

### Training Workshop within the Africa Infrastructure Knowledge Program (AIKP)

The AIKP is an initiative of the African Development Bank (AfDB). It provides a framework for the coordinated and sustainable collection of infrastructure data to support the generation of knowledge on infrastructure development in Africa. To ensure the harmonization and standardization of data collection methodologies, the AfDB has prepared a "Handbook on Infrastructure Statistics" with the purpose of guiding the data collection, processing and dissemination of infrastructure indicators across African countries.

In view of the next round of the AIKP, Stats M hosted a Training Workshop in collaboration with AfDB at La Plantation Hotels, Balaclava from 29 to 31 October 2012. Some fifty participants, a team of 4 from each of 14 African countries, including Mauritius, attended the workshop. Each team comprised one 'Focal Person' and three data collection experts on "Transport", "Utility" and "Fiscal" sectors respectively.

Participants were introduced and trained on the "Handbook on Infrastructure Statistics", paying particular attention to concepts, indicators and special templates designed by AfDB for the data collection.

The data collection is expected to be undertaken during the period January-April 2013.



The Director of Stats M (1<sup>st</sup> row: 3<sup>rd</sup> from right) with the participants of the workshop

### Release of 2011 Preliminary Census Results

In 2011, Statistics Mauritius conducted its 18th Housing & Population Census for the Island of Mauritius and 8th for the Island of Rodrigues. The main results of the Housing Census were published in August 2011 and those of the Population Census in July 2012. These were followed by seven volumes of detailed table reports as follows:

#### Released in November 2011

Volume I - Housing and living conditions

#### Released in October 2012

Volume II - Demographic and Fertility Characteristics

Volume III - Educational Characteristics

Volume IV - Disability

Volume V - Economic Characteristics

Volume VI - Geographical and Migration Characteristics

Volume VII - Household Characteristics

Analytical papers on topical issues will be released in the coming months.

Statistics Mauritius is planning to present the key results of Census 2011 during a workshop on 20 November 2012 to celebrate the African Statistics Day.

### Annual Civil Service Kermesse

The Public Officer's Welfare Council organized the annual "Civil Service Kermesse" on Sunday 28 October, 2012 on the Gymkhana Grounds, Vacoas. This popular event was an opportunity for Public Officers, their families and the members of the public to meet and interact in relaxed and friendly environment.

The Central Statistics Office Staff Welfare Association seized this opportunity to raise funds for the organization of welfare activities for its members through the sale of "briani" and the organization of a game known as "roll the coin". The association thanks all members and sponsors for their support.

### World Food Day

World Food Day was proclaimed in 1979 by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization and has since been commemorated each year on 16 October.

The theme of the World Food Day 2012 was "Agricultural cooperatives – key to feeding the world". This theme was chosen to highlight the role of cooperatives in improving food security and contributing to the eradication of hunger.

In Mauritius, the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security organised an exhibition and sale of agricultural products from 12 to 14 October 2012 at the SSR Botanic Garden, Pamplemousses. The exhibition included a "Salon de la Pomme de Terre", free tasting of potato dishes, alternative ways of eating potatoes and new technologies in the agricultural sector. Booklets were also launched by the Ministry on potatoes and breadfruit.

#### Upcoming Events

Stats M holds a one-day workshop on 20 November 2012 to celebrate African Statistics Day. The theme for the year 2012 is: "Making every man and woman count: Engendering statistics for better development outcomes".