



Task Team Exhaustive Business Registers

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Progress of work

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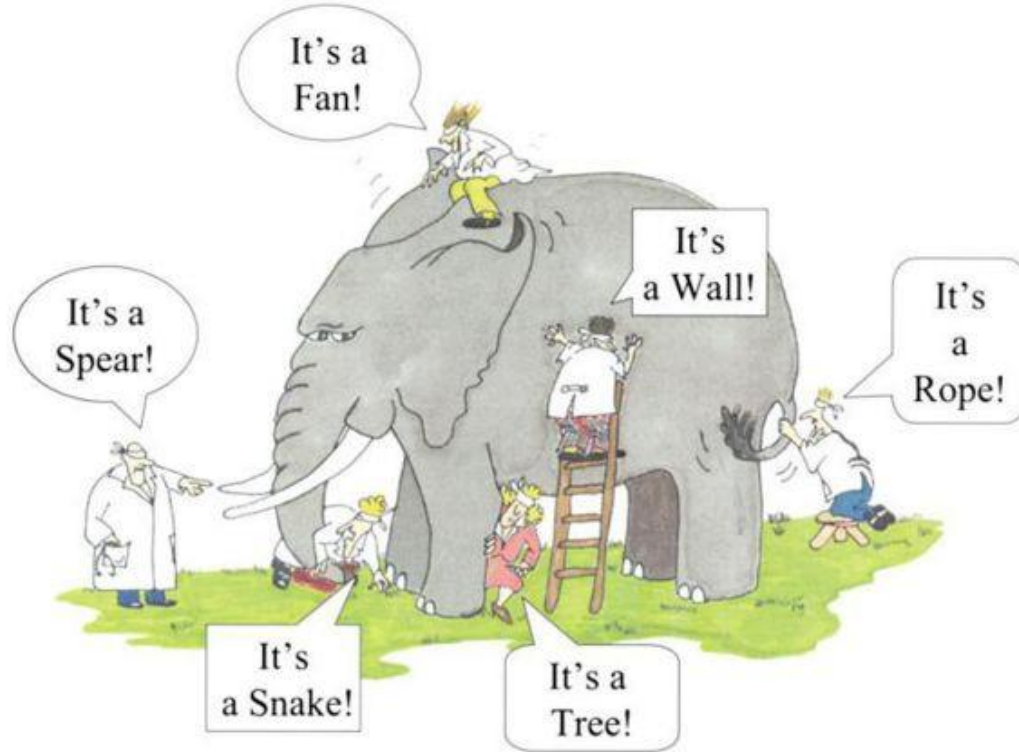
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Areas of work

The Task Team Exhaustive Business Registers will cover various areas of work:

- developing guidance for the Statistical Business Registers to become
 - a) more inclusive and exhaustive in a rapidly changing economy; and
 - b) better tailored to statistical production
- providing advice and guidance to UNSD related to new global collections of business statistics (MNE data)
- providing advice and guidance to UNSD related to the development and maintenance of a global enterprise group register

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- First of all: coverage of units
- Meets basic requirements for a Statistical Business Register (SBR)
 - Core content needs to be defined
 - A unit with economic activity needs to be included
 - Roles of the SBR
- 'Exhaustive' should be feasible for all, but may differ depending on the stage of maturity of the SBR
- Must be able to stand the test of time

Deliverables and timing

- Global exploration of topics to cover by Task Team **Q1 – 2019**
- Refined work plan **Q2 – 2019**
- **Strategic view on exhaustive business registers **Q3 – 2019****
 - identification of different challenges across countries depending on the stage of maturity of Statistical Business Registers
 - strategic role of Statistical Business Registers with respect to emerging economic activities
- Gap analysis Task Team topics **Q1 – 2020**
- Guidance reports on Task Team topics **Q4 – 2020**

Ideas / issues collected



Identification of different challenges across countries depending on the stage of maturity of SBR

- Level of maturity is important
 - Matrix maturity level vs core variables per level
 - Align with design of global assessment questionnaire
- Detection of and access to usable (administrative) sources
- Unique (national) identification of a legal unit
- Maintenance issues, like updating the structure of an enterprise in the SBR or updating the NACE / ISIC code in the SBR
- How to deal with the informal sector / survey to detect units
- Technology best practices
- Geo referencing



Strategic role of Statistical Business Registers with respect to emerging economic activities

- Understanding new business models
- Develop view on Statistical Unit and classifications with respect to globalization, digitalization and other phenomena
 - Business functions / business lines
- Learning from development of EGR and European profiling
- Linking to other (administrative) sources
- Dealing with restructuring of MNEs
- Global Group Register



Points for attention

- Possible overlap with other Task Teams
 - regular alignment is needed
- Coordinated global assessment
- Alignment with other ongoing initiatives
 - the Wiesbaden group on Business Registers
 - the Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistic
 - Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts

Session 5 Exhaustive Business Registers

Wednesday 12 June

15:45 – 17:30

Thursday 13 June

9:30 – 10:45



Wednesday 12 June

- **Towards a more flexible ABS Business Register**
Ms. Luisa Ryan, ABS
- **Integration of European data about globalization into the French Statistical Business Register**
Ms. Pierrette Schuhl, INSEE France
- **Scale-ups in the Nordics – micro data linking**
Ms. Cecilia Hertzman, Statistics Sweden
- **Linking statistical registers to derive new statistics**
Mr. Hank Hermans, Statistics Netherlands

Thursday 13 June

- **Notification of upcoming IMF forum on informal economy**
Ms. Alicia Hierro, IMF
- **Statistical Business registers in Egypt**
Ms. Ibtessam Salah Aly Mohamed Elnayad, CAPMAS
- **Achieving full coverage of small enterprises in the UK**
Mr. Andrew Allen, ONS UK

Open discussion



Facts that matter