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on the Launch of MauStats platform

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Dr. The Honourable Avinash Ramtohul, Minister of Information, Technology, Communication and Innovation

Honourable Dhaneshwar Damry, Junior Minister of Finance

Mr. Mukesh Dawoonauth, Acting Director of Statistics Mauritius

Distinguished Guests from the Public and Private sectors

Partners from NGOs

Members of the press

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a privilege to address you today on the occasion of World Statistics Day, as we celebrate the launch of the Mauritius Statistics Modernisation Platform (MauStats)—a milestone in our collective pursuit of quality, timely and accessible data for all.

This initiative, supported by the UNDP Country Office, reflects our shared commitment to digital transformation and inclusive development. MauStats is more than a technological upgrade—it is a strategic investment in governance, innovation, and transparency. The platform now serves as the definitive central repository for statistical data, enhancing service delivery, ensuring data security, and aligning with the Government's Digital Strategy. Today, we celebrate the successful completion of Phase 1, which has built the foundational pillars of this modern statistical system.

The ideation of this project took place during the Covid 19 Pandemic. Our journey began in 2021 with the development of the Statistics Mauritius e-Business Plan. Phase 1 of MauStats, launched in May 2023, was made possible through a cost-sharing agreement with UNDP complementing Government's investment. This partnership exemplifies national ownership and a unified vision.

The achievements are truly impressive. The core modules for data acquisition, storage, analysis, and visualization are now fully developed and deployed. A monumental data migration effort has also been completed, integrating critical national datasets into one central hub. This includes:

- The Statistical Business Register, with data on nearly 368,500 enterprises.

- Data from both the 2011 and 2022 Housing and Population Censuses.
- An additional 29 statistical datasets, comprising over 1.1 million data points.
- Comprehensive security audit of the platform.

The MauStats Platform is a transformative tool for Mauritius' statistical ecosystem, empowering users with self-service analytics, dynamic dashboards, and customizable visualizations. With robust security, GIS integration, and role-based access, it supports evidence-based decision-making and aligns with e-Governance principles. However, the success of MauStats—or any IT system—depends not only on advanced technology, but also on strong leadership, active user engagement, and alignment with national priorities. Its true impact lies in how effectively it integrates into workflows, builds user capacity, and drives data-driven governance through reliable infrastructure and sustained collaboration.

Crucially, this project was not just about technology. It was about people. A comprehensive capacity-building program within the project empowered over 80 staff members from Statistics Mauritius with the skills to manage and utilize this powerful new platform, ensuring its long-term sustainability. This investment in human capital is at the heart of UNDP's development philosophy.

With this strong foundation, we look to the future with great optimism. Looking ahead, I am informed that Phase 2 will introduce a dedicated SDG module to monitor progress at national and sub-national levels, alongside automation of economic indicators and AI-driven coding thus positioning Mauritius as a leader in statistical innovation.

This project embodies UNDP's global commitment to leveraging digitalization for sustainable development. We will continue to be a steadfast partner to Mauritius, supporting its ambitions to build an inclusive, resilient, and forward-looking digital society.

In closing, I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Government of Mauritius, and the entire team at Statistics Mauritius for their vision, leadership, and tireless dedication. The MauStats platform is a national asset that will serve Mauritius for years to come. Let us continue to work together, harnessing the power of data and technology to build a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable future for all.

Thank you.