Global Value Chains & Privately-held Data

Vision and next steps
Towards a community of practice

Data Access Sprint: Session 4

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Towards a **Community** of practice

- **What are its goals?**
  - Link countries and organizations with a common interest
  - Design new approaches and strategies together
  - Reach out to partners and stakeholders
Towards a **Community** of practice

- **How do we organize it?**
  - Create multidisciplinary teams
  - Work on concrete use cases
  - Use four generic pillars
Towards a **Community** of practice

- **How do we work?**
  - Learn while doing (‘agile’)
  - Apply existing assets
  - Use the power of the community
Lots of assets already in place – no need to start from scratch

- UN Manuals and guidelines on Global Value Chains (GVCs), International Trade in Goods and Services, Principal Indicators for Business and Trade Statistics, etc.

- E-learning on, e.g., Statistical Business Registers (UN), International Trade in Goods and Services, Big Data, Privacy-preserving Techniques, etc.

- Global group register of MNEs (top 500)

- COMTRADE database on International Trade in Goods and Services
UN Community of Experts on Big Data

(side note: link with UN–CEBD)

Working to adequately address methodology, quality, technology, data access, legislation, privacy, management, and finance, and provide adequate cost-benefit analyses on the use of Big Data in Official Statistics.
Lots of assets already in place – no need to start from scratch

• In-depth reviews on national experiences with access to Privately-held Data

• Principles of Access to Privately-held Data (expert groups of European Commission, task forces of European Statistical System)

• Corporate sustainability reporting principles (UN Global Compact)

• PETlabs and Github repositories
The expert group recommends the promotion and recognition of data stewards as well as the development of digital skills and capacity building in order to create a data-sharing culture that cuts across the private and public sectors and fosters the principle of reciprocity.
UN Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Stats

(side note: link with UN CEBTD)

A broad approach to business statistics, in the compilation of which the integration with international trade is fundamental.

Therefore, the inclusion of international trade in the name and the mandate of the Committee is to advance and promote the integration of business and trade statistics.
Matrix for GVC use cases and data access pillars

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Use cases

- Horticulture (in partnership with, e.g., Floridata)
- Semiconductor (in partnership with, e.g., ASML)
- E-commerce (in partnership with, e.g., UNCTAD)
- Others such as retail or tourism (?)
- ... to be followed up with more use cases in the future, based on interest and experience
Actions related to user needs

- Identify key users of statistical information on GVCs
- Determine main questions
- Prioritize based on feasibility and relevance
- Transform questions into new and improved statistics
Actions related to principles

- Test existing sets of principles to industry-specific use cases
- Draft global principles on access to privately-held data
- Communicate principles to stakeholders
Actions related to methods (from economic statistics’ perspective)

• Classification of goods, services, and business functions

• Firm network and governance

• The business model of GVC, including corporate social responsibility

• Statistical profiles on socio-economic and environmental aspects
Actions related to capacity building

- Strengthen business registers from a GVC perspective
- Introduce GVC accounting, business, and trade statistics
- Advance data science techniques
Multifaceted and multidisciplinary collaboration is required

- Access to data for GVCs
- Has many aspects
- Requires many different skills and disciplines
- No off the shelf solutions
- Communication is crucial
Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

Official statistics provide an indispensable element in the information system of a democratic society, serving the government, the economy, and the public with data about the economic, demographic, social, and environmental situation.
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