

PLS 2026

2026 International Conference on

Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modeling 'PLS-SEM'

PLS-SEM for Insight and Impact: Bridging Explanation and Prediction for Better Decision Making

P R O G R A M M E

2 - 5 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Ravenala Attitude | Balaclava | Mauritius
Hosted by the University of Mauritius

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A T A G L A N C E

Conference Overview

DATE	PROGRAMME	VENUE
2 September	Pre-Conference Workshops Doctoral Colloquium Welcome reception	<i>University of Mauritius</i> <i>The Ravenala Attitude Hotel Balaclava</i>
3 September	Opening Ceremony Keynotes Industry-Academia Panel Parallel Sessions	<i>The Ravenala Attitude Hotel Balaclava</i>
4 September	Parallel Sessions Meet the Editors Gala Dinner	<i>The Ravenala Attitude Hotel Balaclava</i> <i>An evening to remember in the making - soon to be revealed</i>
5 September	Cultural Tour & Business Networking	<i>Discover the Island's Heritage, Tropical Beauty & Flavours</i>

PROGRAMME NOTES

We're bringing the final details together, with a few elements still in motion – session times, speakers, and venues may be subject to minor changes. The final programme will be shared with all registered participants prior to the event.

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Workshops & Doctoral Colloquium

Lecture Theatre 2 | University of Mauritius

	M O R N I N G W O R K S H O P S
09:30 - 11:00	Workshop Predictive Model Assessment and Model Comparison Using CVPAT Trainers: Prof. Christian M. Ringle & Prof. Jan-Michael Becker Audience: Requires prior PLS-SEM experience
11:00 - 11:30	Tea, Coffee & Networking UoM Cafeteria
11:30 - 13:00	Workshop Conditional Mediation Analysis Using Continuous and Binary Moderators Trainers: Prof. Christian M. Ringle & Prof. Jan-Michael Becker Audience: Requires prior PLS-SEM experience
13:00 - 13:45	Lunch - Fresh aromas, Fresh ideas UoM Cafeteria
	A F T E R N O O N D O C T O R A L C O L L O Q U I U M
13:45 - 15:00	Doctoral Student Presentations
15:00 - 15:30	Tea, Coffee & Networking UoM Cafeteria
15:30 - 16:30	Panel Discussion Common and Specific Issues Identified during Presentations General Recommendations for Doctoral Students using PLS-SEM
	E V E N I N G E V E N T
18:30 - 20:00	Welcome reception The Ravenala Attitude , Balaclava , Mauritius <i>After the island bathes in the last golden rays of the day, it's the perfect time to reconnect, share stories, spark new connections, and savor refreshing drinks and tasty local bites.</i>

DAY 1 | 3 SEPTEMBER 2026

Opening Day

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	MORNING SESSION
09:00 - 09:30	Registration & Kafe pou Bienveni
09:30 - 10:00	Opening Ceremony <i>Conference Co-Chair University of Mauritius</i> Associate Professor Dr. Viraiyan Teeroovengadam <i>Dean of Faculty of Law and Management University of Mauritius</i> Professor Dr. Boopendra Seetannah <i>Pro Vice Chancellor - Academia University of Mauritius</i> Professor Dr. Ponnadurai Ramasami <i>Guest of Honour Minister of Tertiary Education, Science and Technology</i> Hon. Dr. Kaviraj Sharma Sukon <i>Master of Ceremony University of Mauritius</i> Ms. Shaistah Imambaccus
10:00 - 10:40	Keynote Address PLS-SEM 2030: Three Things We'll Be Doing Differently Speaker: Professor Dr. Nicole Franziska Richter <i>University of Southern Denmark</i>
10:40 - 11:10	Tea, Coffee & Networking
11:10 - 11:50	Keynote Address Theory Before Technique: Rethinking the Use and Abuse of Theory in the Age of Structural Equation Modelling Speaker: Professor Dr. T. Ramayah <i>Universiti Sains Malaysia</i>
11:50 - 12:30	Industry-Academia Panel Discussion Analytics, Insight & Impact: The Future of Decision Making in Mauritius Panelists: CEO of Mauritius Telecom, academic and industry leaders
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch - Fresh aromas, Fresh ideas <i>Hotel restaurant</i>
	AFTERNOON SESSION
13:30 - 15:00	Parallel Paper Presentation Sessions <i>Details - extended booklet</i>
15:00 - 15:30	Tea, Coffee & Networking
15:30 - 17:00	Parallel Paper Presentation Sessions <i>Details - extended booklet</i>

DAY 2 | 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

Parallel Sessions & Gala Dinner

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	MORNING SESSION
09:30 - 11:00	Parallel Paper Presentation Sessions I <i>Details - extended booklet</i>
11:00 - 11:30	Tea, Coffee & Networking
11:30 - 12:30	Meet the Editors <i>An interactive session with journal editors</i>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch - Fresh aromas, Fresh ideas <i>Hotel restaurant</i>
	AFTERNOON SESSION
13:30 - 15:00	Parallel Paper Presentation Sessions II <i>Details - extended booklet</i>
15:00 - 15:30	Tea, Coffee & Networking
15:30 - 17:00	Parallel Paper Presentation Sessions III <i>Details - extended booklet</i>
	EVENING EVENT
19:00	Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony <i>As the sun slips below the azure horizon of the Indian Ocean, the stage is set for an evening of celebration, where the soul of Mauritius unfolds through vibrant flavours and cultural performances.</i> <i>An evening to remember in the making. Soon to be revealed.</i>

DAY 3 | 5 SEPTEMBER 2026

Cultural Tour & Business Networking

Departure & Return | The Ravenala Attitude | Balaclava | Mauritius

FULL-DAY MAURITIUS EXPERIENCE

09:00

Departure from The Ravenala Attitude

*Transport provided - please assemble in the hotel lobby by 08:45***Morning****Part 1 | Cultural Visit & Business Networking****Midday**

Lunch & Local flavors

Afternoon**Part 2 | Cultural Visit & Business Networking****17:00**

Return to The Ravenala Attitude

TRAVEL NOTES

As we put the finishing touches on a memorable experience in beautiful Mauritius, the detailed itinerary, including venues and timings, will be shared with all registered participants closer to the conference date.

Mauritius' stunning natural beauty and tropical climate are best enjoyed in light, comfortable clothing and walking shoes, with a hat, sunglasses and sun protection.

Bring your enthusiasm! Let the island charm you with its rich heritage, enchanting landscapes and authentic delights.

NOU PE BIEN KONTAN POU AKEYIR ZOT MORIS!

We look forward to welcoming you in Mauritius!

