized in 2011;
2. Share current research to establish research networks and programme at the basis of the Indenture Labour Route project;
3. Tighten the links among countries when indenture took place and better appreciate the existing historical interrelations between these countries;
4. Better appreciation of these links will support the discussion on the Indenture Labour Route Project and substantiate the bases onto which it will rest;
5. Present a proposal from Mauritius for the Indenture Labour Route project and involve everyone to produce a final document including scope, goals and objectives, budget, timeframe and plan of actions;
6. Finally, confirm the establishment of the International Scientific Committee and prepare Terms of Reference for this committee together with a plan of actions in line with the implementation of the Indenture Labour Route Project.

By the end of the Conference, the following were agreed upon by the participants

1. The International Scientific Committee must be set up officially and will constitute a corpus of professionals in various fields (history, anthropology, Archaeology, ethnography, heritage etc.)
2. The TOR of the International Scientific Committee should be elaborated and approved;
3. A project proposal including the identification of human and financial resources together with a plan of action should be prepared by the Committee to initiate the implementation of the project;
4. A copy of the approved project proposal could be submitted to all countries concerned to raise funds and resources for implementation;
5. Regular monitoring should take place through the evaluation of the action plan and a meeting of the International Scientific Committee at least once a year.

Publications in 2014



Coffee Table Book

A Coffee Table Book entitled “A Unique Place in Time and Space: A Pictorial Presentation of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site and the Indenture Experience in Mauritius (1834-2014)” was launched on 2nd November 2014.

This publication retraces the history of the Aapravasi Ghat and the experiences of indenture in Mauritius.

It is a voluminous 200-page publication that looks at various themes such as indenture as a national and international

phenomenon, the indentured immigrant journeys from the Indian villages to the Mauritian sugar estates, and the diversity of the Indian indentured population.

It also examines the experiences of the Indian indentured women, children, free passengers, the Mauritian workers, the non-Indian indentured workers, and the Liberated Africans. This unique publication of international standard also takes a close look at the history of the Immigration Depot and its evolution into the Aapravasi Ghat over a period of several decades.

It also contains a section on the select documents, annexes, and a bibliography on publications related to indentured labour which provide important additional information on the history of indentured labour and the experience of the indentured immigrants in Mauritius.

This publication is a major accomplishment since it presents 10 years of research at the AGTF on the history of the Aapravasi Ghat and indentured in Mauritius and in the world.

Dr Richard Allen, Historian (Framingham University, USA) and the Archaeologist, Dr Diego Calaon (Ca’Foscari in Venice and Stanford University in the USA) also contributed to this publication together with staff members of the AGTF including:

- Lovehin Andiapen, WHS Manager;
- Babita Devi Bahadoor, Research Assistant;
- Kiran Jankee-Chuttoo, Research Assistant;
- Corinne Forest, Head Technical Unit;
- Natasha Kheddoo-Ramcharitar, Research Assistant;
- Christelle Miao Foh, Research Assistant;
- Vikram Mugon, Heritage Interpretation Manager;
- Ashwin Nemchand, Research Assistant;
- Satyendra Peerthum, Historian;
- Maurina Soodin-Runghen, Researcher.

For this publication, the AGTF received the financial support of the **Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India** through the High Commission of India in Mauritius.

The final draft composed of several pictures and texts written by AGTF members were submitted for review to Dr Nagamah Gopauloo, Editor, and George Easton.

The final draft was approved and published on 2nd November 2014.

Souvenir Magazine

On 2nd November 2014, the AGTF published a 159 page Souvenir Magazine to mark the 180th Anniversary of the arrival of indentured labourers in Mauritius and ten years of research at the AGTF (2004-2014). It is available on our website www.aaprasighat.org

It is a multi-disciplinary publication which contains around 50 articles that cover several key themes such as the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site, other indenture sites in Mauritius, indenture in the world, the Aapravasi Ghat Buffer Zone, the AGTF Outreach Programme, the intangible cultural heritage aspect, and the post-indenture period.

This publication included contributions from scholars and writers from different parts of the world currently working on the global history of indentured labour and indenture sites. The overseas contributors provided an international dimension to this publication.

'The Struggle of the Descendants of the Indentured Labourers in Early Modern Mauritius' by Dr. Satteeanund and Satyendra Peerthum was launched by Minister S. Swaraj on 3rd November 2014. It is a 222-page publication on the struggle of the Indo-Mauritius between the 1921 and 1945 or the post-emancipation period for better working and living conditions.

This book documents the turbulent and complex period of the 1930s and 1940s which saw the historic labour strikes of August 1937, September 1938, and September 1943. It examines the founding of the Labour Party, the Jan Andolan Movement, the creation of the Industrial associations and of trade unions. Equally important, this book analyses the role of historic figures such as Dr. Maurice Cure, Pandit Sahadeo, Emmanuel Anquetil, Basdeo and Sookdeo Bissoondoyal, H. Ramnarain, S. Jugdambee, Dr. S. Ramgoolam, Governors Bede Clifford. Mackenzie-Kennedy, and Blood.

The martyrdom of Anjalay Coopen, her fallen comrades, and the Belle Vue Harel Massacre of September 1943 and the aftermath and changes brought about by this tragic event are also covered in detail. It is the first time that AGTF has published a work which focuses on the experiences of the descendants of the indentured workers during the immediate post-indenture era.

'Coupeuses d'Azur: Hommages aux Coupeuses de Cannes' by Khal Torabully was launched on 3rd November 2014 at the MGI. It is the 2nd publication and book of poetry on indentured labour published by the AGTF.

This 100-page book contains more than 30 poems and is a tribute to the toils, tears, and sacrifices of the indentured labour women and to the Mauritian women cane cutters who formed an integral part of the local sugar industry's workforce. It is the first time that AGTF has published a work which focuses exclusively on women cane cutters and their daily lives and struggles.



Promotion and Outreach Programme and the implementation of the Visitor Management Plan (VMP)

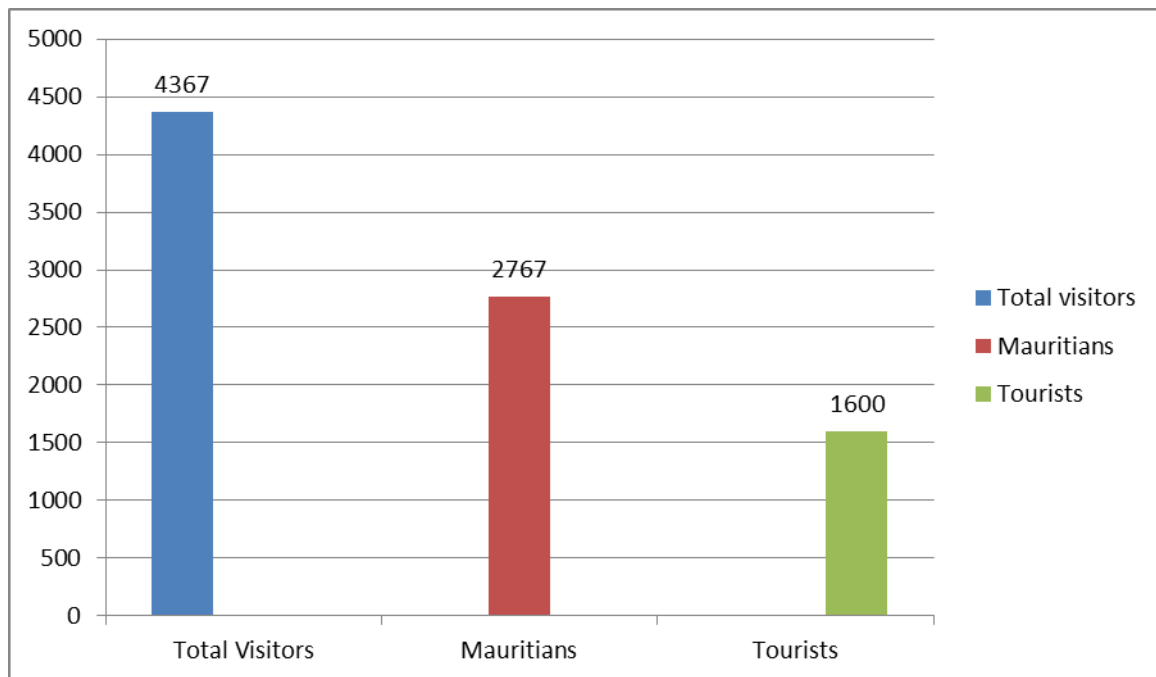
AIM: To deliver creative, stimulating and innovative awareness-creating programs in about the Aapravasi Ghat WHP

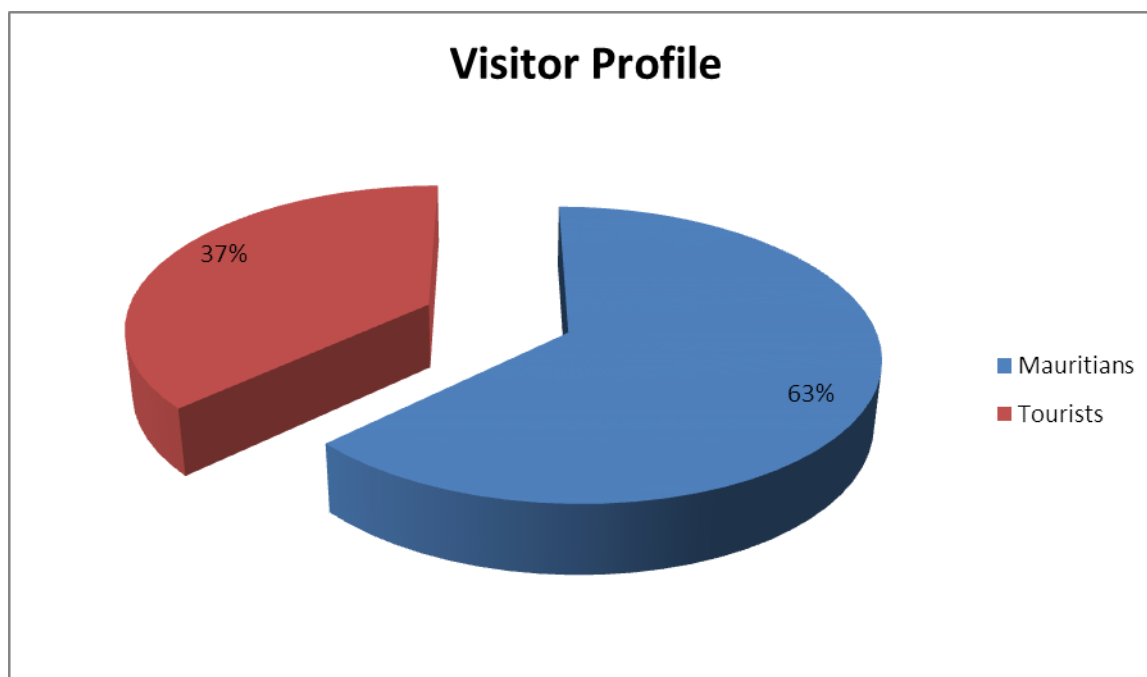
The Outreach programme is part of the objectives of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention and defined as objectives in the AG WHS Management Plan. It includes the implementation of the Visitor Management Plan (VMP). The VMP comprises of several sub-projects aiming at enhancing visitor experience and implement visitor strategy.

Guided visits at World Heritage Site

A total number of 17,457 visitors visited the Aapravasi Ghat since January 2014 of which 4,362 were received after the opening of BRIC.

From 3rd November 2014 until 31st December 2014, BRIC received visitors as follows:





Visits of VIP

The Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site received the following dignitaries during the year 2014:

Date	Visitor's name		Provenance
21 Jan 2014	M. Caridad Perin Mrs. Suman Basant	World Bank	Washington USA
07 Mar 2014	Mr. Anup Mudgal	High Commissioner	India
05 May 2014	Mrs. Bhaswati Mukherjee	Former Ambassador	India
13 May 2014	Mr. Satish Mehta	Director General - ICCR	India
03 Sept 2014	Mr. Sircar Jawhar	CEO Prasar Bharati – AIR & DD - TV	India
18 Sept 2014	M. Marc Patry	UNESCO Office in Nairobi	Kenya
02 Nov 2014	Smt Sushma Swaraj - VVIP	Minister of External Affairs	India
02 Dec 2014	M. Sello Hatang Mr. Vijay Laxmi Mrs. Meena Balimane Shasma	Nelson Mandela Foundation	South Africa
19 Jan 2015	Admiral RK Dhowan	Chief of Indian Navy	USA



Outreach activities

The AGTF outreach team conducted outreach activities in educational institutions, Day Care Centres, Senior Citizen Associations, and Socio-Religious Institutions. Since April 2014, a total number of 7 schools and 5 associations were visited through the outreach programme, representing a total number of 1,108 persons.

The outreach activities consist of a powerpoint and film presenting Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site and indenture and storytelling, quiz, puzzle, the art of ceramic making when the outreach activity targets pre-primary school children.

Events

16th July 2014 -8th Anniversary of inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat Site on World Heritage list

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund organized a Consultative Committee at the City Council of Port Louis in the context of the 8th anniversary of the inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat on the World Heritage List of UNESCO on 16 July 2014.

The Consultative Committee is a forum for meeting and discussion with the civilian community. This forum is organized at least once a year and allows:

- Keep the community informed of the developments and progress of work taking place at World Heritage Property;
- Involve the community in the undertakings at World Heritage Property;
- Discuss specific issues related to the World Heritage Property and its surroundings;
- Consider and integrate the recommendations and proposals of the local community in the management, development and promotion of the World Heritage Property; and
- Produce planning and an action plan for common initiatives.

This meeting is a forum to present projects which were proposed in the Management Plan and which were accomplished by the AGTF team during the year 2013-2014.

The Consultative Committee offers opportunities to stakeholders to interact with the Technical Unit of the AGTF regarding issues related to the management of the WHP and its BZ. On this occasion, The AGTF presented the following

- progress of work at AGTF from 2013 to 2014 together with a update on general matters and present forthcoming projects for the year 2014-2015;
- Information on World Heritage Committee decision 2014; Adoption of the Management Plan and the preparation of other strategic plans for 2015 (Research Plan and Visitor Management Plan);
- The preparation of the Local Economic Development (LED) Plan for the Buffer Zone;
- Progress of work at Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre;
- Trianon Conservation Project;
- Research Projects: Indenture Labour Route, historical and archaeological research;
- Dr Seetah, Archaeologist from Stanford University (USA) presented “an overview of the archaeology of indenture in Mauritius”; Dr Seetah provided information on the research results and strategy for archaeology of indenture in Mauritius since 2009;
- Launching of the new Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund website by the Hon. M. Choonee, Minister of Arts and Culture.

2nd November 2014

Activities were organized by the Ministry of Arts and Culture and the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund to commemorate the 180th Anniversary of the Arrival of Indentured Labourers in Mauritius, namely:

- wreath-laying ceremony;
- a re-enactment scene depicting the arrival of the first batch of indentured labourers to Mauritius;
- dance performances by local and foreign artists;
- the launching of a Souvenir Magazine;
- the inauguration and guided visit of the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre;
- unveiling of the bust of late Mr Beekrumsing Ramlallah.

HE Smt Sushma Swaraj, Minister of External Affairs and Overseas Indian Affairs of the Republic of India, was the Chief Guest on the occasion of the 180th Anniversary of the arrival of indentured labourers in Mauritius.

Training

- The Working-Based Learning Programme was held between June and July 2014. A total of 4 UOM students were provided in basic training in historical research and writing, guided visits at AG site, research at the Mauritius National Archives and National Library, documentation of heritage buildings, cleaning of artifacts, and helped to organize the consultative committee.
- Upon the request of the National Archives, training in documentation of heritage buildings and intangible heritage was also provided to a staff between June and July 2014.
- Upon the request of the National Heritage Fund, field training in minor conservation works for heritage buildings was also given to trainees and staff of the NHF.
- One Public Outreach Officer received training in the updating of the new AGTF website from the National Computer Board on 25 September 2014.
- Four students namely Fowdar Raksha, Perrine Dannelino, Raboude Shanon and Loic Robert Raimbert enrolled as trainees from Sir Gaetan Duval School of Hotellery as from 01 December 2014 for a period of six weeks. They were provided with training in guided visit and visitor studies.

Financial information

Projects	Total
Setting up of Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre	9,719,520.07
Restoration, conservation & development at Trianon Heritage site	93,654.25
Research Programme (international Conference on indenture)	1,473,279.25
GRAND TOTAL	11,286,453.57

Report prepared by C. Forest, Head Technical Unit, in collaboration with members of the research and technical unit, 3/03/2015.

The list of tenders launched in 2014 for BRIC project

Reference	Title	Launching date	Closing Date	Outcome
AGTF/1/2014	Quotation for the Supply, Installation and commissioning of TV screen 24"and HDMI cable	10 Jan. 2014	27 Jan.2014	Launched to acquire items not awarded through AGTF/22/2013 and AGTF/35/2013. Awarded to Cash and Carry Ltd for a total sum of MUR 10,212 Vat inclusive
AGTF/2/2014	Quotation for the Supply, Installation and commissioning of TV screen 32" LED colour TV	10 Jan. 2014	27 Jan. 2014	Launched to acquire items not awarded through AGTF/22/2013. Awarded to G.M. Goupille Ltd for a total sum of MUR 37,260 VAT inclusive.
AGTF/3/2014	Quotation for the Supply, Installation and commissioning of TV screen 9" LED colour TV	10 Jan. 2014	27 Jan. 2014	Launched to acquire items not awarded through AGTF/22/2013 and AGTF/35/2013. Awarded to Megabyte for a total sum of MUR 68,203 VAT inclusive.
AGTF/4/2014	Quotation for the Supply of heavy duty DVD player	10 Jan. 2014	27 Jan. 2014	Launched to acquire items not awarded through AGTF/22/2013. Awarded to Cash and Carry Ltd for a total sum of MUR 27,258 VAT inclusive.
AGTF/5/2014	Quotation for the Supply, Installation and commissioning of Projector	16 Jan. 2014	28 Jan. 2014	Launched to acquire items not awarded through AGTF/22/2013. Awarded to Cash and Carry Ltd for a total sum of MUR 78,495 VAT inclusive.
AGTF/6/2014	Restricted bidding for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Touch Screens for Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre Project at Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site	16 Jan. 2014	3 Feb. 2014	Launched to acquire items not awarded through AGTF/22/2013 and AGTF/35/2013. Contract awarded to Megabyte Ltd for a total amount of MUR 676,519.2 VAT inclusive.

Reference	Title	Launching date	Closing Date	Outcome
AGTF/7/2014	Restricted bidding for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Equipment and software for museum ticketing for Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre Project at Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site	16 Jan. 2014	3 Feb. 2014	Launched to acquire items not awarded through AGTF/22/2013. Contract awarded to Harel Mallac Technologies Ltd for a total amount of MUR 233,378 VAT inclusive.
EOI	Expression of interest for shop operator	16 Jan. 2014	27 Jan. 2014	Board decision of 30 January 2014 led to cancellation of the exercise.
AGTF/14/2014	Restricted bidding for the Supply of Museum Showcases for the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre, Mauritius	25 February 2014	28 March 2014	The contract was awarded to Meyvaert Glass Engineering, Belgium for the total sum of EUR 17,232

Strategic Plan-2014-2016

Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund AGTF is a body corporate under the aegis of the Ministry of Arts and Culture. It was created in 2001 by the Government of the Republic of Mauritius through Act of Parliament to manage and promote the Aapravasi Ghat Site. The site was declared National Monument under the National Monuments Act in 1987(GN31/87) and subsequently proclaimed National Heritage in 2003 under the National Heritage Act 2003.

The Aapravasi Ghat Site was inscribed on the World Heritage List under criteria (VI) in 2006 (Decision 30 COM 8 B.33). It thus recognized the outstanding universal value of the Aapravasi Ghat as:

“The first site chosen by the British Government in 1834 for the great experiment in the use of indentured rather than slave Labor, is strongly associated with memories of almost half a million indentured labourers moving from India to Mauritius to work on sugarcane plantations or to be transhipped to other parts of the World.”

The AGTF has been entrusted to:

1. Establish and promote the Aapravasi Ghat as a national, regional and international memorial site;
2. Preserve and restore the aesthetic and architectural aspects of the Aapravasi Ghat;
3. Set up a museum at Aapravasi Ghat and create public awareness of the history of the site;
4. Promote social and cultural aspects of the Aapravasi Ghat;
5. Encourage and support projects and publications related to the Indentured Labour system ;
6. Establish links with appropriate national, regional and international organizations; and
7. Identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures linked with the history of the arrival of immigrants in Mauritius.

The Trust's guiding principles include:

- To support activities related to Indentured Labour immigration.
- To support projects that benefit all Mauritians and in which Mauritians from all walks of life can participate. This includes the conceptualization, planning and execution of projects.
- To restore the links with the past and our origins those have been broken as a result of rapid modernization and to restore pride for our Indenture Heritage.
- To carry our projects in a democratic spirit, in a historically accurate way and in full respect of the multi-cultural society in which we live.
- To promote excellence rather than be satisfied with the basic minimum or the cheapest alternative.

AAPRAVASI GHAT WORLD HERITAGE SITE

AIM: Conservation and maintenance of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site.

The Conservation works were completed in May 2010. After this date, the maintenance plan was initiated to preserve the World Heritage Site as per best international standards.

- 1.1. The commitments taken by the Government of Mauritius with UNESCO are consigned in the Management Plan stating a number of projects aiming at preserving and promoting the World Heritage Site. The Management Plan was submitted to UNESCO in 2006 and made provision to be reviewed in five years.
- 1.2. The periodic reporting exercise for Africa took place in 2010. The 34th and 35th sessions of the World Heritage Committee held in 2010 and 2011 reviewed the state of conservation report of Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site and submitted recommendations. Financial provision is made to respond favourably to these recommendations by initiating the measures that the World Heritage Committee required.
- 1.3. The Risk Preparedness Plan (RPP) was identified as objective 10 of the Aapravasi Ghat Management Plan. The objective of the plan is to set up measures to identify the risks that could affect the World Heritage Site and anticipate and mitigate negative factors. This is a major requirement to retain the World Heritage Site in the long term. The RPP was produced in house and is almost completed. The plan will require to be evaluated by an expert before being implemented.
- 1.4. The implementation of the RPP will involve the acquisition of security equipment such as CCTV, fire extinguishers, alarm system etc. and equipment to monitor the state of conservation of the world heritage site including thermo-hygrometer etc.

Objectives 2014

1. Implementation of maintenance plan for WHS;
2. Review and finalisation of the Management Plan for Aapravasi Ghat WHS;
3. Implementation of the measures recommended in the AGWHS Management Plan;
4. Implementation measures stated in Risk Preparedness Plan;
5. Review of the Visitor Management Plan (VMP);
6. Corrective measures regarding visitor impact on WHS.

Objectives 2015

1. Review and implementation of a Tourism Strategy for the AGWHS;
2. Implementation of the measures recommended in the AGWHS Management Plan;
3. Review and approval of the VMP;
4. Implementation measures stated in Risk Preparedness Plan (RPP) and training of staff;

5. Evaluation of visitor impact on WHS following opening of BRIC 1 and proposal of measures accordingly;
6. Implementation of maintenance plan for WHS.

Objectives 2016

1. Implementation of maintenance plan for WHS;
Implementation of the measures recommended in the AGWHS Management Plan;
Prepare a long term Conservation Policy for the AGWHS and its surroundings;
Training of staff in RPP;
Monitor and mitigate the impact of visitors at the AGWHS.

AIM: To undertake an integrated Development of the Vagrant Depot Heritage Site

The Vagrant Depot Conservation Project was initiated in January 2010 to restore a former place of incarceration of vagrants. As part of the conservation project, the conservation of the Gateway listed as a National Monument was completed in April 2011.

The phase 1 of the Conservation Project consisted in the restoration of the Entrance Gateway and the consolidation of the other historical features. Since the conservation is completed, a maintenance plan will be prepared in order to safeguard the Heritage Site and to provide basic preventive conservation measures to maintain the building in the best possible manner. This will be conducted under the guidance of a Conservation Architect.

Phase Two will consist of the preparation and implementation of a development Plan of the Vagrant Depot Heritage Site. This will include the development of visitor infrastructure, visitor management, landscaping and the setting up of an interpretation space. This project is conditioned to the change in use of the site currently used by the Transport Section of the Ministry of Health.

Objectives in 2015

(implementation depending on budget and Heritage site is not yet vested to AGTF)

1. Preparation of a comprehensive development plan for Vagrant Depot Heritage Site;

The objective of the development plan will be to propose a strategy for the overall management of the heritage site. This would include proposals for:

- possible reuse of the heritage site;
- general management of the heritage site;
- visitor management at heritage site;
- possible conservation of other areas;
- landscaping of the site.

TRIANON HERITAGE SITE

AIM: To undertake an integrated Development of the Trianon Heritage Site

Trianon heritage site located at Trianon was the former accommodation of indentured labourers working on Trianon sugar estate established in 1803. The barracks are one of the rare remaining structures constructed in stone where indentured immigrants were housed. For this reason, it was listed as a National Monument in 1974.

Since March 2005, the site was vested to the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund which undertook historical research on the site. The site was in a state of dereliction and urgent cleaning was required. AGTF team undertook urgent cleaning and preventive conservation measures to maintain the site before initiating the conservation project. The conservation project was initiated in May 2011 and is scheduled to be completed by December 2013.

On completion of the conservation project, it is proposed to initiate projects to allow access of the public and promote the site in line with the national cultural tourism policy. The development of Trianon Heritage Site is divided into two phases:

1. Phase one is consisting in the restoration and conservation of Trianon Heritage Site taking place this FY. Funds from the lottery funds were received to undertake this phase of work scheduled to be completed tentatively by December 2015. The objective is to restore the indentured labourers' barracks and consolidate its structure to preserve it for future generations. Phase one also includes the conservation of archaeological features and the conservation and analysis of finds.
2. Phase Two is expected to start in 2015 and be completed within 5 years. It will consist in the preparation and implementation of a comprehensive development plan in line with the promotion of heritage in the surrounding areas. The aim is to propose activities for the public and retain and promote the heritage structure as one of the major component of Mauritian Heritage. This will include the setting-up of visitor infrastructure, signage, an open-air museum and promotion for Cultural Tourism. It will also include an Oral History Project aiming at documenting the site further and include the research results in display. In 2003, oral history was initiated at Trianon to collect the testimonies of former staff working on the sugar estate. Considering the data collected from archaeological and historical research, it would be highly important to develop an oral history programme to document the site and analyze data thanks to a multidisciplinary approach.

The land was vested in AGTF in 2005. AGTF plans to set up its headquarters in Trianon while a site office would remain in Port Louis. The design of the headquarters by an Architect is planned for FY 2015, the first phase of its implementation in 2016 and the final phase including an open-air museum in 2019.

Objective 2014

1. Maintenance of Trianon Heritage Site;
2. Implementation of the Conservation Project.

Objective 2015

(implementation depending on budget)

1. Maintenance of Trianon Heritage Site;
2. Preparation of Business Plan;
3. Preparation of a comprehensive Development Plan for Trianon Heritage Site;
4. Develop an Oral History programme to document Trianon Heritage Site;
5. Preparation of a plan for Archaeological research.

Objective 2016

(implementation depending on budget)

1. Maintenance of Trianon Heritage Site;
2. Preparation of a comprehensive Development Plan for Trianon Heritage Site;
3. Develop an Oral History programme to document Trianon Heritage Site;
4. Design of headquarters

AIM To enable the protection and monitoring of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property (AGWHP) Buffer Zone (BZ)

As per objective 3 of the AG WHS Management Plan, the Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) was devised to give a legal status to the AG WHS BZ as required by UNESCO. The final version of PPG was submitted on 25 June 2010 to the Ministry of Housing and Lands to initiate the proclamation process. Before issuing the PPG, it was necessary to amend the AGTF ACT and the Local Government Act to set an appropriate legal framework for the implementation of the PPG. The proposed amendments were passed in the National Assembly on 24 May 2011. Their proclamation is expected between 06 and 10 June 2011. Following this, the Ministry of Housing and Lands will issue the PPG.

The implementation of PPG and monitoring of the BZ are important since the World Heritage Centre inquired about continuing demolitions and the monitoring of heritage in the buffer zone. This is a main concern since the historic surroundings of the World Heritage Site should be retained to conserve the cultural values of the World Heritage Site. Failing to do so could lead the World Heritage Site to be inscribed on the list of endangered sites established by UNESCO.

The Government set up a Technical Committee to examine the applications for development in the zone and thus help in the monitoring of the heritage component to be retained.

Heritage is a scarce area of expertise in Mauritius. With the setting up of the technical committee, more expertise will be required in this field to allow the assessment and also the preparation of Cultural Heritage Impact Statement (CHIS), Heritage Impact Statement (HIA) and Visual Impact Assessment (VIA). This will involve capacity building in heritage for various institutions involved in the management and monitoring of the Buffer Zone. Therefore, various training sessions will be organized to facilitate implementation and reduce dependency on the services of foreign consultants.

To allow the monitoring of the buffer zone, a framework was established through the Planning Policy Guidance setting up measures aiming at directing development towards the enhancement and revitalization of the area surrounding the World Heritage Site. These measures encourage the development of a historic centre in Port Louis and tourism activities. In order to guide implementation of the PPG, a number of documents are currently prepared, namely, the Conservation Manual, Heritage Management Plan, and Development Plan. More plans/strategies such as a Tourism strategy will also be prepared in collaboration with various institutions.

As part of the vision of the Planning Policy Guidance, the objective is to revitalize the buffer zone by directing investments towards cultural tourism. The lead could be taken by the Government of Mauritius to undertake a project to enhance and revitalize buffer zone 1 which includes the immediate surroundings of the World Heritage Site. A development plan for the revitalization of will be ready by July 2012. This plan will be submitted to Government to provide a framework for potential successful example of what can be achieved through adaptive reuse of heritage buildings. Funds are earmarked to allow the part of the implementation of the development plan. As stated in the Management Plan (objective 9), it seems essential to take the lead in undertaking such project to show how a heritage building could be rehabilitated and reuse in contemporary Port Louis.

Objective 2014

1. Identification and preparation of proposals with the collaboration of various bodies for the implementation of the development plan in the buffer zone 2 ;
2. Strengthen knowledge in heritage management in the buffer zone through training;
3. Identification and preparation of sub-projects with the collaboration of Ministry of Tourism and Leisure and Municipal Council of Port Louis to implement the Tourism Strategy;
4. Provide technical assistance for private owners/promoters in the buffer zone on the restoration/ conservation/ renovation of historical buildings;
5. Continue public participation in the development of projects for the buffer zone.

Objective 2015

1. Compilation of data for the preparation of a GIS database to monitor the heritage component in the buffer zone;
2. Strengthening knowledge in heritage management in the buffer zone through training;
3. Implementation of Development Plan for AG WHS BZ ;
 - a. Preparation of LED Plan in collaboration with STAC for the preparation of the LED Plan
 - b. Identification and preparation of proposals for the STAC for financial incentives;
 - c. Identification and preparation of proposals for the STAC for upgrading of BZ;
 - d. Identification and preparation of proposals for the STAC for the branding and promotion of the Buffer Zone
 - e. Identification and preparation of proposals for the STAC for the capacity building in the management of BZ
 - f. Prepare a proposal to provide technical assistance for private owners/promoters in the buffer zone on the restoration/ conservation/ renovation of historical buildings;
4. Strengthen knowledge in heritage management in the buffer zone through training;
5. Provide technical assistance for private owners/promoters in the buffer zone on the restoration/ conservation/ renovation of historical buildings;
6. Publication on the traditional architectural styles of Port Louis;
7. Continue public participation in the development of projects for the buffer zone.

Objective 2016

1. Preparation of a GIS database to monitor the heritage component in the buffer zone (subject to availability of funds);
2. Strengthening knowledge in heritage management in the buffer zone through training;
3. Implementation of Development Plan for AG WHS BZ by contributing to the implementation of projects approved by the following STACs;
 - a. STAC for the preparation of the LED Plan
 - b. STAC for financial incentives;
 - c. STAC for upgrading of BZ;
 - d. STAC for the branding and promotion of the Buffer Zone
 - e. STAC for the capacity building in the management of BZ
4. Strengthen knowledge in heritage management in the buffer zone through training;

5. Provide technical assistance for private owners/promoters in the buffer zone on the restoration/ conservation/ renovation of historical buildings;
6. Publication of booklet on Local Economic Development vision of BZ
7. Continue public participation in the development of projects for the buffer zone.

BEEKRUMSING RAMLALLAH INTERPRETATION CENTRE

As per AGTF ACT and objective 16 of the AG WHS Management Plan, Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre project is a prerequisite for the promotion of the Outstanding Universal Value of the WHS recommended in the World Heritage Convention. This project was defined as a major priority to improve visitor management and to mitigate the impact of tourism at site. It will also be revenue generative to support expenses at WHS.

The project was reviewed in the light of the archaeological discovery made in 2009 in the warehouse where the Interpretation Centre will be housed. After the discovery, the project was divided in two phases: the first phase (BRIC 1) includes the opening of a display area that would incorporate the archaeological remains. The phase 2 supposes the acquisition of the neighbouring warehouse to develop an temporary and permanent exhibition space on indentured immigration and visitor facilities such as a cafeteria.

The phase 2 supposes the acquisition of the neighbouring warehouse to develop an interpretation centre on indentured immigration. The phase 2 will start with feasibility study of the project followed by approvals to start the project within the broad financial estimates. The design phase could start in 2016 if funds are approved for the project. If the acquisition of the building is approved, the conservation could be initiated to allow the construction phase 1 in 2018. The Interpretation Centre (BRIC 2) could be completed within 5 years.

The team of Consultants including a Project Manager, a Conservation Architect, a Local Architect, an Engineer, a Landscape Architect, an Interior Architect, a Quantity Surveyor, a Mechanical and Electrical Engineer, a Graphic Design etc. would have to be recruited for the creation of the Interpretation Centre (phase 2).

As part of the display for BRIC 2, it is essential to work upon a multimedia and display programme that will be developed to provide content for the permanent exhibition. The development of multimedia and of audio-visual displays requires time and professional services to develop of CD Rom, short films, audio documents, graphic designing etc. that will be incorporated in the display. This will allow an interactive and dynamic display for the interpretation centre and will speak to the need to provide documentation on the history of indenture.

Promotion of BRIC 1 and BRIC 2 will also be essential to attract visitors at World Heritage Site and provide appropriate promotional tools to the tourism industry. A marketing officer will be essential in leading the promotion policy of the interpretation centre. The officer will work in collaboration with AGTF team to devise appropriate marketing strategy.

The landscaping of the World Heritage Site was initiated in 2005 but was not completed. The landscaping of the WHS is considered to be a major component that should be conducted concurrently with the setting up of the Interpretation Centre. Provision is made to complete the landscaping works at WHS to improve the overall visitor infrastructures at World Heritage Site and provide high standard visitor experience at WHS.

Objective 2014

1. Opening of Interpretation Centre (BRIC 1);
2. Completion of the Landscaping project;
3. Enhance community involvement programme;
4. Evaluation of exhibits and level of visitor satisfaction and understanding through visitor studies;
5. Evaluation of activities at BRIC 1 to propose further activities for the year 2014-15;
6. Prepare and implement RPP for BRIC;
7. Train the staff in RPP and conservation
8. Implementation of marketing and promotion plan for BRIC 1;
9. Development and evaluation of pedagogical programmes in line with visitor expectations;
10. Devise the permanent and temporary exhibition programmes for BRIC 2;

Objective 2015

(objectives regarding BRIC 2 will be subject to availability of funding and provided building and land are vested in the AGTF)

1. Enhance community involvement programme;
2. Evaluation of exhibits and level of visitor satisfaction and understanding through visitor studies;
3. Evaluation of activities at BRIC 1 to propose further activities for the year 2014-15;
4. Implement RPP for BRIC;
5. Train the staff in RPP and conservation
6. Implementation of marketing and promotion plan for BRIC 1;
7. Development and evaluation of pedagogical programmes in line with visitor expectations;
8. Devise and evaluate the permanent and temporary exhibition programmes for BRIC 2;
9. Acquisition of building for BRIC 2;
10. Preparation of a feasibility study for BRIC 2

PUBLIC AND OUTREACH PROGRAMME

AIM: To deliver creative, stimulating and innovative awareness-creating programs in about the Aapravasi Ghat WHP, other indenture sites and the global phenomenon of indenture through the exploration and understanding of history and other sciences as well technological means.

The Outreach programme is part of the objectives of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention and defined as objectives in the AG WHS Management Plan. It includes the implementation of the Visitor Management Plan (VMP). The VMP comprises of several sub-projects aiming at enhancing visitor experience and implement visitor strategy. The Visitor Management Plan defines orientation and strategies for visitors at WHS with a view to offering appropriate experience to them and also to mitigate the impact of tourism on site (measures required by UNESCO World Heritage Center).

At present, the permanent public programme includes guided visits of the World Heritage Site, educational activities for children comprising of archaeological excavations and technical of construction for children. On several occasions, AGTF organized guided visits of the buffer zone and also, during the International Day for Monuments and Sites, a heritage trail between Le Morne and Aapravasi Ghat. This is part of the Visitor Management Plan stating the need to set up a permanent public programme to offer activities to all type of audiences. This also responds to the recommendations of UNESCO to develop educational programmes at World Heritage Site.

AGTF will also organize a number of outreach activities to promote the World Heritage Site such as the International Day for Monuments and Sites held every year on 18 April. To implement the outreach programme, the services of Heritage Guides are required to provide services to an increasing number of visitors each year (25,000 in 2012). The Heritage Guides will also be conducting guided visits of the Interpretation Centre.

Furthermore, in light of the setting up of the Interpretation Centre and other amenities the Visitor Management Plan shall be evaluated and reviewed and remedial measures taken. Continuous efforts shall be made to diversify the nature of activities as well as the profiles of targeted audiences.

As from 2014, the budget for the promotion and outreach programme will be part of the budget of BRIC 1 (promotion of BRIC). The outreach programme will thus include only activities related to the promotion of other projects of the Trust Fund. However, the list of objectives sets out the objectives for outreach for both BRIC and the Trust Fund. The cost estimate presents funds required for AGTF outreach activities only.

Objective 2014

1. Improve on the quality of the usual annual programmes namely :
 - a. the commemorative ceremony on 2nd November,
 - b. The international day for monuments and sites

- c. The anniversary commemorating the anniversary of the inscription of the site on the World Heritage List
 - d. The Varshik Parampara function celebrating the intangible cultural Heritage of indentured immigrants
- 2. Implementation of remedial solutions to VMP if required;
- 3. Expand the size and diversity of the Community audience in light of the market mix and marketing environment;
- 4. Publication of updated informative materials regarding the AGWHP based upon ongoing research;
- 5. Offer innovative, high quality exhibitions drawn from internal as well external resources;
- 6. Development and front end evaluation of pedagogical activities for other indenture sites;

Objective 2015

- 7. Improve on the quality of the usual annual programmes namely :
 - a. the commemorative ceremony on 2nd November,
 - b. The international day for monuments and sites
 - c. The anniversary commemorating the anniversary of the inscription of the site on the World Heritage List
- 8. Assess the level of service and visitor satisfaction at the site through audience surveys and visitor studies
- 9. Development and front end evaluation of new pedagogical activities for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site;
- 10. Development of heritage trails in partnerships with relevant bodies;
- 11. Implementation and evaluation of the new VMP ;
- 12. Evaluation of the new VMP through visitor studies ;
- 13. Optimum integration of the AGTF website in the promotion of the site
- 14. Publication of updated informative materials regarding the AGWHP based upon ongoing research
- 15. Offer innovative, high quality exhibitions drawn from internal as well external resources
- 16. Development and front end evaluation of pedagogical activities for other indenture sites.

Objective 2016

- 1. Development and front end evaluation of new pedagogical activities for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site;
- 2. Offer innovative, high quality exhibitions drawn from internal as well external resources
- 3. Expand the size and diversity of the outreached audience
- 4. Development of heritage trails in partnerships with relevant bodies;
- 5. Development and implementation of interpretive plans for Vagrant Depot
- 6. Implementation of interpretative plans and new pedagogical activities for Trianon (these shall be budgeted under the Item Trianon)

RESEARCH PROGRAMME

AIM: To promote and encourage research on Aapravasi Ghat WHP, other indenture sites, locally and globally, as well as the history of indentured labour and their legacy as a whole.

Research is an ongoing process and was defined as an object of the Trust Fund in AGTF ACT and was also a recommendation made by UNESCO at the time of the inscription of the site on the World Heritage List. It also responds to obj. 21, 23 of the AG WHS Management Plan.

Conducting research is a prerequisite at WHS as per the *convention for the safeguarding of World Cultural and Natural Heritage Sites*. Our institution is focusing on responding to the recommendation of UNESCO to continue research.

Objective 2014

Intangible Cultural Heritage

1. Further research on the Intangible Cultural Heritage associated with the legacy of indenture;
2. Online database on the inventory of intangible cultural heritage;

Buffer Zone and AG WHP

1. Multi-disciplinary integrated research plan for the Buffer Zone and the Aapravasi Ghat WHP (including archaeological mapping);

Research and publication on the extend and scope of indenture

1. Publication of an AGTF newsletter;
2. Elaboration and implementation of sub-projects related to Indenture Labour Route project;
3. To initiate a series of research sub-projects which will focus on non-Indian indentured workers, Indian women and children under indenture and the experience of the Liberated Africans;
4. Publication of a three volume on Indenture to disseminate research results.

Other indenture heritage sites

1. Preparation of a Research Plan for indenture ;

Objective 2015

Intangible Cultural Heritage

1. Research on the Intangible Cultural Heritage associated with the legacy of indenture.

Buffer Zone and AG WHP

1. Multi-disciplinary integrated research plan for the Buffer Zone and the Aapravasi Ghat WHP.

Research and publication on the extend and scope of indenture

1. On-going research on indentured labour, indentured labourers, and vagrants in Mauritius and other parts and countries in the world where indentured labour existed;
2. Elaboration and implementation of sub-projects related to Indenture Labour Route project;
3. To initiate a series of research sub-projects which will focus on non-Indian indentured workers, Indian women and children under indenture and the experience of the Liberated Africans during the indenture era;
4. Publication of an AGTF Newsletter;
5. Preparation of a research plan as per the objective of the Management Plan for AG WHS.

Other indenture heritage sites

1. Preparation of a reviewed research proposal for the Indenture Labour Route project.

Objective 2016

Intangible Cultural Heritage

1. To prepare a database on the inventory of intangible cultural heritage;
2. Publications on results of Oral history project and Intangible Heritage related to indenture in Mauritius;
3. Research on the Intangible Cultural Heritage associated with the legacy of indenture.

Buffer Zone and AG WHP

1. Multi-disciplinary integrated research plan for the Buffer Zone and the Aapravasi Ghat WHP (including archaeological mapping);

Research and publication on the extend and scope of indenture

1. Finalisation of the proposal for the Indenture Labour Route project;

Other indenture heritage sites

1. Continue with research on the Vagrant Depot, the vagrants and other indenture sites in Mauritius.

2. Research for the publication of a detailed work on the other indenture sites such as Flat and Gabriel Islands, Pointe aux Canonniers, Trianon,;

Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2014

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014 Rs.	2013 Rs.
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	6	126,655,662	124,613,102
Employee benefits	7	302,732	416,773
		126,958,394	125,029,875
Current assets			
Inventories	8	101,840	273,560
Trade and other receivables		8,371	833,927
Cash and cash equivalents		14,640,547	4,099,552
		14,750,758	5,207,039
TOTAL ASSETS		141,709,152	130,236,914
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Capital and reserves			
Accumulated Fund	10	5,688,163	3,812,829
Revaluation Reserve	14	200,000	250,000
Donation	13	96,069	192,139
TOTAL CAPITAL		5,984,232	4,254,968
Non-Current liabilities			
Deferred Income	11	124,660,906	108,292,786
Trade and other payables	9	1,145,306	803,546
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	3,918,708	10,885,614
Deferred Income		6,000,000	6,000,000
		9,918,708	16,885,614
TOTAL LIABILITIES		135,724,920	125,981,946
TOTAL CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES		141,709,152	130,236,914

Approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on

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Chairman

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Board Member

The notes on pages 6 to 20 form part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014	2013
		Rs.	Rs.
Revenue	4	27,949,689	19,599,210
Release from Capital Grant		1,660,421	1,876,489
Finance Income	4	178,713	107,140
		29,788,823	21,582,839
EXPENDITURE			
Administrative Expenses	5	25,696,021	20,093,997
Buffer Zone project	5	-	104,306
Trianon Restoration project	5	91,179	346,062
Promotion and Outreach Programme	5	-	-
BRIC Project	5	296,466	419,485
Research programmes	5	-	410,500
Aapravasi Ghat Restoration expenses	5	1,481	2,898
Vagrant Depot	5	-	-
Depreciation	6	1,271,295	593,238
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		27,356,442	21,970,486
NET SURPLUS/LOSS FOR THE YEAR		2,432,381	(387,647)

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS/EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Accumulated Fund	Revaluation Reserve	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
At 1 January 2013	4,953,140	300,000	5,253,140
Net Surplus for the year	(387,647)	-	(387,647)
Actuarial gain/(loss)	(848,734)	-	(848,734)
Transfer from Donation	96,070	-	96,070
Revaluation of Motor Vehicle		(50,000)	(50,000)
At 31 December 2013	3,812,829	250,000	4,062,829
At 1 January 2014	3,812,829	250,000	4,062,829
Net Surplus for the year	2,432,381	-	2,432,381
Unrecognised Actuarial gain/(loss)	(653,117)	-	(653,117)
Transfer from Donation	96,070	-	96,070
Revaluation of Motor Vehicle	-	(50,000)	(50,000)
At 31 December 2014	5,688,163	200,000	5,888,163

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	2014 Rs	2013 Rs
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net Surplus/Loss	2,432,381	(387,647)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	1,271,295	593,238
Release from Capital Grant	(1,660,421)	(1,876,489)
Other non cash movement		
Employee Benefits	(539,076)	177,995
Interest income	(178,713)	(107,140)
Operating profit before working capital	1,325,466	(1,600,043)
Decrease / (increase) in inventories	171,720	29,020
Decrease / (increase) in trade and other receivables	825,556	(558,010)
(Decrease) / increase in trade and other payables	(6,625,146)	9,088,921
Cash generated from operations	(4,302,404)	6,959,888
Interest received	178,713	107,140
Net cash generated from operating activities	(4,123,691)	7,067,028
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of plant and equipment	(3,363,856)	(57,824,177)
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	(3,363,856)	(57,824,177)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Government grant	18,028,541	49,679,892
Net cash used in financing activities	18,028,541	49,679,892
Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents	10,540,994	(1,077,257)
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2013	4,099,552	5,176,810
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2014	14,640,546	4,099,552

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Aapravasi Ghat is a trust fund established under the AGTF ACT No.31 of 21st December 2001. and domiciled in Mauritius. The address of its registered office is Ex-DWC Building, 1 Quay Street, Port Louis, Mauritius. The principal activities of the trust fund are:

- (a) To establish and promote Aapravasi Ghat as a National and International Memorial Site;
- (b) To preserve and restore the aesthetic and architectural aspects of Aapravasi Ghat;
- © To set a museum at Aapravasi Ghat and create a public awareness in the history of the site and to depict the arrival, settlement and evolution of the immigrants in Mauritius;
- (d) To promote the social and cultural aspects of Aapravasi Ghat;
- (e) To encourage and support projects and publications related to indentured Labour System;
- (f) To establish links with appropriate national, regional and International Organisations in line with the objects of the ACT and;
- (g) To identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures linked with history of the arrival of immigrants in Mauritius.

2 REPORTING PERIOD

Comparative information has been re-stated or re-classified, as necessary, to conform to the current year's presentation

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements are prepared in accordance and in compliance with Financial Reporting Standards for SMEs issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting framework for SMEs requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments carried on the statement of financial position include trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents and trade and other payables, excluding prepayments. The particular recognition methods adopted are disclosed in the individual policy statements associated with each item.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the trust fund's statement of financial position when the trust fund has become a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

Accounting for Property, Plant and Equipment: Revaluation Reserve

Revaluation of fixed assets is the process of increasing or decreasing their carrying value in case of major changes in fair market value of the fixed asset. Whenever Plant and Equipment is revalued and the revaluation results in a decrease, then both Plant and Equipment and the revaluation Reserve in the Statement of Financial Position are decreased by the amortised amount. In case of an increase in the asset's carrying amount, the increase is directly credited to the Revaluation Reserve Account and same is debited to the Plant and Equipment.

Other receivables

Other receivables are stated at original invoice less an estimate of doubtful receivables based on a review of all outstanding amounts at year end.

Other payables

Accounts payable are stated at fair value.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises of cash at bank and in hand. Cash equivalents are short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, these financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The trust fund derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expired.

Related parties

For the purpose of these financial statements, parties are considered to be related to the Trust Fund if they have the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the trust fund or exercise significant influence over the trust fund in making financial and operating decisions, or vice versa, or where the trust fund is subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals or other entities.

Provisions

A provision is recognised in the statement of financial position when the Trust Fund has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation.

Revenue recognition

Income received from Government to meet recurrent expenditure is treated as revenue grant. Revenue from sale of books is recognized in the statement of financial performance when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer.

Deferred income

Grants received from Government for capital expenditure are treated as deferred income. An amount equal to the depreciation charge for the year is transferred to other income in the statement of financial performance and the amount of deferred income to be amortised in the next 12 months is recognized as a current liability.

Expense recognition

All expenses are accounted for in the statement of Financial Performance on an accrual basis

Going Concern

The trust fund's management has made an assessment of the trust fund's ability to continue as a going concern and is satisfied that the trust fund has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. Furthermore, the management is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon the trust fund's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

Employee benefits

The trust fund subscribes to a defined benefit plan, the assets are administered by Sicom Ltd. The pension costs are assessed using the projected unit credit method. The cost of providing the benefit is determined in accordance with actuarial review. The pension obligation is measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows using a discounted rate by reference to the current interest rates and the yields on bonds and treasury bills.

The trust fund's net obligation in respect of defined benefit pension plan is calculated by estimating the amount of future benefit that its employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods, that benefit is discounted to determine the present value. Any unrecognized past service costs and the fair value of any plan assets are deducted. The discount rate is the yield at balance sheet date. The calculation is performed by a qualified actuary using the projected unit credit method every year.

When the benefits of a plan are improved, the portion of the increased benefit relating to past service by employees is recognised as an expense in the statement of Financial Performance on a straight - line basis over the average *period until the benefits become vested*. *To the extent that the benefits vest immediately, the expense is recognised immediately in the statement of Financial Performance.*

Where the calculation results in a benefit to the trust fund, the recognised asset is limited to the net total of any unrecognised actuarial losses and past service costs and the present value of any future refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan.

Employee Passage Benefit Entitlement

Employee entitlements to passage benefit allowance are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability up to the balance sheet date.

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
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Non-Current Assets

- I. Property, Plant & Equipment are valued in the statement of financial position at cost less accumulated depreciation. The Apravasi Ghat Site at Trou Fanfaron is being restored and is now a World

Heritage Site and Historical Site. Costs associated with the restoration of the site are being capitalised as work in progress under fixed assets.

- II. Depreciation

Depreciation is being calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

	Rate per annum
Furniture & Fittings	10%
Office Equipment	20%
Motor vehicles	20%
ICT	25%

The policy is to charge full depreciation in the year of acquisition and no depreciation to be charged in the year of disposal. No depreciation has been provided on restoration works in progress.

Fully depreciated Assets still in use are revalued and depreciated over remaining estimated useful life. The increase in valuation is accounted as revaluation reserve.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at the cost. Cost is determined on a first-in, first- out (FIFO) basis and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to their existing location and condition. Where necessary, a write off is made for obsolete and slow moving inventories.

Government Grants

Asset-related grants are treated as deferred income, whereas income-related grants are recognized in the period they become receivable.

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

4. REVENUE

	Rs
Income recurrent	27,646,674
Income other	303,015
Cash Income received during the year	<u>27,949,689</u>

5. SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

Surplus for the year has been arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	2014 Rs
Staff costs	16,944,902
Operational Costs	8,751,119
Recurrent Expenditure on projects	389,126
Depreciation	<u>1,271,295</u>

Recurrent expenditure on projects for the amount of Rs 389,126 has been financed by capital grant.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)
FOR THE YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2014

6. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Aappravsi Ghat Rs	Office equipment Rs	Furniture and Fittings Rs	Motor Van Rs	ICT Rs	Total Rs
COST at 31 December 2013	123,294,244	2,571,867	91,455	819,225	1,302,530	128,079,321
Additions	518,978	69,875	73,635	-	2,701,369	3,363,856
Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 Dec 2014	123,813,222	2,641,742	165,090	819,225	4,003,899	131,443,177
DEPRECIATION						
At 31 December 2013	-	1,919,807	33,361	569,225	943,825	3,466,218
Charge for the year	-	332,396	16,509	-	922,390	1,271,295
Impairment Adjustment	-	-	-	50,000	-	50,000
Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 Dec 2014	-	2,252,203	49,870	619,225	1,866,215	4,787,513
CARRYING AMOUNT						
NBV as at 31 December 2014	123,813,222	389,539	115,220	200,000	2,137,684	126,655,664
NBV as at 31 December 2013	123,294,244	652,059	58,095	250,000	358,705	124,613,103

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7. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The trust fund participates in a pension plan administered by and invested with State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd (SICOM).

The following employee benefits information is based on the report of SICOM dated 31 December 2014.

	Year ending December 2014	Year ending December 2013
Amounts recognised in balance sheet at end of year:	Rs	Rs
Defined benefit obligation	(6,168,165)	(4,615,676)
(Fair value of plan assets)	6,470,897	5,032,449
Asset recognised in balance sheet at end of year	302,732	416,773
Amounts recognised in income statement:		
Current service cost	(744,565)	(654,274)
Past Service cost	0	0
Employees contributions	492,235	409,522
Fund expenses	(25,348)	(58,980)
Net Interest (expense)/income	78,510	125,737
P&L Charge	(199,168)	(177,995)
Remeasurement:		
Liability gain/(loss)	(514,590)	(1,203,522)
Assets gain/(loss)	(138,527)	80,411
Total Other Comprehensive Income (OIC) recognized	(653,117)	(1,123,111)
Total	(852,285)	(1,301,106)
Movements in liability recognised in balance sheet:		
At start of year	416,773	1,103,400
Amount recognized in P&L	(199,168)	(177,995)
(Contributions paid by employer)	738,244	614,479
Amount recognized in OCI	(653,117)	(1,123,111)
At end of year	302,732	416,773
Actual return on plan assets:	(309,238)	(412,539)

The plan is a defined benefit arrangement for the employees and it is wholly funded. The assets of the funded plan are held independently and administered by The State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd.

The discount rate is determined by reference to market yields on bonds.

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

7. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (CONT'D)

	Year ending December 2014	Year ending December 2013
	Rs	Rs
<i>Reconciliation of the present value of defined benefit obligation</i>		
Present Value of obligation at start of period	(4,615,676)	(2,579,884)
Current service cost	(744,565)	(654,274)
Interest Cost	(369,254)	(206,391)
(Benefits paid)	75,920	28,395
Liability gain/(loss)	(514,590)	(1,203,522)
Present value of obligation at end of period	(6,168,165)	(4,615,676)
<i>Reconciliation of fair value of plan assets</i>		
Fair value of plan assets at start of period	(5,032,449)	(3,683,284)
Expected return on plan assets	(447,764)	(332,128)
Employer contributions	(738,244)	(614,479)
Employee contributions	(492,235)	(409,522)
(Benefits paid + other outgo)	101,268	87,375
Asset gain/(loss)	138,527	(80,411)
Fair value of plan assets at end of period	(6,470,897)	(5,032,449)
<i>Distribution of plan assets at end of period</i>		
<i>Percentage of assets at end of year</i>	31 Dec 2014	31 Dec 2013
Government securities and cash	57.1%	59.1%
Loans	4.1%	4.9%
Local Equities	21.1%	21.9%
Overseas bonds and equities	17.0%	13.4%
Property	0.7%	0.7%
Total	100%	100%
<i>Additional disclosure on assets issued or used by the reporting entity</i>		
<i>Percentage of assets at end of year</i>	31 Dec 2014	31 Dec 2013
	(%)	(%)
Assets held in the Entity's own financial instruments	-	-
Property occupied by the entity	-	-
Other assets used by the entity	-	-
<i>Components of the amount recognized in OCI</i>		
<i>Year</i>	31 Dec 2014	31 Dec 2013
<i>Currency</i>	Rs	Rs
Asset experience gain/(loss) during the period	138,527	(80,411)
Liability experience gain/(loss) during the period	514,590	1,203,522
	(653,117)	1,123,111
<i>Year</i>	2015	
Expected employer contributions	721,616	
(Estimate to be reviewed by Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund)		
Weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation	30 Years	
Calculated as a % change in PV liabilities for a 1% change in discount rate)		

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FIGURES FOR IAS 19 ADOPTION FOR:

The plan is exposed to actuarial risks such as : investment risk, interest rate risk, longevity risk and salary risk. The risk relating to death in service benefits is re-insured.

The cost of providing the benefits is determined using the Projected Unit Method. The principal assumptions used for the purpose of the actuarial valuation were as follows:

Year ending 31 December 2014		Year ending 31 December 2013
Discount rate	8.00%	8.00%
Future salary increases	5.50%	5.50%
Future pension increases	3.50%	3.50%
Mortality before retirement		A 6770 Ultimate Tables
Mortality in retirement		PA (90) Tables
Retirement age		As per Schedule II in the Statutory Bodies Pension Funds Act

The discount rate is determined by reference to market yields on bonds.

Significant actuarial assumptions for determination of the defined benefit obligation are discount rate, expected salary increase and mortality. The sensitivity analysis below have been determined based reasonably on possible changes of the assumptions occurring at the end of the reporting period.

-If the discount rate would be 100 basis points (one percent) higher (lower), the defined benefit obligation would decrease by Rs1.4M (increase by Rs1.8M) if all other assumptions were held unchanged.

-If the expected salary growth would increase (decrease) by 100 basis point, the defined benefit obligation would increase by Rs1.4 M (decrease by Rs1.1 M) if all assumptions were held unchanged.

-If life expectancy would increase (decrease) by one year, the defined benefit obligation would increase by Rs0.136 M (decrease by Rs0.136 M) if all assumptions were held unchanged.

In reality one might expect interrelationships between the assumptions, especially between discount rate and expected salary increases, given that both depends to a certain extent on expected inflation rates. The analysis above abstracts from these interdependence between the assumptions.

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8. INVENTORIES (AT COST)

	2014 Rs	2013 Rs
Spare parts-Wood as at 01 st January	273,560	302,580
Less stock used	<u>(171,720)</u>	<u>(29,020)</u>
Balance at 31 December	<u>101,840</u>	<u>273,560</u>

9. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2014 Rs	2013 Rs
Accruals	3,539,199	10,607,212
Passage Benefits	457,219	256,950
Sick Leave	<u>1,067,596</u>	<u>824,998</u>
	<u>5,064,014</u>	<u>11,689,160</u>

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10. **Accumulated Fund**

	Accumulated Fund 2014 Rs
Balance as at 1 st January 2014	3,812,829
Movement during the year	2,432,381
Actuarial gain/(loss)	(653,117)
Transfer from Donation	<u>96,070</u>
Balance as at 31 December 2014	<u><u>5,688,163</u></u>

	Deferred Income 2014 Rs
Balance as at 1 st January 2014	108,292,786
Grant Received during the year	18,028,541
Transfer to Other Income	<u>(1,660,421)</u>
Balance as at 31 December 2014	<u><u>124,660,906</u></u>

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12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In its ordinary operations, the trust fund is exposed to various risks such as, foreign currency risk.

The trust fund is not exposed to the risk that the exchange rate of the Mauritian rupee relative to the currencies may change in a manner which has a material effect on the reported values of its assets and liabilities.

Liquidity risk management

The trust fund manage liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves and banking facilities, by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

The maturity profile of the financial assets and liabilities is summarized as follows:

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2014

	Less than 1 months	1-3 months	3 months to 1 year	More than 1 year	Total
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Bank	14,640,547	-	-	-	14,640,547
Trade & other receivables	-	-	8,371	-	8,371
Trade & other payables	(3,045,374)	(493,824)	-	-	(3,539,198)
	<u>11,595,173</u>	<u>(493,824)</u>	<u>8,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,109,720</u>

2013

	Less than 1 months	1-3 months	3 months to 1 year	More than 1 year	Total
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Bank	4,099,552	-	-	-	4,099,552
Trade & other receivables	-	-	833,927	-	833,927
Trade & other payables	(176,108)	(159,000)	(10,550,506)	(803,546)	(11,689,160)
	<u>3,923,444</u>	<u>(159,000)</u>	<u>(9,716,579)</u>	<u>(803,546)</u>	<u>6,755,681</u>

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13. DONATION

	2014
	Rs
Donation from ICTA – IT Equipment as at 1 st January 2014	192,139
Amortisation	<u>(96,070)</u>
Closing Balance as at 31 December 2014	<u><u>96,069</u></u>

ICTA made a donation of 6 personal computers, 6 printers and 4 laptops to AGTF amounting to Rs384,279 in year 2012.

14. REVALUATION RESERVE

	2013	2014
	Rs	Rs
Motor van – Balance as at 01 January	300,000	250,000
Amortisation	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>
Closing Balance as at 31 December	<u><u>250,000</u></u>	<u><u>200,000</u></u>

The Motor van (vehicle no. 4665 OC 04 make Toyota) purchased in October 2004, has been fully depreciated but is still in use in 2014. The vehicle was revalued as per Sicom LTD report based on the insured amount. This represents the recoverable amount in case of total loss of use of the vehicle.

The accounting principle used in the revaluation of the motor van has been based on IAS 16 Property, Plant & Equipment and the accounting treatment for revaluation of tangible non-current asset.

The motor van has been accounted in the books at a revalued amount provided by the fair value amount measured in insurance report of Sicom Ltd at Rs200,000.

Revaluations of the motor van will be made on regular basis so as to ensure that the carrying value does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair value at end of the reporting period and asset value. As the motor van has been used since 2004, the vehicle will be revalued every year based on recoverable amount from insurance report of Sicom Ltd.

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	2014	2013
	Rs.	Rs.
Staff cost and Allowances	16,944,902	16,114,470
Utilities	1,177,528	641,784
Staff Welfare	60,001	-
Fuel & Oil	98,514	99,243
Maintenance of Vehicles	42,509	49,072
Postage	32,717	38,852
Office Expenses & Incidentals	74,649	44,055
Maintenance of Equipment, Buildings, Furniture, IT, Signage	184,678	135,568
Maintenance on Site	178,602	8,082
Cleaning Expenses	43,630	32,267
Printing and Stationary	234,636	265,801
Newspaper/Documentation	73,077	86,435
Publication/Advertisement	24,765	13,713
Board Fees	554,623	569,065
Training of Staff	-	(76,000)
Consultancy Fee	150,891	-
Uniform	103,940	77,090
Bank Charges	7,614	10,361
Insurance	-	-
Security	427,800	178,250
Mission Overseas	790,853	661,635
Miscellaneous Expenses	91,817	94,482
Events	78,955	174,912
Expenses i.c.w 2 nd November	4,237,797	794,956
Membership Fee	9,424	9,152
Professional Charges	72,100	70,750
Workshop/Seminars	-	-
	<u>25,696,021</u>	<u>20,093,997</u>

