

Regional Course on Statistical Business Registers

Session 12: New developments in SBRs

- Global Initiative on Unique Identifiers for Businesses

Global Initiative on Unique Identifiers

- Intro to Unique Identifiers
- Webinar series/WDF
- GLEIF
- Global Initiative
- Way forward

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Introduction to Unique Identifiers

- Create a unique ID for all units, regardless of type
- Use a non-confidential ID to facilitate statistical processing
- Do not try to use meaningful codes, for example identifying the location, to preserve confidentiality
- Make sure codes are not re-used

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Introduction to Unique Identifiers

- Similarities with established approach to Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and Population Registers/UN Legal Identity Agenda
- Also supported by United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

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UNSD/GLEIF Webinar Series

Webinar series held Oct 2023 – Jan 2024

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/business-stat/Webinar-Unique-BusinessID.cshtml>

- Videos of all 3 webinars available on the site
- Include roundtable discussions with experts
- Country presentations

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Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF)

<https://www.gleif.org/>

- LEI is a global ISO standard
- Over 2.4 million LEIs issued globally
- Data is freely available
- “Bulk issuing” of LEIs to all entities in a country
- Nestle example

<https://search.gleif.org/#/record/KY37LUS27QQX7BB93L28>

- API demo as well:

<https://www.gleif.org/en/lei-data/gleif-api>

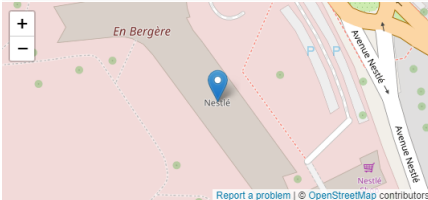


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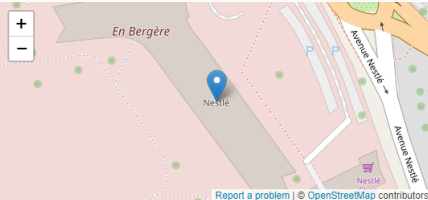
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The UN Statistical Commission, at its last session in March 2023:

- Endorsed the Global Initiative on Unique Identifiers for Businesses which was put forward by the UN Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics (UNCEBTS)
- Encouraged countries and relevant organizations to coordinate their activities in this area in an effort to provide a solid infrastructure for statistical business registers

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Main Objectives of Global Initiative

- To strengthen the transparency on businesses in countries by improving their registration
- To improve the availability of unique business identifiers in administrative data sources in countries
- To promote access to and sharing of administrative data for statistical business registers

In addition, to better understand globalization and for profiling multinationals in their cross border legal ownership structures, it is important to link national unique identifiers with global identifiers so legal entities can be easily identified on a cross-border scale. This will facilitate the establishment and maintenance of global registers containing the legal structure of multinationals.

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Potential Benefits of Global Unique Identifiers

- Able to profile multinational groups, making the work of the large cases units (LCUs) easier
- Reduce asymmetries between countries in international trade and balance of payments statistics
- Development of granular statistics
- Reducing response burden
- Development of global registers

Potential Issues

- Cost
- Lack of awareness

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Next Steps

Advisory Committee being established

- Collaborative platform for countries and international organizations
- Common approach and implementation strategy
- Identify pilot projects for improving SBRs and mapping to global unique identifiers

Global Assessment will be held in 2024

- Plan to develop repository on best practices/case studies
- Seeking your input

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Questions

1. Are you aware of global identifiers at all?
2. Are you aware of the Global Initiative?
3. Do you think using global identifiers would help your SBR/overall statistical production system?

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Thank you!