

Starting a Business Questionnaire – «DB_SB_Survey_Economy_FullName1»

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Dear Contributor,

We would like to thank you for your participation in the *Doing Business* project. Your expertise in the area of Starting a Business in «DB_sb_Survey_Economy_NoCity1» is essential to the success of the *Doing Business* report, one of the flagship publications of the World Bank Group that benchmarks business regulations in 190 economies worldwide. The Starting a Business indicator, which measures the number of procedures, time, cost and paid-in minimum capital requirement for a small and medium-size limited liability company to start up and formally operate, is one of the 11 indicator sets published by the *Doing Business* report.

The report attracts much attention around the world. The latest edition, *Doing Business 2019: Training for Reform*, was the 16th in a series of annual reports measuring the regulations that enhance business activity and those that constrain it. It received over 12,000 media citations within just a week of its publication on October 31, 2018. Within that same period the *Doing Business 2019* report was mentioned in online articles or social media posts over 120,000 times. One hundred and twenty-eight economies implemented a total of 314 reforms easing the process of doing business. Europe and Central Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa continue to be the regions with the highest share of economies reforming – i.e. 83%, followed by the Middle East and North Africa.

Governments worldwide read the report with interest every year, and your contribution makes it possible for the *Doing Business* project to disseminate the regulatory best practices that continue to inspire their regulatory reform efforts. In 2017/18, 50 economies made changes to pre-registration and registration formalities captured by the Starting a Business indicator.

We are honored to be able to count on your expertise for *Doing Business 2020*. Please do the following in completing the questionnaire:

- Review the assumptions of the case study before updating last year's information in the questionnaire.
- Describe in detail any reform that has affected the areas of starting a business since May 1, 2018.
- Be sure to update your name and address if necessary.
- **Kindly return the questionnaire to Frédéric Meunier at fmeunier@worldbank.org.**

We thank you again for your invaluable contribution to the work of the World Bank Group.

Sincerely,

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5. QUESTIONS ABOUT ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND FIRM CREATION

5.1 Data about Total and Newly Registered Companies

5.1.1 Statistics about firm creation

This table intends to measure on the level of firm creation in the economy («DB_sb_Survey_Economy_NoCity1»). While providing statistics, please consider the following elements:

1. “Companies with Limited Liability” refer to all companies with a form of Limited Liability (LLC, Simplified LLC, etc.).
2. “All Companies” include all types of legal forms of firms or business establishments (including LLCs and others).
3. “New” numbers refer to the newly created firms during the calendar year.
4. “Total” numbers refer to the stock of existing firms at the end of the calendar year.

Please kindly complete the information below corresponding to each of the years:

	Companies with Limited Liability ¹		All Companies ²	
	<u>NEW</u> Limited Liability Companies³ (registered during the calendar year)	<u>TOTAL</u> Limited Liability Companies⁴ (registered at the end of the calendar year)	<u>NEW</u> Companies³ (registered during the calendar year)	<u>TOTAL</u> Companies⁴ (registered at the end of the calendar year)
2006				
2007				
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2009				
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2016				
2017				
2018				

5.1.2 Legal framework for limited liability companies

5.1.2a Is there only one or several types of limited liability companies?	-Click to Select-
5.1.2b If there are several types of limited liability companies, please indicate all possible options:	
Please specify the relevant regulation and article(s):	
5.1.2c Do your estimates regarding the number of companies with limited liability (statistics table) cover all possible types of LLCs?	-Click to Select-

5.1.3 Legal framework for all types of companies

Please kindly list ALL the legal types of firms and establishments in your economy:	
Please specify the relevant regulation and article(s):	

5.2 Data about Female Entrepreneurship

5.2.1 Availability of data

Does the business registry keep gender disaggregated data?	-Click to Select-
If yes, what kind of gender disaggregated data is available?	

5.2.2 Statistics about the number of female business owners for new limited liability companies

This table intends to measure the number of female business owners out of the total number of business owners in the economy («DB_sb_Survey_Economy_NoCity1»). It refers only to the business owners of Limited Liability Companies registered every year. For instance, last year in the country, there were 10,000 business owners of new limited liability companies – including 4,500 female business owners and 5,500 male business owners.

Please kindly complete the information below corresponding to each of the years:

	Companies with Limited Liability		
	Number of female business owners (of newly registered limited liability companies during the calendar year)	Number of male business owners (of newly registered limited liability companies during the calendar year)	Total number of business owners (of newly registered limited liability companies during the calendar year)
2014			
2015			
2016			
2017			
2018			

5.2.3 Statistics about the number of female sole proprietors

This table intends to measure the number of female sole proprietors out of the total number of sole proprietors in the economy («DB_sb_Survey_Economy_NoCity1»). For instance, last year in the country, there were 20,000 new sole-proprietors – including 12,000 female sole-proprietors and 8,000 male sole-proprietors. Please kindly complete the information below corresponding to each of the years:

	Sole proprietors		
	Number of female sole proprietors (newly registered during the calendar year)	Number of male sole proprietors (newly registered during the calendar year)	Total number of sole proprietors (newly registered during the calendar year)
2014			
2015			
2016			
2017			

2018			
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5.2.4 Statistics about the number of female directors for new limited liability companies

This table intends to measure the number of female directors out of the total number of directors in the economy («DB_sb_Survey_Economy_NoCity1»). It refers to the number of directors for Limited Liability Companies registered every year. For instance, last year in the country, there were 25,000 business owners of new limited liability companies – including 10,000 female directors and 15,000 male directors.

Please kindly complete the information below corresponding to each of the years:

	Companies with Limited Liability		
	Number of female directors (of newly registered limited liability companies during the calendar year)	Number of male directors (of newly registered limited liability companies during the calendar year)	Total number of directors (of newly registered limited liability companies during the calendar year)
2014			
2015			
2016			
2017			
2018			

5.3 Data about New Technologies

This section intends to measure the use of new technologies at the business registry.

When responding to the questions, please consider the following definition:

Blockchain – a distributed ledger technology managed by a peer-to-peer network of users that collectively adhere to a specific protocol for transactions and communication.

5.3.1 Is the business registry using any form of Blockchain technology?

- Yes
- No
- Other. Please explain:

If yes, please select an appropriate answer:

- Public blockchain – everyone has access to send and validate transactions (no permission needed)
- Private blockchain – participant and validator access are restricted (permission required)
- Consortium blockchain – the administration of the blockchain grants reading rights and allows limited number of transactions
- Other. Please explain:

If no, is the business registry planning to introduce any form of Blockchain technology?

- Yes, please explain
- No

5.3.2 Are there any laws or other binding legal instruments (including regulations, agency-specific guidelines, etc.) regulating Blockchain technology?

- Yes. Please explain:
 No

5.3.3 In which format can the application for a new company be submitted at the business registry? Please select all that apply:

- Hard copy / printed information
 Scanned document
 Digital document (e.g., fillable PDF form)
 Digital information filled in directly through a dedicated website
 Other. Please explain:

5.3.4 What formats are used to make payments at the business registry? Please select all that apply:

- Cash payment at the business registry
 Digital payment at the business registry (credit or debit card)
 Cash payment at a stand-alone terminal (without personal interaction)
 Cash or digital payment at the bank or other third party
 Wire transfer or online banking
 Mobile payment
 Other. Please explain:

5.3.5 In which format is the business incorporation certificate delivered? Please select all that apply:

- Paper certificate
 Digital certificate
 Other. Please explain:

If both paper and digital formats are available, which certificate prevails?

- Paper certificate
 Digital certificate
 Other. Please explain:

REFERRALS

Please help us expand our list of contributors by referring us to other experts in the private or public sector (lawyers, notaries, public officials or any expert on this field) who could respond to *Doing Business* questionnaire.

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Last name

Firm name

Position

Phone

Email

Profession -Click to Select-

Topic of Interest -Click to Select-

Thank you very much for completing the questionnaire!

We sincerely appreciate your contribution to the *Doing Business* project.

The results will appear in the *Doing Business 2020* report and on our website: <http://www.doingbusiness.org>.

Your work will be gratefully acknowledged.