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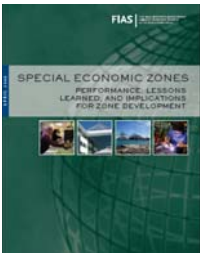
Little Data Book on Private Sector Development 2008

provides data for key indicators on business environment and private sector development in a single page for each of the World Bank member countries and other economies with populations of more than 30,000. These more than 200 country pages are supplemented by aggregate data for regional and income groupings.



FIAS' Impact on Latvia's Business Environment

a case study of FIAS' successful work in helping the government of Latvia reform its investment climate from 1998-2004.



Special Economic Zones: Performance, Lessons Learned, and Implications for Zone Development

a retrospective study based on the experiences of policymakers and zone developers that examines the effectiveness of special economic zones (SEZs) in improving industry competitiveness and attracting FDI.



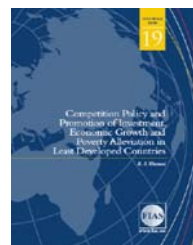
Reform Teams

an analysis highlighting the impact of well-organized reform teams on the successful implementation of business climate reforms in Botswana, Cape Verde, Malaysia, Mauritius, and Taiwan (China). This is part of the World Bank Finance and Private Sector Vice Presidency's *Viewpoint* note series.



Attracting Investment to South East Europe: Survey of FDI Trends and Investor Perceptions

an analysis of the perceived obstacles and potential for increased foreign investment.

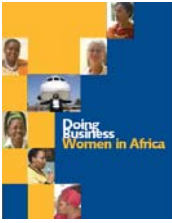


Competition Policy and Promotion of Investment, Economic Growth, and Poverty Alleviation in Least Developed Countries

a study that examines the sustainability and benefits that accrue from the competitive process and the challenges in fostering competition in developing countries.

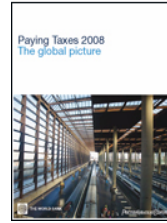
Also visit www.fdipromotion.com for additional resources and tools that support investment promotion practitioners in attracting and retaining foreign direct investments.

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Doing Business: Women in Africa

The first in a series of regional reports designed to showcase successful women entrepreneurs across Africa who have overcome legal and regulatory obstacles to create new business opportunities.



Paying Taxes 2008: The Global Picture

The report offers data on total tax rates, payment frequency, and the time needed to comply with tax regulations in 178 economies.

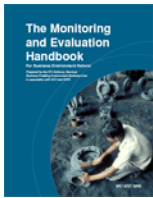


Review of the Dutch Administrative Burden Reduction Program

The report reviews the Dutch reform model – what worked, what didn't, and how the program can be enhanced to address the regulatory reform challenges of the future.

Doing Business: Women in Africa, Paying Taxes 2008: The Global Picture, and Review of the Dutch Administrative Burden Reduction Program are available at www.doingbusiness.org.

Manuals and Toolkits



The Monitoring and Evaluation Handbook for Business Environment Reform

provides tools and techniques for practitioners for measuring and improving the quality of business enabling environment projects. The handbook also presents case studies spanning over many countries as well as templates that can come handy when working on projects.



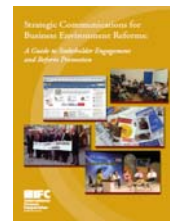
Moving Towards Competitiveness: A Value Chain Approach

a manual on using value chain analysis for identifying sector-specific business environment reforms to improve competitiveness.



Designing a Tax System for Micro and Small Businesses

a toolkit for policymakers and reform advocates on how to create tax systems favorable to micro and small enterprises.



Strategic Communications for Business Environment Reforms

a toolkit that provides detailed, how-to approaches for building effective and strategic communications campaigns to support policy advocacy and reform implementation. The toolkit draws from both research and case studies that highlight good practices and identifies lessons of experience from a range of business enabling environment initiatives.



The PPD Handbook: A Toolkit for Business Environment Reformers

This handbook provides practical guidelines for diagnosing, designing, implementing and evaluating public-private dialogue (PPD) initiatives such as business forums or competitiveness partnerships. The handbook provides a synthesis of issues and techniques to turn dialogue into reform results.



Building Capacity for Mediation in Commercial Cases: Manual on Alternate Dispute Resolution

The manual provides an overview of issues, practical applications and case studies for projects that are introducing dispute resolution mechanisms.

Additional resources on public-private dialogue available at www.publicprivatedialogue.org.

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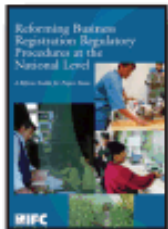
Good Practices for Business Inspections: Guidelines for Reformers

This report identifies key practices of effective inspections for the protection of human health and safety and the environment. It provides a series of benchmarks that can be used as guidelines by reformers, along with suggestions for specific steps.



Business Licensing Reform Toolkit

The toolkit provides principles of good business licensing, including steps in designing business licensing reform programs. Case studies of successful and unsuccessful reforms are also presented.



Reforming Business Registration Regulatory Procedures at the National Level

The report provides guidelines on the design and implementation of business registration reforms. It also highlights good practices and pulls cases from reforms that were implemented across many countries.



Reforming Regulatory Procedures for Import and Export

A practical guide for project managers on how to implement trade facilitation and customs reform programs based on global best practices.



Reforming Collateral Laws to Expand Access to Finance

The report guides project leaders on implementing reforms to the legal and institutional framework for using moveable property as a source of collateral for firms.



Tax Administration and SMEs in Developing Countries

The report provides information and concrete examples of how an effective tax administration can facilitate the growth of small and medium enterprises by eliminating administrative and other burdens faced by these enterprises in developing countries.



Building the Capacity of Business Membership Organizations

This practical guide sets out steps for project managers on how to design, implement, and assess projects geared towards strengthening business membership organizations.

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Doing Business Reports



Doing Business 2009: Five Years of Reforms

More regulatory reforms were recorded worldwide between June 2007 and June 2008 than in any previous year, according to *Doing Business 2009*. For the fifth year in a row, Eastern Europe and Central Asia led the world in Doing Business reforms. Once again, Singapore tops the rankings, followed by New Zealand, the United States, and Hong Kong, China.

Also Available:

- Doing Business 2008
- Doing Business 2007: How to Reform
- Doing Business 2006: Creating Jobs
- Doing Business 2005: Removing Obstacles to Growth
- Doing Business 2004: Understanding Regulation

Reformers' Club Case Studies



Celebrating Reform 2008:

Successful reforms may hinge more on timing -- or seizing opportunities -- than carefully crafted plans, according to this book that explores reforms in sixteen countries spanning the globe. Researchers found that reforms usually happen when new governments take office, and that they often follow crises. They also found that reformers don't have time for concepts like "getting the right sequencing" and "finding the binding constraint," and that reformers are helped by active media and information campaigns. Tapping development experts, outside expertise, and lessons from other countries were also beneficial. *Celebrating Reform 2007 is also available for download.*

Additional information and main findings of Doing Business reports and Reformers' Club case studies are available at www.doingbusiness.org.

Subnational Doing Business Reports

Subnational and regional *Doing Business* reports capture differences in business regulations and their enforcement across locations in a single country or region. They provide data on the ease of doing business, rank each location, and recommend reforms to improve performance in each of the indicator areas.



Doing Business in South East Europe:

The first regional and subnational Doing Business report in South East Europe covers 22 cities from the region. Cities can be compared against each other and with 178 economies around the world. Four Doing Business topics are covered: starting a business, dealing with licenses, registering property, and enforcing contracts. The report shows how cities can improve their business environments by adopting best practices. *Also available in Albanian, Bosnian, Macedonian, Montenegrin and Serbian.*



Doing Business in the Philippines:

This report compares business regulations across 21 Philippine cities in three key areas: starting a business, dealing with licenses, and registering property. These indicators cover areas of local jurisdiction or practice. *Doing Business in the Philippines 2008* shows that differences in regulations and practices -- or in the implementation of national-level regulations -- can enhance or constrain local business activity.



Doing Business in Egypt 2008

This report measures the ways in which government regulations enhance business activity or restrain it at the subnational level. The report studies three Doing Business topics in Alexandria, Assiut and Cairo: starting a business, dealing with licenses and registering property. The report shows how Egypt's improving business climate extends to governorates and in the case of starting a business, the report provides proof that reforms initiated by the central government can be successfully replicated throughout the country. *Also available in Arabic.*



Doing Business in Nigeria 2008:

This report compares 10 states and the Federal Capital Territory with each other and with 178 countries around the world. Four Doing Business topics are covered: starting a business, dealing with licenses, registering property, and enforcing contracts. These indicators cover areas of local jurisdiction or practice.



Doing Business in China 2008:

This report shows how government regulations facilitate or constrain business activity in 30 major cities. It measures four key indicators: starting a business, registering property, getting credit (creating and registering collateral), and enforcing contracts. While these indicators are not a full reflection of the local investment climate, they give cities a benchmark on which to build and monitor reforms. *Also available in Chinese.*



Doing Business in Columbia 2008:

This report measures the ways in which government regulations enhance or restrain business activity at the sub-national level. The report compares 13 Colombian cities and provinces ("departments") with each other and with 178 countries around the world. Five Doing Business topics are covered: starting a business, registering property, paying taxes, trading across borders, and enforcing contracts. *Also available in Spanish.*



Doing Business in Morocco

This report measures regulations in four Doing Business areas: starting a business, dealing with licenses, registering property, and enforcing contracts. The regions covered by the subnational report are represented by their biggest cities: Agadir, Kenitra, Marrakech, Meknes, Oujda/Nador, Settat, and Tangier. Casablanca, which is covered in the global Doing Business report, is included as a point of reference. The indicators were used to analyze economic outcomes and identify what reforms have worked, where, and why. *Available in French only.*

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