

### Delegation from Tanzania visits Stats M

In the context of the regional co-operation among African countries, a delegation from Tanzania visited Stats M from 12 to 14 February 2013. The delegation comprised Mr Geoffrey Mwambe from the Bank of Tanzania, Mr Michael Assenga from the Tanzania Statistical Office and Mr Ephraim Mdee from the Tanzanian Revenue Authority.

The delegation came to learn about the Mauritian experience in the compilation and use of external trade statistics, particularly import and export price indices. They also took stock of the following:

- Institutional arrangements for provision of data to Stats M – mainly customs data by the Mauritius Revenue Authority.
- Methodology for price collection and calculation of trade price indices.
- Analysis, use and dissemination of the trade price indices.



*The Tanzanian delegation during a working session at Stats M*

### AfDB Technical Assistance on Data Management and Dissemination System

Stats M is receiving technical assistance from the African Development Bank (AfDB) to enhance its Data Management and Dissemination System through the installation of an interactive and user friendly data portal in the country.

The portal will enable users to create customized tables and dynamic

charts, visualize selected indicators across a map as well as export data to format like XLS and PDF.

AfDB has hired PROGNOZ, a data management consulting firm, to prepare the data solution with data from the office. A first mission was fielded by the AfDB and PROGNOZ team in February 2013 to agree on modalities. Delivery of the prototype of the data solution is scheduled for April 2013.



*Mrs.Y. Cassimally (Stats M), Mr. Beejaye Kokil (AfDB) and Mr. Sergey Lebedinets (PROGNOZ) signing the agreement*

### World Cancer Day

Did you know that 4 February is World Cancer Day? Well, it was founded by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) and is one initiative under which the entire world can unite in the fight against the global cancer epidemic. It aims to save millions of preventable deaths each year by raising awareness and education about cancer, and pressing governments and individuals across the world to take action against the disease.

Cancer is one of the leading causes of death. Some 28% of all deaths occurring in developed countries are due to cancer. In Mauritius, cancer accounts for 11% of all deaths. In fact, the number of deaths caused by cancer has been on the increase in the country - from 914 in 2001 to 1047 in 2011. Among men, cancer of the prostate and lung was the most common cause of death while among women, it was breast cancer.