

## **Research on Good Practices**

For the third year in a row, *Doing Business* has conducted new research on good practices in business start-up processes. While *Doing Business* has an indicator that measures the compliance cost to start up and operate a new business, it has also collected preliminary data on the quality of the business start-up framework in 190 economies. First, the novel dataset looks at the quality of infrastructure at the business registry (e.g. is there a Unique Business Identification number for companies used by all governmental agencies in the economy?). Second, it assesses the transparency and accessibility of information at the business registry (e.g. does the business registry collect and provide public access to information on the names of company directors/Shareholders/beneficial owners?). Third, it measures the safety checks and good practices in the legislative framework for company incorporation and operations (e.g. is it mandatory to register changes in shareholder details at the business registry and if yes what is the legal time limit?).