

## 1. SADC Missions at SM

As part of SADC implementation plan guided by the Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics (RSDS 2020-2030) and upon request made by SM, in September 2023, to the SADC Secretariat to modernise its business operations, several missions were carried out namely for:

### i) Review of National Accounts (NA) Statistics (6-10 Jan 2025)

The SADC Secretariat conducted a review mission from 6 to 10 January 2025 to assess the methodological soundness of NA statistics compiled by SM. Mr Bernd Struck, International Consultant in NA, was responsible to carry out the assessment.

The overall aim of undertaking such data quality assessment is to foster the adoption of international statistical standards and practices that will facilitate the production and dissemination of harmonized statistics to support development agendas. Meetings were organised with all Statisticians involved in the compilation of National Accounts and Census of Economic Activities.

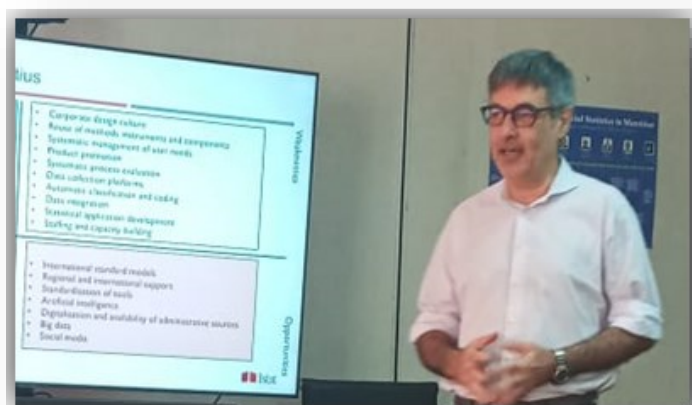
Overall, the mission reviewed the status of the National Accounts compilation in Mauritius, its scope and institutional setting, its resources, its interaction with main users and the country's statistical system which National Accounts are based on.

To conclude, the mission commended SM for being *"a very open and transparent institution"* with a commitment to serving the public through the release of up-to-date and skillfully written indicators and reports. SM was also praised for its successful application of the recommendations of the 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA 2008) and the quality of the methods and concepts used in the compilation of its National Accounts estimates. The mission recommended that in the future, SM considers the implementation of SNA 2025 and expands its statistical database through the dissemination of satellite accounts.

### ii) Assessment of the organizational and managerial model of SM office by applying the UNECE Generic Statistical Business Process Mechanism (GSBPM)

The GSBPM is an international standard that can be used to describe statistics production in a general and process-oriented way and also to document any kind of statistical processes, from the more traditional

surveys to the administrative data to new data sources like Big Data. It can also help to compare and benchmark processes within and between organisations and can assist in taking better decisions on production systems of Statistics (Istat) was recruited by SADC Secretariat to undertake an assessment of the organizational and managerial model of SM by applying the UNECE GSBPM.



Mr Sindoni fielded two missions at SM:

#### ♦ 1st mission: 13-17 January 2025.

The main objective was to focus on understanding the organizational structure and operation dynamics of SM. Interviews with all units within each division were conducted including engagement strategies, the nature of their data users, challenges faced and the methodologies used for data validation and dissemination, thus providing a comprehensive overview of the operational framework within SM.

In alignment with the Generic Activity Model for Statistical Organizations (GAMSO), Mr Sindoni assessed how well the current practices support the systematic collection, processing and dissemination of statistical data while ensuring that it is also aligned with SM's strategic goals of modernization and improved operational effectiveness.

#### ♦ 2<sup>nd</sup> mission: 17-21 Feb 2025

The goal of the second mission was to apply the UNECE GSBPM to the CMPHS and CPI production process.

The main recommendations were:

- \* SM to apply the GSBPM as a model to design a training framework and a standard terminology to design skills through measurement of operational costs and systems performance;
- \* Establish new units to focus on methodology, data collection and communication;
- \* Systematic management of user needs and robust promotion strategies through social media to improve the visibility and utilization of official statistics;
- \* Encourage continuous feedback from data users to enhance the relevance and quality of the information produced to foster a more informed society;
- \* Align the Statistics Act with the modernization strategy of SM;
- \* All units should prepare their work processes based on the GSBPM;
- \* Improve/develop new data collection applications and harmonize the data collection platforms.

## 2. Study Tours at Statistics Mauritius (SM)

### i) National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) Seychelles



Statistics Mauritius welcomed a delegation comprising a team of four officers from Seychelles for a study tour from 3 to 7 February 2025. The primary aim of the tour was to understand the processes that SM is engaged in the implementation of the 2023 Census of Economic Activities (CEA). All the stages involved in CEA 2023 were demonstrated to the delegates as well as technical meetings organised with the other relevant units (Cartography and Statistical Business Register).

The knowledge gained during the study tour will help the delegates in implementing the 2026 Economic Census in Seychelles.

### ii) Zambia Statistics Agency (Zamstats)

Statistics Mauritius (SM) welcomed four delegates from the Zambia National Statistical Office for a study tour from 24 to 28 February 2025. The main objectives were to enhance knowledge and understanding of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES) 2013 and learn from Mauritius' experiences, including challenges and best practices in implementing the FDES 2013.



Mr L. Dindoyal from the Environment Statistics Unit facilitated the study tour through a set of presentations, discussion sessions and sharing of relevant materials. At the end of the study tour, the Zambian delegates expressed their satisfaction for the knowledge transfer and were confident to apply same in their country.

## 3. SM Staff who retired during Jan-Mar 2025

Mr Anand Kumar BEEKAREE, Receptionist/Telephone Operator who joined SM in 2011 retired from service on 01 March 2025. SM conveys its thanks to the retiree for his years of dedicated service to the Department and wishes him a happy retirement!

