

## **Human Freedom Index 2015 – Mauritius takes top spot on the African continent**

The Human Freedom Index (HFI) is a new index recently introduced by the Fraser Institute and takes into account 76 indicators of personal and economic freedom indicators. The HFI 2015 has been based on verifiable data collected for the year 2012 and covers 152 countries for the same year.

This index provides an idea on the extent of overall freedom in the world and also gives an indication on the correlation of freedom with social and economic factors.

According to the HFI, the top 10 Freest Countries in 2012 were:

- 1. Hong Kong
- 2. Switzerland
- 3. Finland
- 4. Denmark
- 5. New Zealand
- 6. Canada
- 7. Australia
- 8. Ireland
- 9. United Kingdom
- 10. Sweden

Mauritius occupies the 19<sup>th</sup> position on the HFI global ranking and has outshined the US, currently ranked 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Mauritius ranks 1<sup>st</sup> on the African continent.