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**The Canadian International Training & Education Corp. (CITREC) and the Canadian Tourism Human Resource Council (CTHRC) have entered into an agreement that will see CTHRC's *emerit* Tourism Training courses being offered overseas.**

CITREC CEO Mr. Ashwant Dwivedi said that the partnership with CTHRC will allow international clients to access *emerit* education and training in their home countries, and to obtain an Occupational Knowledge Certificate in a classroom setting.

"We are honoured to enter into partnership with the CTHRC and I am confident that these tourism training resources will be an advantage to foreign nationals who have always wanted to gain Canadian-recognized *emerit* credentials in the tourism and hospitality sector," Mr. Dwivedi said.

Mr. Dwivedi said that he is pleased that foreign nationals will be able to access the *emerit* training and recognition resources which are based on National Occupational Standards, and are available for 46 tourism occupations.

"These resources represent the broad spectrum of tourism careers available today. The standards are national guidelines that assist tourism professionals in acquiring the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to achieve excellence," Mr. Dwivedi said.

Mr. Dwivedi also announced that CITREC will be working with a provincial partner, the Saskatchewan Tourism Education Council (STEC), with respect to the assessment and certification aspects of this partnership.

"As a founding member of the CTHRC, STEC is regarded as a premium Human Resource organization in the Tourism and Hospitality sector. CITREC is pleased to be associated with a tourism human resource organization that is committed to the provision of education and training that supports professional growth in Canada's Tourism industry," Mr. Dwivedi said.

## **About CITREC**

CITREC is a Canadian company whose mandate is to promote Canadian education and training in foreign countries by brokering partnerships between Canadian public institutions, professional designation granting bodies and credible institutions overseas. One of the major achievements of CITREC is the existence of a partnership agreement with the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST). In October 2008, the Government of Mauritius through its public institution, the Industrial Vocational Training Board (IVTB) entered into an understanding with CITREC and SIAST to offer Canadian education to its citizens and to citizens of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), a group consisting of 15 member countries.

CITREC is also a certification partner with the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada (CGA-Canada). Through this partnership, CITREC brings the CGA designation to Mauritius and other SADC member countries.

## **About CTHRC**

The Canadian Tourism Human Resource Council (CTHRC) is a national organization that facilitates and coordinates human resources development activities which support a globally competitive and sustainable Canadian tourism sector. The Council conducts labour market research ([www.cthrc.ca](http://www.cthrc.ca)), offers training and recognition under the **emerit** tourism training brand ([www.emerit.ca](http://www.emerit.ca)), promotes the advantages of working in the sector through **Discover Tourism** ([www.discovertourism.ca](http://www.discovertourism.ca)), and helps identify companies with positive HR practices through its employee-rated **Employer of Choice** program.