

First SADC Statistical Yearbook Validation Workshop

At the 18th meeting of the SADC Statistical Committee held in Lesotho in 2011, Directors of National Statistical Offices of Member States agreed on the development and publication of a SADC Statistical Yearbook based on data from NSOs and other official sources. The Yearbook is intended to provide stakeholders with a comprehensive set of reliable and sound information on the socio-economic profiles and development of Member States.

The first issue will include time series and summaries of statistical information on population, society, government, economy and environment both at regional and national levels as far back as 1980.

A validation workshop took place in Johannesburg in the Republic of South Africa from 10 to 14 September 2012. Twenty two participants from 11 SADC Member States, including two from Mauritius, attended the workshop.

The validation exercise looked at the consistency, relevance, accuracy and presentation of data submitted by Member States and their interpretability.

The first issue of the Yearbook is expected to be released by November 2012.

Stats M signs a Software Maintenance Agreement with Mr. Vikash Madhow

Vikash Madhow served as e-business project manager at Statistics Mauritius from 1 October 2008 to 14 February, 2012 and provided remote support until August 2012.

Statistics Mauritius entered into a Software Maintenance Agreement with Mr. Madhow on 3 November, 2012 for a period of six months. During the period Mr. Madhow will provide both remote and on-site support for the new application platform, the centralized database and the various applications he developed during his previous contract.

Mr. Madhow will also ensure that all knowledge on supporting and maintaining the centralized database and applications are transferred to staff at SM.

World Heart Day

World Heart Day is celebrated on 29 September each year to sensitize people about cardiovascular diseases which are among the world's leading causes of death claiming around 17.3 million lives each year.

The World Heart Day is also an opportunity to inform people that at least 80% of these deaths could be avoided if the risk factors such as tobacco, unhealthy diet and lack of physical activity are controlled.

This year's theme is 'Cardiovascular disease prevention among women and children'.

In order to celebrate this event, the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life organized a series of activities, the main one being a workshop to disseminate the findings of a study on salt consumption by the Mauritian.

Other activities included talks and discussions on the topic on TV.

It is to be noted that in Mauritius, 31.2% of deaths registered in 2011 were due to cardiovascular diseases.

New Team of the Central Statistical Office Staff Welfare Association

The Central Statistical Office Staff Welfare Association (C.S.O.S.W.A) has renewed its bureau for the 2012/2014 Managing Committee.

The new executive members of the committee are as follows:

President	: Jameel Sowdagur
Vice President	: Naigee Guillaume
Secretary	: Deosharma Chinnee
Assistant Secretary	: Benita Goolaup
Treasurer	: Aruna Maherchand
Assistant Treasurer	: Vishwanee Gobin
PRO	: Krishna Somanah
Members	: Hemlata Pryam Saida Hosany Zameer Kausmaully Eshan Romjom

The C.S.O.S.W.A. is looking forward to the amazing opportunity of better serving the staff of Statistics Mauritius. The new team will ensure that all future activities of the association will be geared towards improving the welfare of the staff.

Upcoming Events

Stats M hosts a Training Workshop on Data Collection Instruments organized by African Development Bank from 29 to 31 October 2012.