

# United Nations Expert Group on Business Statistics

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## UN Statistical Commission – Decision 48/114

Endorsed the proposal

- to establish **UN guidelines for statistical business registers**
- based on existing guidelines, notably the UNECE guidelines, and
- taking into account the needs of countries with less developed statistical systems by incorporating practical guidance and country cases applicable to a broad range of statistical systems.

## UN Statistical Commission – Decision 48/114

Requested the creation of an **Expert Group on Business Statistics**

- to prepare the guidelines for statistical business registers and
- give guidance on issues of business and basic economic statistics, taking into account
  - the use of administrative data,
  - the choice of statistical units in the context of globalization, and
  - issues related to a large informal sector;

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## Proposal – part 1 – Membership

Chair - Italy

Americas	Canada, Mexico, United States, Brazil, Jamaica
Europe	France, Netherlands, Switzerland, UK, Georgia
Asia	China, Japan, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia
Africa	Tunisia, South Africa, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mauritius
Intl Agencies	Eurostat, UNECE, OECD, UNIDO, IMF, UNSD

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## Proposal – part 2 – Terms of Reference

### Main objectives

- Methodological Guidelines
  - Guidelines on Statistical Business Registers (SBRs)
  - Integrated Business Statistics
  - Business Surveys
  - Classification of Business Functions
- Compilation Guidelines
  - Practical guidance and country practices on establishing and maintenance of SBRs
- Coordination and Promotion of Capacity Building

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## Proposal – part 3 – Schedule

- Guidelines on Statistical Business Registers
  - Preparatory work Oct – Nov 2017 (Annotated outline)
  - Wiki – Draft Chapters – Dec 2017 – Mar 2018
  - Mexico Meeting – May 2018
  - Finalization – Wiesbaden Group meeting – Sep 2018
- Other topics (Integrated Business Statistics, Business Surveys, Classification of Business Functions)
  - Establishing of a programme of work
  - Mexico Meeting – May 2018



Thank you