

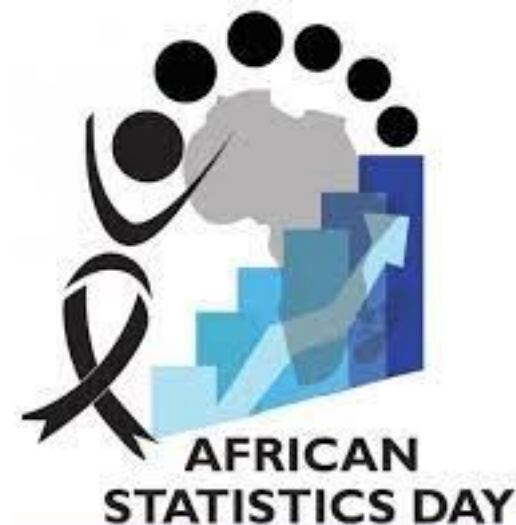


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***"Modernizing data ecosystems to accelerate the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): the role of official statistics and big data in the economic transformation and sustainable development of Africa"***

**The Ravenala Attitude Hotel, BalACLava**

**20 November 2023**



## Programme

**8.30 – 9.00:** Arrival morning Tea/Coffee

**9.00 – 9.30:** Registration of participants

- 9.30 – 10.10:**
- Welcome Address by *Mr Mukesh Dawoonauth, Ag Director of Statistics*
  - Address by *Mr J.E. Charles Cartier, Chairperson of Statistics Board*
  - Address by *the Honourable Maneesh Gobin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration & International Trade*
  - Opening speech by *Dr the Honourable Renganaden Padayachy, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development*

**10.10 – 10.45:** Mid-morning Tea/Coffee break



**10:45 - 11:00** Presentation on "Implementation of AfCFTA Agreement and availability of statistics on trade issues and investment" by Mr Danandjay Luximon, Deputy Director, Trade Policy, International Trade Division

**11:00 - 11:15** Presentation on "Mauritius Africa Strategy" by Mr Janesh Dookan, Manager, Economic Development Board

**11:15 - 11:30** Presentation on "Trade in Services" by Mr Satish Singh Jugoo, Chief, Statistics Division, Bank of Mauritius

**11:30 - 11:45** Presentation on "Merchandise Trade Statistics" by Mrs Bibi Rooksana Moraby, Deputy Director, Statistics Mauritius

**11:45 - 12:30:** **Questions and Answers**  
*Closing Remarks by Ag. Director of Statistics*

**12:30 - 13:30** Lunch