

### SM celebrates the International Year of Statistics (IYS) 2013

To mark IYS 2013, SM hosted a half-day event on Monday 23 September 2013 at Hennessy Park Hotel, Ebène. On that occasion, SM unveiled its logo and launched the Code of Practice for Official Statistics as well as the Interactive Statistical Data Portal in front of a wide spectrum of stakeholders from African Development Bank (AfDB), COMESA, government ministries and departments, Bank of Mauritius, Financial Services Commission, private sector, academia, NGOs and the media.



SM director delivering the welcome speech

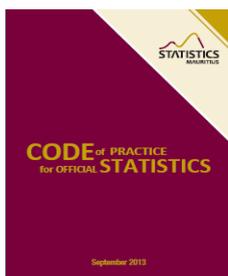
In her welcome address, Aimée Cheung, SM Director, spoke on the importance of Statistics and on SM's commitment to provide users with high-quality statistics. Gilbert Gnany, Chairperson of the Statistics Board, underlined the significant role of statistics in all aspects of life which are important to socio-economic development and said *"I am very pleased of the progress made in the field of official statistics in Mauritius and feel that there is ample cause for celebrating statistics in our country."*

Judging by the warm response of the audience, it looked like the event was widely appreciated by both SM staff and invitees. *Vivement* the next event to celebrate African Statistics Day in November 2013!

### How to interpret SM's logo

Do you know the meaning of our logo? Well, the logo is inspired from a wave; it's never static and demonstrates SM as a dynamic organization. The two complementary colours that form the icon illustrates the letters 'S' and 'M' in a unique visual which, as an entity, represents a curve-form graph familiar to the world of statistics. The typographic design underlines the power and raison-d'être of statistics in Mauritius, a country with diversity.

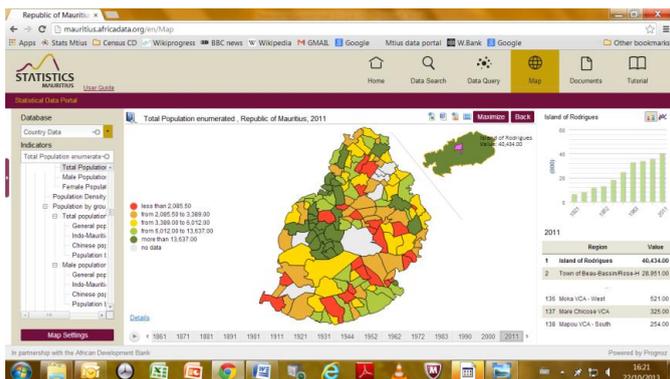
### The Code of Practice for Official Statistics



The Code of Practice for Official Statistics was approved by the Statistics Board in May 2013. It sets the standard for developing, producing and disseminating official statistics in Mauritius, and is applicable to all producers of official statistics. The Code represents a set of 15 key principles and indicators of good practice intended to improve the quality, relevance and credibility of official statistics, and ensure that the statistics are of high standard. After its implementation, a compliance assessment will be carried out once every three years to monitor progress.

Do you want to know more on the Code of Practice? Check it out from the homepage of our website.

### The Interactive Statistical Data Portal



The Interactive Statistical Data Portal, developed in collaboration with the African Development Bank (AfDB), is an interactive tool that enables users to compile their own tables and graphs while also allowing them to view preselected indicators from various time periods by country or region using a variety of charts and maps. The portal includes preselected data from Statistics Mauritius and international organisations such as World Bank. All outputs generated can be downloaded for use in reports.

Have a go at the portal at <http://mauritius.africadata.org/>