



World Statistics Day, 20.10.2010 Essay competition

On 20 October 2010, the World will celebrate the first **World Statistics Day**, to raise awareness of the many of official statistics premised on the core values of service, integrity and professionalism. As part of the celebration, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) is organising an essay competition, open to all Mauritians and foreigners studying in Mauritius, on the following subject: *“Statistics at the Service of the Nation”*.

2. The competition is open to two groups:
 - (i) Group 1: Secondary school students above Form V or equivalent and
 - (ii) Group 2: Tertiary full time students
3. Participants must prepare and submit one written essay, in English language, in order to take part in the competition. Only one entry will be accepted per participant. Only original papers will be considered. Any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification of the submission.
4. Guidelines
 - 4.1 Each submission shall contain the following sections:
 - (i) Cover Page (The title of the document shall feature on the external cover)
 - (ii) List of References (if any; shall include all cited texts throughout the document)
 - (iii) List of abbreviations (if any)
 - 4.2 Essays will be in the range of 1,800 – 2,000 words including footnotes.
 - 4.3 Essays must be typed/printed on A4 paper with margins of 1 inch on top, bottom and both sides. Font shall be Times New Roman and of size 12. Double line spacing will be used. Page numbers must be inserted.
 - 4.4 Tables and illustrations including charts, if any, must appear as annexes.
 - 4.5 Participation Forms are available at the Central Statistics Office or may downloaded from the website of the Central Statistics office at the following address: <http://statsmauritius.gov.mu>
 - 4.6 Participants should insert their names on the Participation Form only and NOT in any part of the essay.
 - 4.7 Essays together with participation forms duly filled in must be submitted to the Central Statistics Office in sealed envelopes marked “CSO National Essay Competition” by Tuesday 31 August 2010 at 14:00 hrs, at the following address:
Central Statistics Office
LIC Centre
John Kennedy Street
PORT LOUIS
 - 4.8 Essays will be judged by a Committee to be set up by CSO and made up of subject matter experts.

- 4.9 The Committee's deliberation will be confidential and its decisions will be final. No appeal will be made against its decisions.
- 4.10 The winners will be informed in writing.
- 4.11 Cash prizes of MUR 20,000 and MUR 25,000 will be awarded to the winners of Group 1 and Group 2 respectively during a function to be organized by CSO to celebrate the World Statistics Day.
- 4.12 The prize winners will have their submissions published on the CSO's website.. The award-winning essays will become the property of the CSO.

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