



November 16, 2006

Re: Second World Bank Questionnaire on Entrepreneurship and Economic Development

Dear :

We kindly introduce you to the second *World Bank Group Questionnaire on Entrepreneurship and Economic Development* and encourage you to participate. We had invited you to partake in the first edition of the survey last year, but to our great regret, we did not receive a response from you. In this regard, your country was among the few not to be included in this innovative and ground-breaking area of research. This is unfortunate as your country stands to gain from participation.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to collect data from every country on the size of the formal private sector and new business creation. Once the data from your country is compiled and analyzed, it will be integrated into a final report which will then allow you to directly compare your performance to other countries. The report will serve as a complement to the existing *Doing Business Report* and will be publicly available on the World Bank website.

We are attaching both a copy of this year's questionnaire as well as an executive summary of last year's report – which proved to be a great success, owing to the avid participation of respondent countries. We sincerely hope that you will join the growing list of participants, and thank you for your consideration.

Filling in the survey

For your convenience, the questionnaire is attached as a Word document. You may complete an electronic form and return it via email, or print out a hard copy and fax it directly to us. Our email address is: registrar_survey@worldbank.org and our fax number is 1-202-522-1155. If you have trouble opening the file or would prefer to receive a faxed or posted hardcopy, kindly contact Mr. Aaron Imperiale at 1-202-473-8738 or email your request to the above email address.

The Questionnaire

The questionnaire is brief and divided into three parts:

- Part A requests data regarding the number of total and newly registered firms in your country
- Part B poses more detailed questions about these firms
- Part C inquires about the registration process

Deadline for Completion

We kindly request that you complete and submit the survey by December 11, 2006.

Difficulties and Confidentiality

We ask that you complete as much of the survey as possible. If you are unable to answer a particular question, but know of an individual or agency that might have access to that information, we ask that you provide us with the name and contact information (phone or e-mail) of that person or agency.

If you find that the data in your country are not collected according to the methodology offered in the survey, kindly provide them in whatever manner or format in which they are available.

Note that the information requested in the questionnaire is not confidential. Please indicate, however, if any information you provide should be kept confidential. *The World Bank will honor this request.* Upon completion of the data collection, we will send all participants the results of the survey.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. We reiterate our sincere appreciation for your participation and invite you to contact us regarding any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leora F. Klapper'.

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Country:
Affiliation:
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Panel A: Total and new registrations recorded

	All Economic Units¹			Corporations^{2 and 3}		
	Total ⁴	New ⁵	Closed ⁶	Total ⁴	New ⁵	Closed ⁶
Year-end 2005						
Year-end 2004						
Year-end 2003						
Year-end 2002						
Year-end 2001						
Year-end 2000						

Panel B: Number of corporations, by sector and size

	All Corporations		New Corporations	
	2005	2001	2005	2001
By sector:				
Primary				
Wholesale and Retail Trade				
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate				
Industry				
Services				
Tourism				
By Size:				
Small- and Medium-Size Firms ⁷				

- Please indicate if ‘All Economic Units’ include the following categories (check all that apply):
 - Sole proprietors
 - Partnerships
 - Corporations
 - Other (please specify): _____
- Please list all legal types (eg. LLCs, etc.) included under ‘Corporations’: _____
- For the purpose of this survey, define “corporation” as:
 “any economic unit of the formal sector with legal personality, registered in a public registrar, which is capable, in its own right, of incurring liabilities and of engaging in economic activities and transactions with other entities.”
- All firms that had already been registered in a previous year and are still considered active.
- Firms that are registered FIRST in a given year.
- All firms that ceased to exist in a given year.
- Firms with less than 250 employees. If using another definition, please specify: _____

Panel C: Questions about the registrar:

1. Please specify the most relevant types of firms required to register (eg. corporations, cooperatives, etc.):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

2. Is it compulsory to register the firm's financial statements? Yes No

3. Is it compulsory to report closures? Yes No

4. Is the registrar in charge of:

- business registration
- real estate registration
- internet domain names
- patents

4. Is electronic registration available? Yes No

If yes, is it: optional required

5. Is the information contained in the registrar available electronically? Yes No

If yes, is there a fee for access? Yes No

If yes, kindly state: currency: _____ amount: _____

6. Are historical registrars available electronically? Yes No

Please use this space for additional comments:

**Thank you on behalf of the Development Economics Research Group of the World Bank.
Please email your response to lkapper@worldbank.org or fax 1-202-522-1155.**