

## **Development and Application of Statistical Business Register Guidelines in African Countries**

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Within the framework of its Statistical Capacity Building Program the AfDB is supporting development and improvement of statistical business registers (SBRs) in African countries. As a first step, the AfDB prepared a document entitled *Guidelines for Building Statistical Business Registers in Africa*, which describes SBR design, construction, introduction, use and maintenance. To support dissemination, interpretation and effective use of the Guidelines, the AfDB is now sponsoring a programme of review and recommendations for enhancements to SBRs within eight African national statistical offices. The paper outlines the content of the Guidelines and experiences in their application.

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