

## 54th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission meeting

The Ag. Director attended the meeting of the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) from 28 February to 3 March 2023. As in previous years, discussions were held and decisions were taken on the whole set of Official Statistics produced by a country. The main ones specifically relevant to Statistics Mauritius are:

1. Extension of Membership of UNSC for better geographical representation
2. Measurement of Owner-Occupied housing inflation in the CPI
3. Work towards the 2025 System of National Accounts
4. Implement ISIC Revision 5 to be able to report data at least two-digit level of the classification without loss of information
5. Development and Implementation of a National Data Quality Assurance Framework
6. Beyond GDP measures to accommodate measurement of wellbeing and sustainability
7. Review of the implementation guidelines of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics to make them shorter and more focused and also initiating country-specific actions within and beyond statistical communities to promote compliance
8. Recommendation on the Global set of climate change indicators for better monitoring
9. Data innovation labs, big data, data science etc. for the production of Official Statistics
10. Integration of statistical and geospatial information
11. Need to develop a conceptual framework on Citizen Generated Data
12. Use of AI for Ecosystem Accounting, use of scanner data and webscraping for the calculation of CPI and the use of remote sensing for agriculture statistics
13. For further information please visit the following website:

<https://unstats.un.org/UNSDWebsite/statcom/54>

## Hybrid workshop on the Implementation of Circular Economy regulations in the SADC Region in Lusaka, Zambia from 22-23 February 2023

Mr S. Bhonoo attended the workshop virtually. The objective of the workshop was to convene SADC member states to:

- commonly agree and actively participate in a Circular Economy (CE) and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) platform;
- use the platform as a basis to implement EPR within the SADC member states and better understand which legal, technical, human and financial resources will be required to implement country-based initiatives;
- establish a joint public-private solution that will address the prevailing challenge of pollution and open dumpsites in Southern Africa.

Members from the Zambia government and private sector, development banks, regional public and private sector, development agencies, MSMEs, SADC Secretariat, European Union, SADC Business Council, academia and other regional bodies attended the workshop physically.

The workshop was enriching as various international initiatives carried out were explained. There were presentations from Coca Cola, Nestle, Zambia Breweries, waste management in Zambia, e-waste in Ghana among others.

A circular economy entails markets that give incentives to reusing products, rather than scrapping them and then extracting new resources. In such an economy, all forms of waste, such as clothes, scrap metal and obsolete electronics, are returned to the economy or used more efficiently.

## SM Staff who left during January-March 2023

SM conveys its thanks to the retirees for their years of dedicated service to the Department and wishes them all the very best in their future endeavours.

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