



Hong Kong hosts the 59th World Statistics Congress

Hong Kong hosted the 59th World Statistics Congress (WSC) from 25 to 30 August 2013. This event brought together 2500 experts and practitioners worldwide to share latest knowledge and to discuss emerging issues on Statistics.

The 59th WSC comprised over 240 sessions on a wide range of topics from statistical methodology to practical applications. "Youth" was chosen as the theme to encourage the participation of younger statisticians and to address, from various statistical perspectives, topics surrounding this important subject such as:

- Promoting statistics to youth through the International Literacy Project and fun activities
- Data visualization for youth appeal
- How can the Statistics Community help its younger members in the early stages of their careers?
- Learning to teach and assess statistics at the tertiary level

The next WSC will be held in 2015 in Brazil.

World Youth day

12 August 2013 was World Youth day. Who are the youth and what do they do? Let's have a look at the figures for Mauritius.

Currently there are 207,000 young Mauritians aged 15-24 years who make up 16% of the total population. Out of every 10 young people

- 5 are men and 5 are women;
- 9 are single and 1 is married;
- 5 are at school, 3 are working and 1 in unemployed.

Introducing the technical Committee on SDDS

The technical committee on SDDS was set up in 2010. It is chaired by Stats M; members are from institutions producing macro-economic data required under the SDDS namely the Bank of Mauritius, the Financial Services Commission, and the Ministry of Finance & Economic Development.

The committee's objective has been evolving over time. Initially, it was to ensure the country's adherence to SDDS and further to adherence in February 2012, it has been monitoring observance thereon.

Lately, the country's new aim is to graduate to SDDS Plus, the higher tier of IMF data standards. So, as from May 2013 the Committee is also monitoring progress towards SDDS Plus, particularly on the adoption of latest international standards on CPI, National Accounts, Government Financial Statistics, Balance of Payments and Monetary Financial Statistics.

Stats M recruits staff under the Service to Mauritius (STM) Programme

Stats M talks to Anusha Dya-Orgoo who joined the office in August 2013 under the STM programme.

Stats M: Can you tell us a little about yourself?

Anusha: I hold a BSC in Economics and Finance from the University of Mauritius and an MSC in Investment and Finance from the Middlesex University, London.

Stats M: What brought you to Stats M?

Anusha: I seized the opportunity offered by Government in the context of the public sector reform to acquire some work experience.

Stats M: Your first impression on joining the office?

Anusha: I did not realize that Stats M had so many units producing such a huge amount of data. Also so much work and so many people involved in producing these statistics.



Anusha at Stats M

Stats M: What does your job at Stats M involve?

Anusha: I'm posted to the Analysis and Integration Unit and working on poverty and employment.

Stats M: What motivates you at work?

Anusha: A good working environment and a good team spirit where everybody works well together.

Anusha, thank you and good luck!