

# The National Strategy for Official Statistics (NSOS) Bulletin

## Dear Stakeholders,

We welcome you to read the second issue of this bulletin that will update you on progress made in the design of the NSOS 2019-23 for Mauritius. Until now, many activities have been carried out in this context, with your support, and we thank you a lot for that. We hope that you continue to actively participate in the process in order to make this endeavour a success.

## 2. Seeking high level support for the NSOS

- The Statistics Board together with Statistics Mauritius have been conducting high level meetings in sectors to seek the buy-in of sector leadership for the NSOS project.
- More importantly, cabinet was informed of the design of the NSOS through an information paper in September 2018.
- On the African Statistics day celebration in November 2018, Professor Kiregyera made a presentation to sensitise stakeholders of the need for good statistics for development.

## 3. The state of statistics in sectors

- As a first step towards improving statistical systems it is necessary to make an assessment of the current state of statistics in sectors in order to evaluate its strengths and weaknesses.
- In this context, sectors were requested to set up a Sector Statistics Working Group headed by a coordinator. The main activities to be undertaken by the working group was the self assessment of the state of statistics in sectors based on which a sector statistics plan for improvement would be developed.
- During his second mission in July 2018, Professor Ben Kiregyera trained sector statistics coordinators on the tool (questionnaire) to be used for the assessment exercise.



Stakeholders attending workshop on African Statistics Day celebration

## 4. User survey among users of statistics

- The Statistics Board conducted a user survey among users of statistics in October/November 2018 to gather their inputs for the new strategy
- This is an important component of the consultative process under way towards the elaboration of the NSOS report

## 5. The assessment process

- In August 2018 the Sector Statistics Working Groups started completing the self assessment questionnaire in a focus group discussion format. Several sectors requested members of the NSOS design team at statistics Mauritius and Sector Ministerial Support Team (SMST) team from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development to assist in the process.
- Discussions were then held between members of the NSOS design team and members of the Sector Statistics Working Group to review and finalise the completed assessment questionnaires.
- To date, all selected sectors have completed their self assessment

## 6. Design of the sector statistics plan

- During the 3rd mission of Professor Ben Kiregyera in November 2018, coordinators of Sector Statistics Working Groups were convened for a training session on the preparation of sector statistics plans.
- Following the training, the coordinators of sectors are expected to come up with a sector statistics plan that would include a strategic framework, implementation plan, action plan with budget and a monitoring and evaluation framework.
- It is expected that a draft sector statistics plan would become available by the end of the year.

## 7. The NSOS document

- Inputs from the sector statistics plans would be used to work out the NSOS document.
- The NSOS document should be ready by March 2019 in order to be factored in the next budget for funding.



Presentation made by Prof. Ben Kiregyera in the context of the African Statistics Day celebration

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