

3.m Items for discussion and decision: Business registers

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B.Session 1: County Progress Reports page2/ point 5	5. It is a tradition for the Wiesbaden Group to open the meeting with a review of recent developments in the framework of business registers in each member country and organization. The session was chaired by Japan and devoted to the country progress reports. A total of 33 reports were presented, while a total of 53 reports had been submitted in advance.	BPS Indonesia has been developing its Statistical Business Registers (SBR) since 2013 with Technical Assistance from ABS. The initial data is gathered from Economic Census 2006 result, administrative data in district offices, profiling activities and from SMAs data. This preliminary development has produced preprinted questionnaire for Economic Census 2016. BPS also has shared its experiences in developing SBR in Asia-Pacific Economic Statistics Week 2016 (1 paper) and in the 25th Meeting of Wiesbaden Group in Business Register 2016 (4 papers). Indonesia also sent two delegations to be the tutors of Capacity Building in the Area of Business Environment: Business Registration, FDI Data Compilation, and Database in Cambodia. Earlier in 2017, BPS held a workshop for BBS Bangladesh to share BPS experiences in developing SBR.
Session 3: Administrative Data/Agencies/Units Page 3/ Point 12	12. Business registers are usually dependent on administrative data from sources such as a tax authority. Over the years, the Wiesbaden group has recognized the importance of developing new ideas on how to leverage their own administrative sources while continuing to examine potential new sources that can improve the business register. The main objective of this session was to examine how cooperation with administrative data suppliers can improve the coverage and quality of business registers, including the proper identification of units within the register.	Need help from UN to persuade tax office and other administrative sources in each country to help NSO on maintaining its Business Register by providing their administrative data opened to the NSO.
		There is one data-open data initiative in Indonesia that will unite data from many sources, including from ministries. This can be a good chance for SBR getting its data from that infrastructure as its

		data source in the future, with special privilege for BPS to access individual data.
I. International Guidelines for Statistical Business Register Page 6/ Point 28	<p>28.The above mentioned guidelines on SBRs had been prepared at the request of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) in the period of 2012-2014. These UNECE Guidelines aim to help countries by providing practical guidance and recommendations on the establishment and maintenance of SBRs, and they were discussed at the plenary meeting of the CES in June 2015. The following issues were raised in that discussion: (a) the Guidelines were found comprehensive and helpful in supporting countries to maintain and improve their statistical business registers; (b) it was noted that the Guidelines will be important for other regions; and (c) one area for future work would be elaborating best practices for coordination with other organizations that provide data for future work would be elaborating best practices for coordination with other organizations that provide data for business registers, such as Central Banks. The CES endorsed the UNECE Guidelines at this June 2015 meeting, and welcomed the initiative to seek endorsement of these Guidelines at the global level by the UNSC.</p>	<p>SBR-BPS Statistic Indonesia is in the effort of translating International Guidelines for the Statistical Business Register book into Indonesian in order to become a center reference SBR development in Indonesia.</p>