Session 4: Task team on Statistical Business Registers

Sixth Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics

Introduction

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18-22 September 2023

Task Team on SBRs

In March 2023 the UNSC approved the establishment of a single Task team on SBR to combine the activities of the two previous task teams:

- Task team on Exhaustive Business Registers
- Task team on Capacity Building

New Mandate

- Advance the methodological development of SBRs (especially taking into account evolving user needs and continuous innovation);
- Identify and develop tools to help countries to improve their SBRs, also aiming at leaving no on behind; and
- Share knowledge and country practices

See https://unstats.un.org/UNSDWebsite/statcom/session_54/documents/BG-3f-ToR-TT-SBR-E.pdf

New approach to the TT-SBR meetings

- Advanced meeting schedule

- Advance agenda for the meetings

- Each meeting includes a presentation by a member

- Preparatory meetings between the Chair and Secretariat 2 weeks prior to TT-SBR meetings

- Quick preparation and circulating of the minutes

List of possible topics for the TT-SBR meeting in 2032

Updated on 30 August 2023

This is an initial list of possible topics to discuss at the upcoming meeting of the TT-SBR for discussion with the TT-SBR. Please review and propose changes/additions/ delet... to the list.

Meeting dates	Possible...
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21 June 2023	Follow up ... e integration of geospatial information in SBR (Hank) (≈15 minutes) Review and finalization of the Manual on the Maturity Model for SBRs and self/global assessment (Masahiko) (≈ 30 minutes) Discussion on the impact of the changes from ISIC rev. 5 and NACE 2.1 in the SBR (Jerry) (≈ 30 minutes)
30 August 2023	Data quality management Integration of SBR and trade registers (in coordination with TT-ITS) Finalization of the report on the geospatial integration in SBRs for UNSC Country presentations (TURKEY)
18-21 Sept UNCEBTS meeting	
2-6 Oct Wiesbaden group	
18 Oct 2023	- TBC
29 Nov or 12 Dec	- TBC

Very active discussion!!

Work done so far (some highlights)

- Finalized the Manual on the Maturity Model for Statistical Business Registers
  - An editorial group was established to
    - Review the comments from global consultation
    - Finalize the Self and Global assessment
- Developed the SIAP-ADB-UNSD E-learning course on SBRs
- Discussion on the OECD-UNSD Multinational Enterprise Information Platform (MEIP)

Work done so far (some highlights)

- Discussions on the Global Initiative on Unique Identifiers for Businesses – endorsed by the UNSC in 2023

- Organized a Side Event at the UNSC in 2023 on the Global Initiative on Unique Identifiers for Businesses

Side Event at the UN Statistical Commission

Global Initiative on Unique Identifiers:
An integrated approach to national business registration and use of unique national and global identifiers for businesses

Tuesday, 28 February 2023
8:15 – 9:30 am (Eastern) | UNHQ, CR-4

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- Close cooperation with TT-BDDE and TT-ITS
- Ongoing sharing of country practices

Current areas of work

- Preparing a report on the *Integration of Geospatial Information in the SBR* together with the Expert Group on the Integration of Geospatial and Statistical Information

- Ongoing development of the toolkit and website to support the Maturity Model for SBRs

- Review of the outcome of the global assessment on SBR

- Discussion on implementation issues in SBR with ISIC and NACE

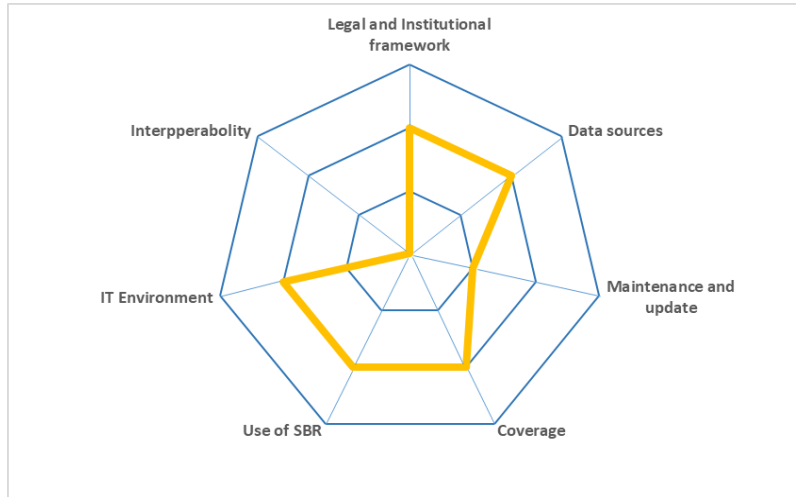- Follow up to global initiative

- Develop e-learning course on Profiling
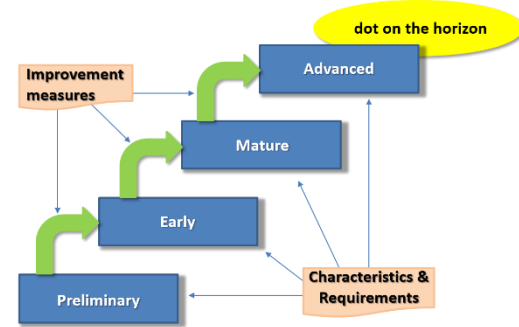
Other areas of work

Other areas of work identified by the TT-SBR for a later stage include the following:

- Use of statistical units or institutional units

- Micro-data linking and SBR

- Guidance on protecting confidentiality when sharing MNE data

- Explore the use of Big Data and other alternative sources for SBR

Self Assessment

- Based on the maturity model
- For each dimension, a set of question to assess the stage of development

Global Assessment on the SBR

- Intended to be regularly conducted to
  - have a global overview of the status of implementation of SBR in counties
  - To identify priority areas for technical assistance and topics for further methodological guidance and future work
- Will be coordinated with the Country Progress Report of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers
- Will also include questions from the self assessment

Some issues

- Frequency of the assessment

- Coordination with the country progress (to avoid response burden!!)

- Use of the responses: only reports at aggregate level? Individual responses made publicly available? etc.
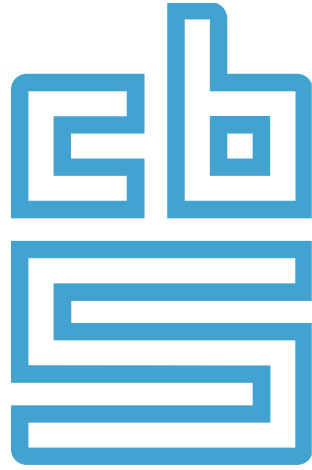
Today's session 5

Session 5: Statistical Business Registers

- *Statistical Business Register in Sri Lanka*, Udayakumary Maheswaran Sri Lanka

- *Statistical Business Registers*, Andrew Baer, IMF

- *Global Initiative on Unique Identifiers for Businesses –* Ilaria Di Matteo, UNSD

- *Recent developments in global identifiers-* Ricco Dun, GLEIF

- Open discussion