



International and regional cooperation on SBR (Egypt)

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Introduction

SBR plays basic roles for the provision of services for business surveys, the use of administrative sources and the role of business registers in the production of economic statistics.

Business statistics has a significant effect on the national accounts, which needs high quality and consistent business statistics to achieve its aims.



Business survey frames

- ❑ Sources of regular business statistics frames in EGYPT:
 - Basic Source (Establishment Census)
 - Administrative Sources (using different ID Numbers)

- ❑ Units of business surveys frames:
 - Enterprise
 - Establishment

- ❑ Characteristic of business surveys frames:

Business surveys frames include data like name, address, industrial classification, institutional sector, legal entity and sometimes employees number.



New projects will enhancing business survey frames (1)

- ❑ Reduce respond burden:

We are reviewing design of all questionnaires of business surveys to be sure that any field of any questionnaire is not repeated in other questionnaires.

- ❑ Project for enhancing censuses mapping:

The staff of GIS department and geographic Specialists are collecting data by field work and updating the maps according to this data.

- ❑ Improving data warehouse system:

The staff of data warehouse are implementing this system to store every data in CAPMAS.



New projects will enhancing business survey frames (2)

- ❑ Establishment national committee to establish unique number for every building, dwelling, area in all Egypt.
- ❑ Drafting the final version of a memorandum of understanding to get micro data from National of Insurance Authority.



Challenges of statistical business registers in Egypt (1)

❑ **There is not unified registration:**

- Every administrative agency have own identified number.
- Any enterprise/ establishment must do registration at Tax Authority, then at chamber of commerce and finally at commercial register.
- There is not enough information from one data source to establish statistical business register.
- There are problems to receive data about revenue of enterprises as figures from Egyptian Tax Authority according law.



Challenges of statistical business registers in Egypt (2)

- **There is a problem to deal with the location of establishment from administrative registers:**
 - Establishments address that are found in the administrative records are not clear and detailed manner to be suitable for fieldwork.
 - Administrative registers is using another location classification. This classification is difficult to convert it to location classification that is using for statistical purposes.



Challenges of statistical business registers in Egypt (3)

□ There is no real relation between administrative registers:

- For example: the Tax ID is existing in all other registers but in some registers like insurance register isn't a mandatory field and for that it's not exist for all records of insurance register.
- Various administrative registers are not able to check joint administrative data to insure that this data is not changing from register to another.



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□ Conferences and meetings (1)

Egypt participated in:

➤ **Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers:**

- 23rd Meeting of Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers (17-21 September in Washington ,DC, USA, 2012).
- 24th Meeting of Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers (15-18 September 2014 in Vienna, Austria).

➤ **UNSD workshop on SBR**

(16 September in Washington, DC, USA, 2012).



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□ Conferences and meetings (2)

➤ Joint UNECE, Eurostat, OECD Meeting of the Group of Experts on Business Registers :

- 2 - 4 September 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 21-23 September 2015 in Brussels, Belgium.

➤ Mediterranean Statistical Business Register Working Group:

- 3 September 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 9 - 10 September 2015 in Paris, France.



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□ Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers (1)

➤ Role of Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers is an international expert group under the umbrella of UN statistical commission interested in development business registers, survey frames and related subjects. It is a forum to exchange views and experiences leading of the joint work related developing, maintaining, and use of business registers.



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□ Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers (2)

➤ Egypt experience in the last meeting (2014) (1)

- Egypt presented a country progress and future plans in the session allocated for that. A country progress and future plan contains four parts:
 - ✓ Organization, population and usage of the statistical business register.
 - ✓ Progress and developments in the last year.
 - ✓ future plans.
 - ✓ Main challenges.



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□ Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers (3)

➤ Egypt experience in the last meeting (2014) (2)

- Egypt wrote a paper and presented it on session five “Backbone role of the Statistical Business Register”. The title of this paper is “Efforts to compensate the role of SBR in Egypt” .
- Egypt was one of round table discussion members to identify the current challenges for statistical business registers and ways to tackle them. The other members were from the Census Bureau of the United States, the Federal Service of State Statistics of the Russian Federation, Statistics Netherlands, the Statistics Bureau of Japan and the leader from Austria.



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□ Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers (4)

➤ Egypt experience in the last meeting (2014) (3)

- The result of round table discussion that the challenges for SBR as follow:
 - ✓ Growing demand of user groups: National statistical offices should be aware of the current and possible future needs of users.
 - ✓ Budget restrictions.
 - ✓ Use of administrative data sources: The challenges include issues with coverage and definitions, which may not be in line with statistical requirements, and timeliness.
 - ✓ A common unique identifier of enterprises.



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□ Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers (5)

➤ Egypt experience in the last meeting (2014) (4)

- ✓ Methodological developments like further work on profiling, using different data sources, aligning units and classifications with international recommendations, and sing and producing geographical information.
- ✓ International cooperation: International cooperation can help to reduce gaps between developed and less developed statistical systems
- ✓ International comparability of SBR: National differences in terms of legislation, institutional set-up and structural diversities, among others, put some limits to enabling international comparability.



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□ Developing guidelines of statistical business registers (UNECE 2015) (1):

- During audio conference the work was contributed between Task Force members in January 2012. A member of Egypt worked in chapter 7 (maintenance of SBR) as contributing author. The chapters of the Guidelines were drafted by lead authors and with contributing authors providing comments and proposals. As a contributing author, I worked through international manuals and various other papers on SBR. Especially, the Business Registers Recommendations Manual of Eurostat (latest version 2010), the Guidelines for Building Statistical Business Registers in Africa (African Development Bank 2012).



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□ **Developing guidelines of statistical business registers (UNECE 2015) (2):**

- After every chapter was drafted by lead author, it was circulated between all members participated in this chapter to give comments and proposals about it.
- After all chapters was drafted as a draft version, this version was circulated to all Task Force members to give comments and proposals about all chapters.
- The Task Force drafted four draft versions of the guidelines.
- The Task Force reviewed the guidelines after every round of editing to be sure that the meaning is the same before and after editing.



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□ Developing guidelines of statistical business registers (UNECE 2015) (3):

- A member of Egypt participated three meetings of Task Force meetings:
 - Task Force meeting to review comments and proposals from the participants of the meeting of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers in September 2012 in Washington relating the content and structure of the Guidelines.



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□ Developing guidelines of statistical business registers (UNECE 2015) (4):

- The Task Force meeting on 5 September 2013 in Geneva, where the Task Force reviewed all draft chapters, the comments received from participants of the joint UNECE/ Eurostat/ OECD Expert Group meeting on Business Registers in September 2013 in Geneva. Also, Task Force reviewed the result of the UNSD global survey on business registers and decided that an editor would be needed to ensure coherence and consistency across the guidelines in this meeting.



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□ Developing guidelines of statistical business registers (UNECE 2015) (5):

- Task Force meeting during the Wiesbaden Group meeting on SBR 15-18 September 2014 in Vienna, where Task Force conducted a survey to all participants of the Wiesbaden Group meeting.



Conclusions

The international cooperation is very important to exchange technical information, standard concepts and classifications, methodologies, and good practices between countries. By this cooperation, every country can determine the appropriate ways to tackle its challenges.



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