

# **SPEECH BY THE DIRECTOR OF STATISTICS**

*WORLD STATISTICS DAY 2025*

**Theme: Quality Statistics And Data For Everyone**

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**Distinguished Guests, Esteemed Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Good morning.

It is with great honour and pride that I stand before you, today, to commemorate the **World Statistics Day 2025**, a day that underscores the pivotal role of statistics in shaping informed decisions, fostering transparency, and driving sustainable development.

This year's theme, "**Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone**," resonates deeply with our mission at **Statistics Mauritius**. In an era marked by rapid technological change, digital transformation, and unprecedented data flows, the demand for accurate, reliable, and accessible statistical information has never been greater.

## **Celebrating Our Achievements**

This year marks our 80 years of existence. Our commitment to producing accurate and timely data has been instrumental in guiding national policies and strategies.

Moreover, our efforts have been recognized globally. Mauritius continues to perform well in various international indices, reflecting the robustness of our data systems and the trust placed in our statistical outputs.

## **The Importance of Quality Statistics**

Quality statistics form the backbone of evidence-based decision-making. Governments rely on them to design effective policies, allocate resources efficiently, and monitor progress towards sustainable development goals. In Mauritius, our statistical data informs decisions across sectors - from education to infrastructure and environmental management.

But quality statistics are not just about numbers. They represent the painstaking work of our Statisticians committed to ensure that data is not only accurate but also accessible and understandable to all. This involves continuous efforts to improve data literacy among the public and to present information in formats that are user-friendly and engaging.

## **Challenges and the Path Forward**

While we have made commendable progress, challenges still remain. Data gaps, disparities in data literacy, and the rapid pace of technological change require us to adapt and innovate continually, across all sectors and disciplines.

Today, as we celebrate our achievements, let us also renew our commitment to:

- Enhancing the quality of statistical systems through modern methodologies and technology;
- Expanding access to data by making it open, user-friendly, and understandable to all segments of society;
- Building capacity for data literacy, so everyone can engage with and benefit from statistics;
- Upholding the highest standards of data ethics and privacy protection.

## **A Call to Action**

On this World Statistics Day, I call upon all stakeholders - governments, international organizations, academia, the private sector, civil society and citizens - to work together towards a future where quality data drives progress for all.

In conclusion, let us reaffirm our commitment to the principles of quality, accessibility, and inclusivity in statistics. By doing so, we ensure that data serves not just as numbers but as a powerful tool for positive change. Together, let us harness the power of statistics to build a better, more informed, and equitable world.

**Wish you all a Happy World Statistics Day 2025!**