

1. South-South Cooperation and E-Business Project of Statistics Mauritius

To fulfill the objectives of modernizing the business operations and to align with Government of Mauritius Digital Transformation Strategy 2018-2022, Statistics Mauritius, with the support of UNDP Mauritius, is developing a Modern Statistics Platform (MauStats). under its E-Business Plan.

Knowledge transfer and capacity building of SM units is one of the key tasks of the business plan. Trainings, study visits and workshop programs are planned to brainstorm, review, test, understand and use the modules of the platform. These programs contribute to professional development, increased efficiency, and improved overall performance of the SM units while learning from our peers in other National Statistical Offices.

In that context, a delegation from SM participated in:

- an Advanced Technical Workshop in New Delhi, India from 08 – 23 February 2024 to learn how to improve the platform implementation and usage by testing and reviewing the architecture, processes and content. The participants interacted directly with the platform development team to review, discuss and improve the processes and their flow; and



- a High-level discussion between Management Team of SM and the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) of India in a view to benchmark with MOSPI's best practices. The possibility of having an MoU between SM and MOSPI was also explored.



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

In a view to enhance its SBR, SM hosted a Technical Assistance mission under the EU-funded Pan-African Programme II from 05 to 08 February 2024. Mr. Ville-Matti Pilviö and Mr. Timo Laukkanen, Experts from Statistics Finland visited the office to share the EU experience and best practices on the production of Business Statistics indicators that can be used as a model for African Countries. Discussions were also based on using the SBR to monitor response and respondent burden, essential business demography and using SQL/R programming to extract summary tables from the SBR database.

3. Celebration of Independence Day at SM

SM was filled with patriotism and joy as we celebrated the 56th National Independence Day of Mauritius with a short get-together



on 11 March 2024. It was heart-warming to witness each one's joy on that day as they sang the national anthem with much enthusiasm.

The Ag Director's powerful message resonated with all staff present, reminding them of the importance of preserving and nurturing the strong bond amongst all to help the office achieve its objectives.

4. SM staff who left during Jan-Mar 2024

SM bid farewell to two staff namely Mrs Aruna Somarchand-Office Supervisor and Mrs Sabita Geemul- Principal Statistical Officer. During his speech, the Ag Director pondered on the good work performed by these staff during their years of service at the office. SM wishes them all the very best in their future endeavours.