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17 June 2024

To: NGO Members, Community Members, Corporate Directors

**Subject: Request for sponsorship for Team Mauritius (under 18) of Global Robotics Challenge 2024 in Greece**

Dear Sir/Madam,

In April 2024, YUVA launched an invitation for applications among Mauritian secondary school students to participate in the FIRST Global Challenge 2024 in Greece from 24 to 30 September 2024. This annual Olympics-style event engages students in a collaborative international robotics competition that drives home the importance, excitement, and applicability of STEM education. One team from every nation is invited to participate in this event, which builds bridges between students with different backgrounds, languages, religions, and customs.

Among hundreds of applicants, Team Mauritius was formed in May 2024 with five students and two mentors who were selected after an intensive interview process.

In previous years, Team Mauritius has been able to reach the semi-finals at FIRST Global Challenge. The aim of Team Mauritius is not only to give their best in the competition but also to learn more about this field, which is constantly innovating, and to exchange knowledge.

This is a first step towards endorsing creativity and innovation through Robotics among the country's young students. The Global Robotics Challenge is a platform where Mauritian youth get the chance to explore more about new technologies. YUVA plans to build a stronger Mauritian team to perform better in the Global Robotics Challenge 2024 this year.

Sohail Jugbandhan has been selected to form part of the FIRST Global Mauritius Team. He has been appointed as Captain of the Mauritius Team.



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He has shown exceptional leadership qualities, dedication and commitment to robotics and STEM education. He is conducting a fund-raising campaign to assist and facilitate the team's participation and contribute towards the robotics kit, travel expenses, accommodation and expansion of the program and STEM outreach initiatives. We fully endorse his efforts and kindly request your support in helping him secure financial or in-kind resources.

The opportunity to participate on this global stage is an honour that reflects the dedication, talent, and perseverance of each student on Team Mauritius. This competition is also a fantastic example of the great things we can do together for a common goal. We greatly appreciate your assistance in ensuring that the team has the support needed for a successful and valuable experience.

Thank you in advance for recognising the achievements of the youth in Mauritius and encouraging them to continue to make a difference in their communities and the world.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Regards,

Dr J. L. Athal  
Executive Director

