

NEWSLETTER OF STATISTICS MAURITIUS

Celebrating African Statistics Day 2012

African Statistics Day is celebrated annually on 18 November in order to increase public awareness about the important role which statistics plays in all aspects of social and economic life in Africa, as elsewhere.

The theme for this year's celebration is: *'Making every Woman and Man count: Engendering Statistics for Better Development Outcomes'*. The 2012 theme was chosen to draw attention to the importance of gender responsive statistics to tackle gender inequalities and to empower women in all sectors of socio-economic development processes.

To celebrate this event, Statistics Mauritius with the participation of the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development & Family Welfare held a workshop on Tuesday 20 November 2012 at La Canelle, Domaine Les Pailles.

Statistics Mauritius also seized this opportunity to disseminate the main findings of Census 2011.



Panel discussions: The Director of Statistics with the panelists, namely, R. Thoplan, Dr. S. Narrainen, Ms. L. Verasawmy, Mr. G. Gnany, and Mr. M. Ponapanaiken.

Census of Agriculture – UNFAO fields a mission to Statistics Mauritius

The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (UNFAO) fielded a 3-week mission in Mauritius from 5 to 24 November 2012 in the context of the project *'Planning of the Census of Agriculture in Mauritius'*. The consultant, Mr. David Marshall from U.K and formally the Deputy Director of the Statistics Division at UNFAO, reviewed the present system of agricultural statistics and the plans to conduct the census of agriculture, including the resource requirements.

On the basis of this review, he confirmed the urgent need of an agricultural census in Mauritius and recommended that the census be conducted in early 2014. He proposed a methodology for the conduct of the census in line with recommendations laid down in the *'2010 World Programme for the Census of Agriculture'*, framework developed by UNFAO. At the end of his mission he worked out an action plan for the preparation of the census and identified areas where Statistics Mauritius would need further technical support from UNFAO to undertake successfully the census.

8th Africa Symposium on Statistical Development (ASSD)

The ASSD is an annual meeting which brings together all Africa's statistics community and financial partners.

The Government of Cote d'Ivoire hosted the 8th ASSD from 27 to 29 November 2012 in Yamoussouko. The symposium was jointly organized by the African Union Commission, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank and the United Nations Population Fund. Statistics South Africa acted as the ASSD Secretariat.

The theme for 2012 was "Standardization of Causes of Death Classification and Statistics in Africa", with the specific topic 'Improving Death Registration and Certification of Causes of Death in Africa'.

Participants at the symposium reviewed and improved the inception papers on concepts, approaches and work processes of death registration and cause of death in Africa presented by the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Secretariat, UNECA.

Staffing Development

1. Promotion

The following Statistical Officers have been promoted Senior Statistical Officers with effect from 26 November 2012.

Ms. Zeenat Oodally	Mr. Jameel Sowdagar
Mrs. Pamela Mulliah	Mr. Deosharma Chinnee
Mrs. Resma Boolakey	

2. Appointment in a substantive capacity

29 temporary Statistical Officers (SO's) who assumed duty on 4 July 2011 have been appointed SO's in a substantive capacity on 2 October 2012.