

1. Award Certificate ceremony for trainees i.c.w the Training Course in Advanced Statistics and Fundamentals of Data Analytics on 4 October 2024

Under the training agreement between SM and the University of Mauritius, two training courses were organised during the year financial year 2023/2024.

A one-year Training in Advanced Statistics for 38 Officers in the grade of Statistical Officers/Senior Statistical Officers (SO/SSO) which started in July 2023 lasted till June 2024; 50 Officers in the grade of Statistician/Senior Statistician and SO/SSO attended a short training course in the Fundamentals of Data Analytics from October 2023 to March 2024.

An Award Certificate ceremony was held at the University of Mauritius on 4 October 2024 for all staff who had successfully completed the two training courses. The Chief Guest was Professor Sanjeev Kumar Sobhee, Vice Chancellor University of Mauritius



2. Study Visit at Statistics Mauritius under the EU-Funded PAS II projects (Statistical Business Register component)

To address the interest expressed by African National Statistics Offices in utilizing administrative data sources for social and economic statistics, the EU-funded PAS 2 Project Organising Committee identified Mauritius, Namibia, and Senegal as focus countries for technical assistance and expertise sharing. This initiative aims to strengthen the development and enhancement of Statistical Business Registers (SBRs) within African National Statistics Offices.

As part of this collaborative effort, Statistics Mauritius hosted a study visit from 26 to 29 November 2024, bringing together participants from the National Statistical Offices of Norway, Finland, Denmark, Namibia, and Senegal.

The study visit served as a platform to exchange knowledge and best practices on developing and maintaining Business Registers using administrative data sources. It also

highlighted methodologies for conducting SBR improvement surveys to ensure accurate and up-to-date records in the Statistical Business Register.



3. SADC Regional Validation Workshop on SADC Multidimensional Poverty Index

SADC, in collaboration with international experts and Member States, is developing a harmonised Multidimensional Poverty index to assess and monitor poverty level in the SADC region. The SADC MPI is based on Alkire-Foster (AF) Method as put forward by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), but using a different set of dimensions and indicators that are more relevant to assess poverty in the SADC region.

In this context, Statistics Mauritius attended a validation workshop organised, among SADC Member States from 10-13 December in Zambia, to discuss the MPI methodology, particularly the relevance of the dimensions and indicators, as well as to assess data availability. In addition, Member States had the opportunity to present their poverty indicators and the challenges in data compilation, and to express their needs for Technical Assistance to produce the statistics.

4. Support to the Electoral Commissioner's Office for the determination of Best losers for the November 2024 Elections

In accordance with Regulations 51 and 52 of the National Assembly Elections Regulations 2014, the Electoral Commissioner examined the returns submitted by the Returning Officers following the National Assembly Elections held on Sunday, 10 November 2024. The examination aimed to determine the unreturned candidates eligible for seat allocation under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule of the Constitution.

The examination process was conducted on Tuesday, 12 November 2024. Upon identifying the unreturned candidates entitled to additional seats, the Electoral Commissioner submitted a report of his findings to the Electoral Supervisory Commission at 19:00 on the same day.

Mr. M. Dawoonauth, Acting Director of Statistics, and Mr. K. Nardeosingh, Temporary Principal Statistical Officer, assisted the Electoral Commissioner in carrying out the duties assigned to him.