

## 1. Study Tour in Oslo, Norway under the EU-Funded PAS II projects (Statistical Business Register component)

Following the African's National Statistics Offices' interest in receiving support within the area of administrative data sources for compiling statistics in the scope of social statistics, the EU-funded PAS 2 Project Organising Committee earmarked three countries namely Mauritius, Namibia and Senegal where technical assistance and sharing of expertise could be considered. The overall goal being to enhance and reinforce development of Statistical Business Registers in African National Statistics Offices.

Based on this cooperation in statistics, Statistics Norway organised a Study Tour in Oslo from 21-24 May 2024 with participants from the earmarked countries and also from Finland and Denmark. The Ag. Director participated in this visit together with two officers from the Statistical Business Register Unit.

The study visit had as aim to share the Norwegian experiences in establishing their Business Register and in using administrative data and also performing quality controls for the Statistical Business Register.



A study visit under this project is also scheduled for November 2024 and it will be hosted by Statistics Mauritius.

## 2. Study visit of participants from SANOI, 29 May 2024.

FAO is implementing the STAT SANOI project "Establishment of a network of information systems on agriculture and food and nutrition security in the

Indian Ocean islands. In this context, SM welcomed on 29 May 2024, seven officers of the SANOI team and seven participants from Madagascar, Seychelles and the Comoros.



The aim of their visit was to learn from the experience of Mauritius on the Census of Agriculture as these three countries are currently engaged in preparatory work for the Census.

A presentation was made which covered the following: preparation of questionnaires, sampling, budget and financing, collection, processing tools and dissemination methods. Participants had the opportunity to interact with SM officers from the Agriculture Unit and Census of Agriculture team.

## 3. World Safety and Health Day at SM



In the context of the World Day for Safety and Health at work, Statistics Mauritius in collaboration with the Non-Communicable Disease Division of the Ministry of Health and Wellness organised a free medical screening exercise for its staff on 15 and 16 April 2024. This exercise comprised of Blood tests, Eye test, Weighing and scaling and special screening for female staff aged 25 years and above. Some 150 SM staff participated in this medical screening exercise.

#### 4. Study Visit of Students from Loretto Rose-Hill College

A group of 24 Grade 12 students from Loretto Rose-Hill College who had taken Mathematics as main subject were on an educational visit at SM on 14 June 2024. The main aim of this visit was to enrich the students' knowledge and prepare them for their upcoming module on Statistics.

After a warm welcome and short introduction of the office by the Ag. Director and AMHR, they were directed to the Labour, CPI, Living Conditions Survey and Dissemination units respectively. During their tour, they were briefed on the various works carried out in those units.

They left SM, carrying a rich bag of knowledge about the running of a Statistics Office as well as the application of statistics in the day-to-day life which shall benefit them in choosing their future career.



#### 5. Training on CMPHS data analysis using STATA

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) conducted a 5-day training on CMPHS data analysis using STATA from 3 to 7 June at Statistics Mauritius (SM). The objective of the training was to derive key labour statistics using the STATA software, in particular, Status of Employment, informality. Ms. Maria Payet, Senior Statistician/ Statistics Specialist of ILO, provided the training to some 14 Officers from SM.



The following topics were covered during the training:

- 19th ICLS: Defining and measuring key labour market indicators
- Overview of labour market statistics ICLS (19th & 20th ICLS)
- Deriving key LFS variables with STATA (19th & 20th ICLS)
- Measuring informality-Concepts and measurement of informality and deriving informality with STATA
- Classification of Youth and youth labour market indicators and deriving youth labour market variables with STATA
- Interpretation of labour market indicators
- LFS Report-Prepare key outcome tables with key labour market indicators

#### 6. SM Staff who left during Apr-Jun 2024

Mrs Pranita Bhoobeechun, Confidential Secretary, retired from the service on 03 April 2024. SM conveys its thanks to the retiree for her years of dedicated service to the Department and wishes her all the very best in her future endeavours.