

1. Team Building Activity

Recognising the importance of team building in fostering a positive, collaborative, and healthy work environment, SM organised a Team Building Activity on 21 May 2025 at Valle Advenature Park in Chamouny. The event aimed to strengthen the bonds of trust and camaraderie among staff members, while reinforcing their connection to the organisation as a whole.



In preparation for the event, each SM staff received a cap and a polo shirt to be worn on that day. A variety of engaging activities were organised, offering all staff the opportunity to actively participate and interact with each other.

A total of 186 SM staff members attended the event, contributing to its success and further reinforcing the spirit of unity within the organisation.

2. Assessment Mission to review the ECOBUSAF and SOCSTAF projects

ECOBUSAF and SOCSTAF are two components of the EU-funded Pan African Statistics II (PASII) project, launched in 2022, to support National statistical offices across the African union in various statistical domains. The PASII-ECOBUSAF project on economic statistics is coordinated by INSEE, the French national statistical institute, while the PASII-SOCSTAF project on social statistics is coordinated by Statistics Denmark. Since the project's inception, SM has been actively participating in a range of activities, including study visits, workshops and online courses.

Mrs Dominique Francoz, Coordinator of the European programme PAS2 ECOBUSAF from INSEE and Mr Klaus Munch Haagenen, SOCSTAF Project Coordinator from Statistics Denmark conducted a three-day evaluation mission at SM from 04 to 06 June 2025. These visits aimed to provide a qualitative assessment of the projects, gauge their value to the African Union statistical institutes, and explore opportunities for future cooperation.

During this mission, meetings and discussions were conducted with various officers involved in these projects through study visits, overseas workshops, and online trainings to assess the knowledge acquired, review implementation progress, and identify areas for future improvement and collaboration.

Some recommendations made:

- Facilitate peer-to-peer and South-South learning through structured funding and expert pools
- Track training outcomes and progress through technical assistance follow-ups
- Adopt hybrid models with clear incentives, assessments and follow-ups
- Combine online theoretical modules with face-to-face practical sessions
- Collaborate with international organisations such as IMF
- Facilitate training of trainers for regional capacity building
- Maintain long-term software support and adaptability

3. Data Report on the Observance of Standards and Codes (ROSC) Mission for Mauritius

The IMF is presently working on a ROSC assessment for Mauritius, which is expected to be completed by end-2025. It will review statistical laws and assess the extent to which the statistical institutions are compliant with international statistical standards and codes, as well as review the structure and governance of Statistics Mauritius, skills, data systems, and business processes.

All dimensions will be assessed, including the Legal and Institutional Environment as well as the Assurances of Integrity of the institutions and the Methodological Soundness, Accuracy, Reliability, Serviceability and Accessibility of the statistics disseminated.

The ROSC assessment mission which virtually started in April 2025, will cover the following topics: National Accounts, Consumer Price Statistics, Producer Price Statistics and Government Finance Statistics which are compiled by Statistics Mauritius. Other topics to be covered include the BOP-IIP, External Debt Statistics, Monetary and Financial Statistics and Public Debt Statistics compiled by the Bank of Mauritius and the Ministry of Finance.

4. SM Staff who retired during April-June 2025

SM extends its sincere appreciation to the following retirees for their many years of dedicated service to the Department. Their commitment and contributions have been greatly valued, and we wish them every success and happiness in their future endeavours.

- Ms Salima Banon NUNHUCK, Statistician/Senior Statistician retired on 29 May 2025 and
- Mrs Nasreen JOOMUN, Principal Statistical Officer, retired on 02 June 2025.

