



**World Statistics Day
20.10.2010**

The Westin Dragonara Resort, St. Julian's

Programme

- 08:30 Registration/Coffee
- 09:00 World Statistics Day 2010 - Introduction and Opening Speech by Mr Reno Camilleri, Chairman, Malta Statistics Authority
- 09:15 Malta's statistical institution within a historical perspective - Mr Michael Pace Ross, Director General, National Statistics Office
- 09:30 **First session: 'The role of statistics in social and economic development'**
Chair - Mr Reno Camilleri
- Demographic and social data in pensions reform - Mr David Spiteri Gingell
- The role of statistical indicators in the planning and monitoring of a viable tourism strategy - Mr Josef Formosa Gauci
- Statistics: from a national to an international platform - Dr Caroline Willeke, European Central Bank
- Discussion
- 10:40 Coffee break

- 11:00 The research road we make: statistics for the uninitiated – Presentation on a forthcoming book - Dr Saviour Formosa
- 11:10 **Second session: ‘Accuracy versus timeliness: the perennial dichotomy’**
Chair - Mr Michael Pace Ross
- Statistics from the viewpoint of academia - Dr Gordon Cordina
- The interaction of statistics with trade and investment policy - Mr Mario Galea
- Making statistics useful: a utilitarian perspective - Mr Karm Farrugia
- Timeliness and accuracy in official statistics - Mr Michail Skaliotis, Eurostat
- Discussion
- 12:15 Official statistics in the formulation of economic and social policy - Mr Alfred Camilleri, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Investment
- 12:35 Concluding speech by the Hon. Robert Arrigo, MP, Parliamentary Assistant in the Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Investment