

1. ILO 3-day training on Labour Statistics and 20th ICLS Resolution, 24-26 April 2023

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) conducted a 3-day training in Labour Statistics from 24 to 26 April 2023 at SM. The training was mainly based on the 20th International Conference Labour Statistician (ICLS) Resolution, in particular the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE)-18 and informality. Ms. Maria Payet, Senior Statistician of ILO, provided the training to some 11 Officers from SM, Human Resources Development Council and Ministry of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training.

The following topics were covered during the training:

- i) Defining and measuring key labour market indicators
- ii) Classifications – Status in employment, occupation and of economic activities (ICSE-93, ISO and ISIC, education)
- iii) Measuring subsistence work
- iv) Measuring informality
- v) Classification of the 20th ICLS Resolution on work relationship (ICSE-18)



2. Awareness Programme at SM to celebrate the World Day for Safety and Health at Work

The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is celebrated annually on 28 April to create awareness among all stakeholders on the importance of promoting a safe and healthy culture at the workplace. The theme chosen by the International Labour Organisation for this year's celebration was "A safe and healthy working environment as a fundamental principle and right at work".



To mark this event, an awareness programme was conducted at SM on 28 April 2023 by Mr Giovanni Rezanah, representative of the Mauritius Fire and Rescue. The campaign was geared towards prevention of accidents and injuries caused by fire. Mr Rezanah made a presentation and pondered upon some precautionary measures to be adopted at the workplace:

- i) Exit signs on all floors should be visible and passageway to the fire escape should have no obstructions
- ii) Use of extension cords to be discouraged and instead make more use of switch sockets
- iii) To carry regular checks of RCD to ensure a safe working environment
- iv) All fire extinguishers should comply with fire safety measures
- v) Training of Fire Wardens to be ensured for Fire Drill Exercise

3. Study Tours at SM

i) Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency (ZIMSTAT), 3-6 April 2023

The Director-General of Zimstat, Mr Taguma Mahonde, lead a delegation comprising of a team of seven Officers to understand the processes that SM engaged in during the implementation of the 2018 Census of Economic Activities (CEA). All the stages involved in CEA 2018 were demonstrated to the delegates. Technical meetings were also organised with the other relevant Units namely Cartography, Statistical Business Register and IT.

The delegates expressed their satisfaction and expect to apply the knowledge gained during the study tour, in the implementation of 2024 Economic Census in Zimbabwe.



ii) National Bureau of Statistics of Tanzania, 12-13 June 2023

On the 12th and 13th June 2023, SM welcomed a Tanzanian team of six officers from the Ministry of Energy and National Bureau of Statistics, including an Expert Consultant from Expertise France. The aim of their visit was to study the Energy Statistics System (ESS) of Mauritius in order to define a precise list of activities and work plan. The two-day visit was structured in a way to enable the delegates to learn from the Mauritian example and for Tanzanian actors to best understand what each level of responsibility in the ESS would entail in practical terms for the line Ministry and the National Statistical Office.

The first day was marked with presentations from the different stakeholders in the ESS, viz., the Energy and Water Unit of SM, representatives from the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities, Energy Efficiency Management Office, Mauritius Renewable Energy Agency and Central Electricity Board. Discussions among the participants followed those presentations.

The second day provided an overview of the work processes in the Energy and Water Unit and calculation of value added for electricity sector from the National Accounts Unit.

This study tour marked the beginning of cooperation between SM and Tanzania for the development of the Tanzanian ESS!



4. Enhancement of the Statistical Business Register of SM under the EU-funded PAS2 projects

SM is participating in the EU-funded PAS2 projects for the African National Statistical Offices. In that context, the office is receiving technical assistance to enhance its Statistical Business Register (SBR) in line with new technologies such as Statbus, which is a generic tool for SBR database, data upload and editing of the SBR unit level data. Experts from Statistics Finland, namely Mr. Ville-Matti Pilviö and Mr. Timo Laukkanen fielded a first mission at SM from 24 -27 April 2023.



5. Rwanda Development Board (RDB) training and benchmarking visit to Mauritius

A delegation from RDB visited Statistics SM on Thursday 15 June 2023 with main objectives to:

- Understand the Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA) of Mauritius.
- Learn about data collection and compilation of tourism statistics mainly accommodation data and occupancy rates.
- Learn about tourism surveys carried out by SM mainly hotel survey and Survey of Inbound, Outbound and Domestic Visitors.