Leadership, partnership, communication and dialogue

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Background information

1.3 Mn Population

Upper middle income country

High human development country
National Statistical System

University of Mauritius (UoM),
Mauritius Research Council (MRC),
Bank of Mauritius (BoM)

Households, Enterprises, Government departments, Other agencies, Local authorities

Ministry of Health & Quality of Life, Rodrigues Regional Assembly

Central and local Government Private sector, media, citizens, Research and training institutions

Producers

Suppliers

NSO

Research & Training Centres

UoM, MRC, BoM

Users
National Statistical System

- Established national statistical system
  - Statistics Board approves, coordinates and monitors all statistical programs
  - Statistics Mauritius (SM) is the central statistical authority and depository of all official statistics produced
Legal Framework

• Statistics Act 2011
  - SM operates under the Statistics Act for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics
Statistics Mauritius

- A department under the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

- Centralised system with statistics units in various line ministries staffed by SM officers.

- Work in synchronized way with policy makers taking into consideration the national priorities

- At the centre of all policy decisions
Quality statistics

- Customer Charter for quality management

- International standards, concepts, definitions and classifications are applied across the NSS
  - Consistency
  - International comparison
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
SDGs - National monitoring

- Strategic Policy and Planning Department
  - Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
  - Responsible for national monitoring of SDG progress as well as reporting to UN

Note: SDGs and Agenda 2063 are incorporated in our national agenda – e.g. VISION 2030
SDGs - National statistics

- SM is leading the development of the 229 indicators

- AIM – To construct a central database of ALL SDG Indicators for all users

- A Committee on SDGs has been set up in 2016 to work on the indicators
Committee on SDGs

- Ministries
- Co-opted members
- Committee on SDGs at SM
- Central Bank
- Academia
Partnership – Strengthen our data sharing network

- SDG Awareness workshop conducted in 2016
  - All line ministries, academia, private sector, NGOs, and media were convened
  - **AIM:** To make all people acquainted with the objectives of SDGs & our national commitment to report on SDG progress
  - To bring on board all relevant stakeholders
Partnership/ Communication/ Dialogue

- Meetings at Committee level - major stakeholders

- Hold bilateral meetings & working sessions in various departments
Partnership – Strengthen our data sharing network

Objective of the working sessions

- To leverage on existing administrative data
- To take on board new data needs in our surveys
- To thrash out inconsistencies in data
Partnership – Strengthen our data sharing network

- SM (in the leading role) is also giving assistance to private sectors (emerging stakeholders)

Some examples:
- Occupational Safety & Health
- Mauritius Tourism Authority – Sustainable tourism

- Take on board new data needs of various sectors in our surveys – to the extent possible
SDG statistics

➢ A first SDG dataset is already released on our website

60% of data availability

(incl. proxy indicators)
SM – Our main data sources

- Housing and Population Census
- Household surveys
- Establishment surveys
- Administrative data – Birth and death registrations at Civil Status Office, Data on pensions from Ministry of Social Security, etc.
SDG statistics – our concern

- 40% data not available

**Why??**

- Data constraints
  - Data gaps
  - Out-dated data
  - Data not relevant
  - Lack of expertise in emerging data needs
Issues and Challenges ..... Drifting away from traditional data sources

- Reliability of data sources in terms of:
  - Coverage
  - Periodicity
  - Timeliness
Issues and Challenges

- What more is important ???

- Budget ???
  - New data collection e.g. conduct surveys
  - Obtain updated geospatial data
  - Technical assistance
  - Holding validation workshop, etc
Way forward

For reporting at national & international levels

To come up with data sets that are

- Relevant
- Accurate
- Reliable
- Timely
- Consistent over time

& based on international standards
Way forward

✓ Hold more discussion sessions with concerned stakeholders / subject matter specialist
  • Review and optimise on existing administrative data sources
  • Update existing templates by including new parameters to cater for new challenges in our Ministries

Administrative data are valuable asset V/S conducting new surveys
Way forward

- Prioritise – identify new data needs and where expertise is required

- Set targets with respect to our national agenda – for smooth monitoring

- Take on board on new data needs in our surveys (e.g. 2018 Living Condition Survey)

- Use of geospatial data – to ensure better data quality
Way forward

➢ More innovative

Open Data Platform – Africa Information Highway

Better data dissemination tool

Allows data sharing
Thank you