



## Press Release - African Banker Awards 2017

### **Rameswurlall Basant Roi, Governor of the Bank of Mauritius named Central Bank Governor of the Year**

Tuesday 23rd May 2017, Ahmedabad, India – The African Banker Awards committee has named Rameswurlall Basant Roi, Central Bank Governor of the Year for Africa. The Award was received during a prestigious gala dinner on 23rd May in Ahmedabad, India, on the sidelines of the Annual Meetings of African Development Bank.

In according Governor Basant Roi this accolade, the African Banker Awards Committee has highlighted the Governor's great leadership in successfully steering Mauritius's finances and efficiently facing formidable economic challenges, both external and domestic. The Central Bank of Mauritius has made important strides in advancing its agenda of institutional improvements. Under Governor Basant Roi's leadership, the Bank's commitments and unwavering efforts to build a stable, resilient and forward-looking financial jurisdiction has contributed to Mauritius' economic growth.

Other winners included Nigerian banker **Dr Benedict Okey Oramah**, President of Afreximbank who won the prestigious *African Banker Award*. This is the first time, the *Lifetime Achievement Award* was presented to an institution, as opposed to an individual. This is recognition to the outstanding contribution of **Citi** to the African banking. *Minister of Finance* of the year went to Senegalese **Amadou Ba**.

The awards are designed to promote entrepreneurial excellence and world-class practices in banking and finance. They honour the achievements of financial institutions and individuals who have contributed significantly to the reform, modernisation and expansion of the continent's banking and financial system.

#### **THE 2017 AFRICAN BANKER AWARD WINNERS**

##### **Banker of the Year**

Dr Benedict Okey Oramah, President, Afrexim Bank

##### **Bank of the Year**

GT Bank Group

##### **Minister of Finance of the Year**

Amadou Ba (Senegal)

##### **Central Bank Governor of the Year**

Rameswurlall Basant Roi (Mauritius)

##### **Best Retail Bank**



Equity Bank (Kenya)

**Investment Bank of the Year**

Rand Merchant Bank (South Africa)

**Award for Financial Inclusion**

Caisse Centrale de Garantie (Morocco)

**CSR**

Groupe Crédit Agricole (Morocco)

**Innovation**

Ecobank - MasterCard

**Deal of the Year – Equity**

OGP sale to Helios (Argentil)

**Deal of the Year – Debt**

Helios Towers, \$600m debut High Yield Offering (Standard Bank)

**Infrastructure Deal of the Year**

AFC and Harith Asset Merger (Africa Finance Corporation)

**African Banker Icon**

Waheed A. Olagunju, Bank of Industry

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Citi

**Best Regional Bank in North Africa**

Attijariwafa Bank

**Best Regional Bank in West Africa**

Orabank

**Best Regional Bank in Central Africa**

Trust Merchant Bank

**Best Regional Bank in East Africa**

KCB Bank

**Best Regional Bank in Southern Africa**

Mauritius Commercial Bank

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