

Updating of the Terms of Reference of the Wiesbaden Group


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1. Introduction (1)

- Current Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers ← Endorsed by the UN Statistical Commission in Feb. 2011

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Report of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers

Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with a request of the Statistical Commission at its forty-first session (see E/2010/24, chap. I.A), the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit the report of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers, which is presented to the Commission for information. The Commission is requested to take note of the report.


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1. Introduction (2)

- It has not been updated up to now.
- Developments over the last decade should be included such as:
 - Information on the role of SBR
 - Work and mandate of the Wiesbaden Group
 - Description of the membership of the Steering Group of the Wiesbaden Group (SG)
- Therefore, updated TOR was drafted in the SG

1. Introduction (3)

- This presentation briefly introduces the outline of the draft updated TOR
- Your comments on the draft updated TOR will be invited after this meeting via e-mail
- Based on the received comments, draft updated TOR will be revised in the SG
- Finally, the TOR will be presented to the UNSC for approval in March next year

2. Background

- In Sep. 2015:
 - SG members have decided to update the current TOR at the SG meeting
- Jan. - Jun. 2016:
 - Drafting the updated TOR in the SG
 - Finally, the SG members agreed with the draft updated TOR in June 2016
- In Nov. 2016:
 - Presentation at the Wiesbaden Group meeting in Tokyo

3. Outlines

- Draft updated TOR consists of seven sections as follows:
 - 1) Background
 - 2) The roles of the statistical business register
 - 3) The work of the Wiesbaden Group
 - 4) The mandate of the Wiesbaden Group
 - 5) Purpose and objectives of the Wiesbaden Group
 - 6) The activities and outputs of the Wiesbaden Group
 - 7) The Steering Group of the Wiesbaden Group

4. Key points (1)

Key points of each section are as follows:

- **Section 1 “Background”** describes the role and history of the group, etc.
 - A city group under the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC)
 - Engaged in the development, maintenance and use of SBR
 - Established in 1986

4. Key points (2)

- **Section 2 “The roles of the statistical business register”** describes the detailed roles of the SBR:
 - Central role in the production of economic statistics
 - Providing a population of statistical units for surveys
 - Providing a common architecture for data collection and data integration, data processing and dissemination

4. Key points (3)

- **Section 3 “The work of the Wiesbaden Group”** describes that:
 - The group discusses all issues concerned with the different stages of production of the SBR such as:
 - Data sources and data integration
 - Coverage and quality
 - Statistical units
 - Production and maintenance
 - Various uses of the register

4. Key points (4)

- **Section 4 “The mandate of the Wiesbaden Group”** describes:
 - The Wiesbaden Group carries out its activities within the TOR endorsed by the UN Statistical Commission
 - The Group reports on work progress to the UN Statistical Commission

4. Key points (5)

- **Section 5 “Purpose and objectives of the Wiesbaden Group”** describes some main objectives of the group such as:
 - To provide a forum for exchanging good practice
 - To support the developments of new methods and techniques
 - To develop the role of the SBR
 - To provide guidance on the role of the SBR in the modernisation of the statistical production process

4. Key points (6)

- **Section 6 “The activities and outputs of the Wiesbaden Group”** describes the main activity, output of the group.
 - Main activity:
 - The biennial meetings that attract experts
 - The Group has met every second year (2008-), etc.
 - Main output:
 - The papers and presentations
 - Consulted in the production of the “Guidelines on Statistical Business Registers,” etc.

4. Key points (7)

- **Section 7 “The Steering Group of the Wiesbaden Group”** describes the tasks and membership of the SG.
 - The tasks of the SG:
 - To assist the host of the Wiesbaden Group meeting
 - To promote and disseminate the outputs of the Group
 - To prepare reports of the work of the Group for the UN Statistical Commission, etc.

4. Key points (8)

- Membership of the SG:
 - The SG is open to participation from interested and committed organisations (NSO, academia, international organisations, etc.) to contribute to its work programme.
 - Current SG members are as follows:
Austria, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, United Kingdom, United States (US Bureau of Labor Statistics and US Census Bureau), Eurostat, OECD, UNECE and UNSD

*The underlined countries and UNSD are newly added in the updated draft TOR

- The SG is chaired by the host organisation

5. Comments and proposals (1)

- SG invites your comments and proposals on the draft updated TOR
 - Notice:
Concrete comments and proposals for changes (in track changes mode* only) will be expected.

*Draft TOR in Word format is available on the conference website:

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/info/meetings/wiesbaden2016/agenda.htm>

5. Comments and proposals (2)

- Submit your comments and proposals via e-mail to:

wiesbaden2016@soumu.go.jp

with a CC to:

Economic.Stats@unece.org

- Deadline: [18 November 2016](#)

6. Schedule

- 18 Nov. 2016
Deadline for your comments/proposals
- By the end of Nov. 2016
Based on the received comments/proposals,
a revised TOR will be drafted in the SG
- By early Dec. 2016
Submit the final draft to the UNSD
- Mar. 2017
Discussion at the UNSC 2017 for approval

**On behalf of
the Steering Group,
Thank you in advance
for your cooperation!!**

