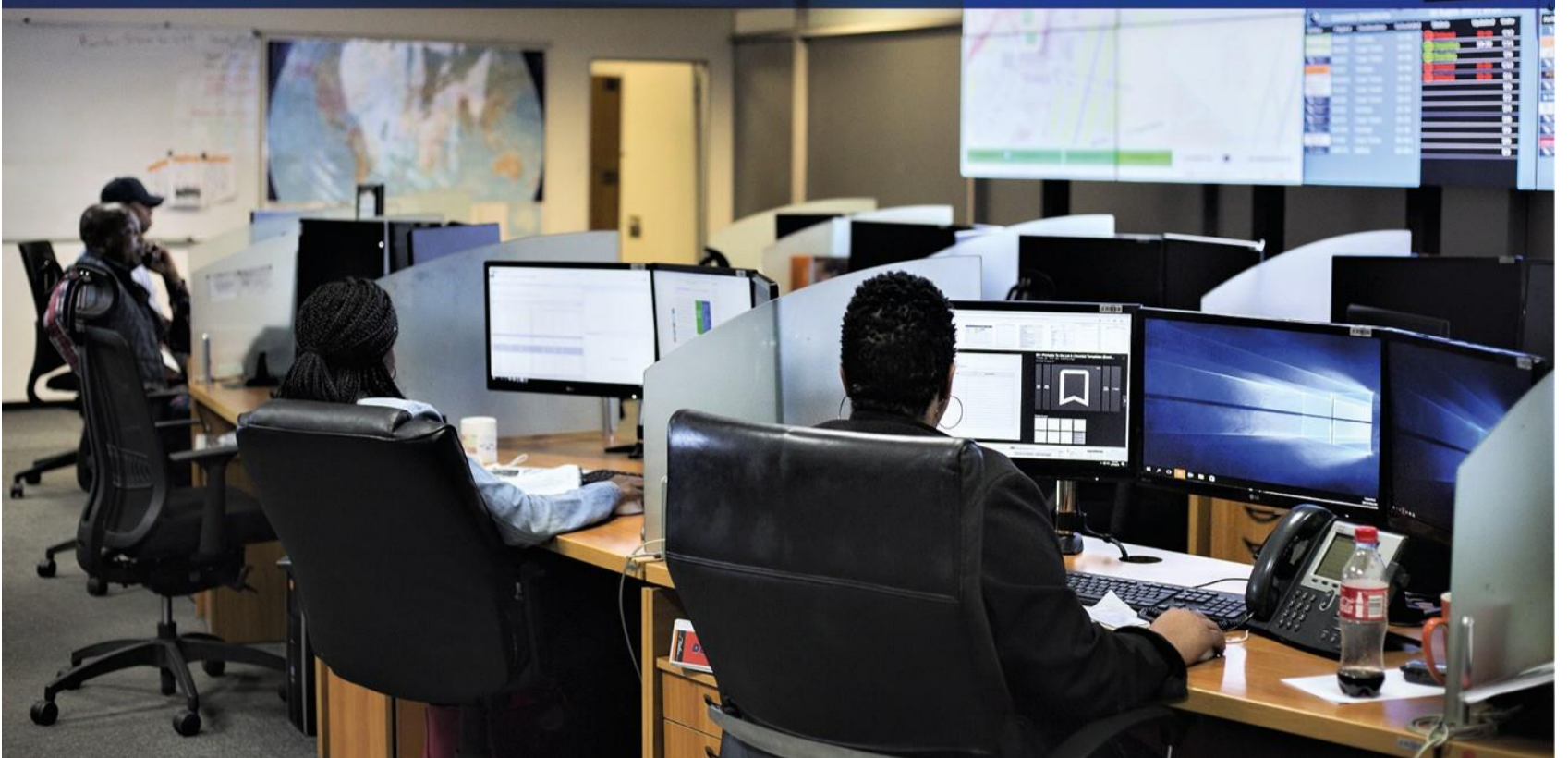




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INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT - A NEW APPROACH FOR MADAGASCAR



“Bienveni à Moris!”

In July, **IOM Mauritius** welcomed its new Head of Office, **Céline Lemmel**.

Border Management



IOM Madagascar launched the second phase of the **assessment on security and border management** in the country. The assessment is foreseen to be finished by January 2018 and will outline possible solutions for an **Integrated Border Management approach in Madagascar**.

Displacement Tracking Matrix



During the 2nd DTM round in the Androy region, 60% of households interviewed reported to have women as heads of household, with men being more often on the move.

Study Tour on Integrated Border Management in South Africa

In completing a **study tour to South Africa** from August 29th to September 1st 2017, IOM and the Malagasy Ministry of Public Security accompanied eight representatives from national entities concerned with border management, namely, Customs, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Transport, the State Secretariat for the Gendarmerie and the Ministry of Public Security.

During these two and a half days, participants had enriching exchanges with senior officials of the South African Department of Internal Affairs about the process of designing and implementing a successful Integrated Border Management approach. Participants also had the opportunity to visit two control centers at Johannesburg International Airport and at the Port of Cape Town.

These activities are part of the multi-agency project “Support for the Security Sector Reform in Madagascar (ARSSAM)” funded by the **UN Peacebuilding Fund (PBF)**, in which IOM implements the border management component.

From Madagascar to China – lost in translation



Vero met IOM in Fianarantsoa, the capital of the highland region of Matsiatra. This region is known to be one of the main source regions for victims of human trafficking. The Malagasy National Police referred Vero’s case to IOM in order to provide victims’ assistance.

Vero was only 20 when she was sold to her future husband in a small, rural village in China. The conditions of her return to Madagascar required that she have two children within a maximum timeframe of five years. Suffering from domestic servitude and undergoing serious physical and psychological abuse, Vero finally managed to escape.

She now benefits from medical, psychological, legal, and economic assistance thanks to IOM and its national partners. Many other young women who have suffered the same fate have not been as lucky, and many remain missing.

Counter-Trafficking

The counter-trafficking project is nearing the end of its first year of implementation, having trained 63 officials and 76 social workers on trafficking investigations, prosecutions, and victims' assistance in five regions in Madagascar.

Migration Environment and Climate Change



The field study in Morondava revealed an accelerated **destruction of the forest** in the Menabe Region due to forest clearing by new settlers.

Flo – Victim of Trafficking



When Flo managed to leave Kuwait and return to Madagascar, IOM assisted her by providing legal and psychosocial support. Now, together with other women she owns a small business of charcoal resale.

[Check out her story!](#)

Policy Dialogue on Initiatives to Combat Trafficking in Persons



WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

On 31st July, IOM Mauritius was invited to present during a Policy Dialogue on Initiatives to Combat Trafficking in Persons, hosted in Port Louis by the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Trade. The dialogue provided an opportunity for technical staff from across government to discuss definitional issues, recent developments and good practices in the fight against trafficking in persons.

Each year, law enforcement agents detect a small number of migrants who are deceived into travelling to Mauritius for employment purposes on tourist or student visas, and who may be exploited due to their irregular migration status. IOM Mauritius will continue to provide advice and training to the Mauritian Government and further stakeholders in a collective effort to prevent trafficking, and to identify and assist victims.

Deepening your connection with home



For Benoît Jolicœur: "migration is an enriching experience that deepens your connection with home." In June 2015, he participated in an EU-funded, IOM-led pilot circular labour migration project **between Mauritius and Italy**, where he received professional training in agritourism. We recently caught up with Benoît, who told us that his exposure to alternative working methods renewed his conviction in a form of tourism that he and his wife, Antoinette have pioneered in Rodrigues; an autonomous island of the Republic of Mauritius.

When launching their B&B, Résidence Foulsafat in 2001, the Jolicœur family were among the first to introduce agritourism in Rodrigues; an approach that aims to promote local products and know-how. Benoît initially learned about agritourism in the late 1980s, while visiting the neighbouring island of La Réunion with friends. He became convinced of its potential for Rodrigues to develop the island's tourism sector more equitably and sustainably than larger hotels.

Benoît believes more migration opportunities for Rodriguans would help invigorate the island's economy, by enabling others to benefit from new experiences and to return home with innovative ideas and skills. His own experience of migration has enabled his family to grow their business, and has positively impacted many, not least their charmed customers.

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