



The mandate and governance of the UN Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics

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Vision on the future of business statistics

Local and isolated enterprises



Globally interconnected enterprises



Glocal enterprises (social and environmental responsible firms)

Local firms are not the dominant model in both developed and developing countries

Globalization and digitalization interact in the definition of business models and new jobs

Social and environmental responsible firms are important for sustainable growth in both developed and developing countries

Tools and Methodologies

Key role of the Business register to explore firm heterogeneity

Business registers enriched with international linkages and profiling of key economic units

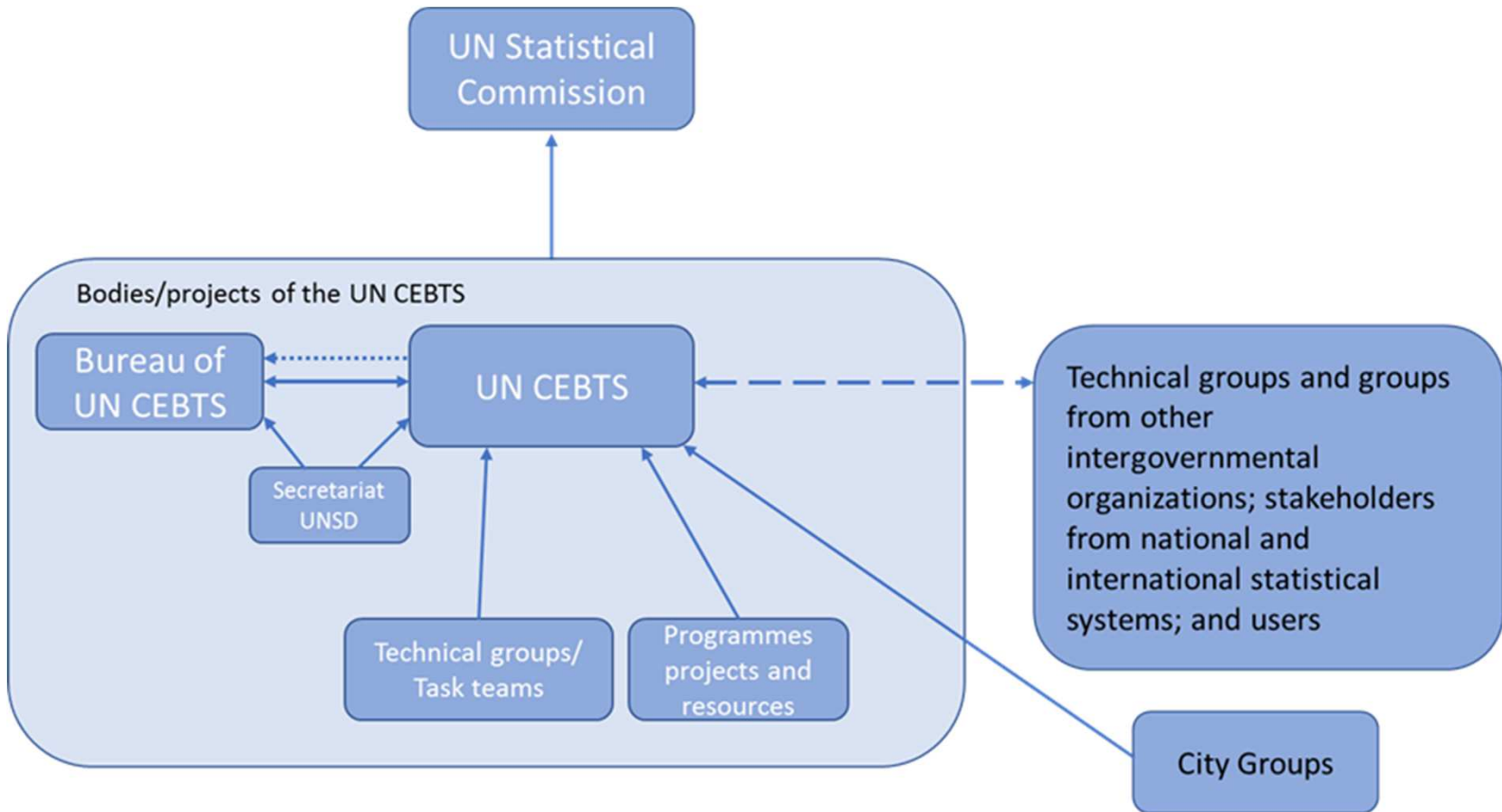
Extended coverage of the Business register and analysis of different business behaviour

The mandate of the Committee

- to **provide coordination and guidance** for the development of business and business-related statistics
- to **meet new challenges and respond to policy and users' needs**, such as globalization, digitalization, well-being and sustainability.
- to **adopt an integrated economic statistics approach** based upon an **enterprise-centered perspective**: key role of the business register and profiling of most relevant units
- to **advance and promote the integration of business and trade statistics**

The governance of the Committee

Governance structure of the Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics



Legend:

Consult, liaise with 

Report to 

Delegate to 

The governance of the Committee

- the **Bureau** is established to assist the committee with the day-to-day **management of its work programme** and projects under its responsibility
- more specifically, **bureau members are actively engaged in coordinating the technical groups/task teams** that are responsible for the workstreams identified by the committee
- the **Chair** and the **Secretariat** assist the task team leaders and **coordinate internal and external communication**

Identification of work streams and set up of task teams

- The work programme of the Committee is organized within **five work streams**
- A **task team** is created for each work stream led by a Bureau Member
- Work streams are interrelated, and the task teams will build on each other's work, when relevant, and will ensure coordination of their activities
 1. **Task team on globalization and digitalization** chaired by Canada
 2. **Task team on well-being and sustainability** chaired by the United Kingdom
 3. **Task team on statistical business registers** led by the Netherlands
 4. **Task team on business dynamics, demography and entrepreneurship** chaired by Mexico
 5. **Task team on capacity-building (leaving no one behind)** led by Palestine

Conclusions

- The Committee **has an umbrella function** in providing overall vision, coordination, prioritization and direction in business and trade statistics and their integration
- The Committee aims at **boosting the development of new frameworks, classifications and indicators** to support the production of **more business relevant official statistics**
- The Committee **is home to all countries and international organizations willing to cooperate in the area of extended business statistics**
- The Committee is also oriented **to leverage country best practices and to increase the professional reputation of official statisticians in the business data arena**, for instance by setting up a website that convey and disseminate the work of all work streams and related activities developed by other technical groups.