

Mauritius subscribes to SDDS

Mauritius subscribed to the IMF's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) on 28 February. It is the 70th country worldwide and the second Sub-Saharan African country to subscribe to the SDDS.

"The subscription to the SDDS of Mauritius represents a major step forward for official statistics in the country and for those who use these data. Subscription to the standards underscores the strong commitment to transparency in Mauritius, as well as a significant achievement in implementing internationally accepted best practices in statistics" says Ms. Adelheid Burgi-Schmelz, Director of the IMF's Statistics Department.

The SDDS is intended for member countries having or seeking access to international capital markets. Subscription to the SDDS provides investors with up-to-date data that are frequent, timely and accessible. This facilitates the country's access to international capital markets, potentially implying higher levels of foreign investment. In Mauritius, five institutions are responsible for disseminating data according to the SDDS; these are: Statistics Mauritius, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Bank of Mauritius, Financial Services Commission and Stock Exchange of Mauritius.

Congratulations to all colleagues who worked hard to achieve this standard!

Stats M signs an MOU with FSC

On 9 February, Statistics Mauritius signed an MOU with the Financial Services Commission. The MOU sets out the framework of collaboration between both institutions for coordinating data collection and processing. It aims at increasing the reliability and analytical value of financial services statistics and at ensuring their international comparability.



The Director of Statistics and the Chief Executive of the FSC signing the MOU

Stats M hosts a study tour on ERETES

Statistics Mauritius hosted a study tour on ERETES, an information system used for the elaboration of National Accounts, from 27 to 29 February 2012. The study tour was organised by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

Participants were from 7 English speaking statistical offices of Africa and from UNECA. They were given first-hand experience on how the office has applied the different tools of ERETES in National Accounts so that they can decide whether to adopt ERETES in their respective countries.

Stats M assists in allocation of seats at the Rodrigues Regional Assembly

The Rodrigues Regional Assembly Elections were held on 5 February. Deepuk Bahadoor, Deputy Director and Krishna Nardeosingh, Senior Statistical Officer at Statistics Mauritius assisted the Electoral Commissioner's Office in the determination of candidates on the Party Lists to be returned as members for the Island Region.

How many celebrated their birthday on 29 February?

Provisional data from Census 2011 suggest that there are nearly 800 leaplings (persons whose birthday falls on 29 February) in Mauritius. Census Statisticians are excited since this is close to the expected number.

Considering that 29 February occurs once every 4 years, the probability of being born on that day is 1/1461 (because $366+365+365+365$ equals 1461). So the expected number of leaplings should be 1/1461 of the population or 860.

Happy Birthday to all leaplings who look 4 times older than their age!

Farewell Vikash Madhow

Vikash Madhow served as e-business project manager at Statistics Mauritius from 1 October 2008 to the end of his contract on 14 February 2012.

During this period, Vikash put in place a modern IT foundation comprising high-bandwidth networks and high-performance central servers as well as a centralized application architecture hosting several applications such as the ones for the 2011 census. He will now provide remote support until August 2012.

Statistics Mauritius is thankful to Vikash and wishes him success in his career.