

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2015 and future plans

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Dominican Republic

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I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Directory of Companies and Establishments (DEE)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

National Statistics Office

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Unit Business Directory belongs to the Statistics Division Infrastructure, which in turn depends on the Department of Economic Statistics and the Bureau of Continual Statistics.

4. Number of employees in the register unit (Headcount employees)

8

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Being the sampling and weighting framework of the National Survey of Economic Activity and other institutional economic surveys and National Accounts

6. Year of establishment of the register

2009

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2016

8. Number of active enterprises* in the register at the end of 2015

*If it is difficult to use Enterprises, you can use Legal units instead.

Enterprises: (For 2013) 56,571. We expect little more than 72 thousand for 2016.

Legal units:

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2015) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

National Register of Establishments

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

After lifting a job 11 months gathering info First National Register of Establishments was completed. This survey is the first attempt of economic census survey in the field. It included formal enterprises (registered) and unregistered (informal). The latter are the vast majority of economic units nationwide. They have already published 20 provincial and preliminary reports are expected for August 2016 has published the final report of final results. We understand this must be updated periodically as a complement to the DEE, as the informal part is about 60% of employment and 85% of production units, especially micro and small.

2. Short title of work which was done

Implementation of indicators of exporting companies and importers

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Since 2014, the effort began to relate the databases of international trade with the database of our Directory of Companies and Establishments. The main objective is to exploit mejory enrich the information from both sources, generating information, among others, the participation of MSMEs in International Trade. It has been included in the annual work plan update it annually, through debugging and crossing their information, being published in all institutional channels.

3. Short title of work which was done

Update 2016 Business Directory

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We are currently in the first stage of the lifting and updating our DEE 2016 have been included databases Tax and Social Security. An innovation has been the inclusion of a large database of employers in the Ministry of Labour, as well as a large database of business customers of distribution companies of electricity. We hope that these two inclusions forlatezcan and allow the continuous updating of data DEE. This will be used as a framework for the National Survey of Economic Activity 2016 (ENAE).

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2016) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Periodic updating of RNE

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

As one of the biggest problems for census statistical operations is the difficulty of obtaining financial resources, we have thought of two alternatives for more efficient use, while the RNE outdated. First, the RNE is the only economic census survey, without thinking to census surveys in more depth in the thematic scope, but leave that to the annual economic surveys. Second, ask a partial annual update of RNE, dividing the country into 5 or 7 territories, in order to update the 3 main provinces every 5 years and the rest of the country every 10 years. This allows you to request a more stable and not with huge spikes in the years of rising budget, which is less likely in our fiscal and economic scenarios.

2. Short title of work planned

Using the database of electricity customers as the principal for updating the DEE

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

This database allows even monthly update DEE data, as this is the frequency with which this source is updated. It also allows adding to the base of DEE variable consumption and electricity costs, a topic of great interest to society. It also allows even a partial update for RNE, as it includes both formal and informal units.

3. Short title of work planned

Information exchange agreement with the Inland Revenue

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

It is close to the signing of the collaboration agreement, which has been discussed for the past 6 years. This agreement will receive the records at the enterprise level, but without the economic variables and, on the other hand economic data added by industry and size, the economic part of business. We will not have economic data by companies, but by sector and size ranges, which improves the work of both the DEE and the Economic Survey.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Ensure exchange of information with administrative sources

Description of the challenge

The one that relies mainly on the use of administrative sources. However it has not been possible to achieve a regular and systematic data of proveniendes Social Security or Tax exchange. The main reason is the lack of awareness of these authorities on the importance of a good directory of companies and savings for the state which means to reuse their data for this operation.

2. Main challenge 2

The scope and coverage DEE limited due to the level of informality of the Dominican economy

Description of the challenge

When performing RNE between 2014 and 2015, the hypothesis that the universe is eminently Dominican business casual confirmed. More than 85% of ecoómicas units, especially micro, carry no record despite being installed on a local specialized labor and hire regular or temporary work. That indicates that it is not possible to maintain adequate monitoring of the business world, by DEE, if it is not complemented by an uprising in minimalist ground, as RNE, from time to time. So, knowing the high demand for economic resources it requires.

3. Main challenge 3

Insufficient financial resources

Description of the challenge

Connected to this, the need to update every 5 or 10 years, RNE, complementing the DEE, brings again, as one of the main challenges, the issue of insufficient regullares and adequate financial resources. It is necessary to redouble efforts and innovate them, to get the authorities to prioritize these activities and equip themselves with the necessary resources to perform them with quality and coverage policies require.