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Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to introduce you to the eighth World Bank Group Entrepreneurship questionnaire and encourage you to participate this year.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to collect data on the size of the formal private sector and new business creation. In addition this edition gathers information about the level of female entrepreneurship. Once the data from your country is compiled and analyzed, it will be reported in the *Doing Business 2018* report – an annual publication of the World Bank and the IFC that benchmarks business regulation in 190 economies worldwide. The data does not affect the ranking but it is used in the report and published on the *Doing Business* website - which allows you to directly compare your performance to other countries.

The *Doing Business* report attracts much attention around the world. The latest edition, *Doing Business 2017: Equal Opportunity for All*, received over 7,000 media citations within one week of its publication on October 25, 2016. The coverage spanned major global, regional and local media outlets, from print and broadcast to the web. The *Doing Business* website had over 40,000 downloads in one week after the report's launch. 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 regulatory reform efforts.

We are honored to be able to count on your expertise. For this year's edition of the Entrepreneurship questionnaire, we would like to draw your attention on the following key elements:

The Questionnaire

The questionnaire is brief and divided into three parts:

Section 1 requests data regarding the number of total and new Limited Liability firms in your economy.

Section 2 investigates about the level of female entrepreneurship.

Section 3 inquires about companies' registration process.

Deadline for Completion

We kindly request that, if possible, you complete and submit the survey by March 23rd, 2017.

Difficulties and Confidentiality

We ask that you complete as much of the questionnaire 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.

Please note that the information requested in the questionnaire is not confidential. Upon completion of the data collection, we will send all participants the results of the survey. Please make sure to complete the section on the contributor's information so that we can acknowledge your participation and send you a copy of the final report.

We thank you in advance for your valuable contribution to the work of the World Bank Group. We reiterate our sincere appreciation for your participation and invite you to contact us regarding any questions or comments you may have.

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Section 1: Total and Newly Registered Companies

1.1 Statistics regarding the number of Companies

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 Companies (registered during the calendar year ³)	<u>TOTAL</u> Limited Liability Companies (registered during the calendar year ³)	<u>NEW</u> companies ² (registered during the calendar year ³)	<u>TOTAL</u> companies ² (registered during the calendar year ³)
2006 ⁴				
2007				
2008				
2009				
2010				
2011				
2012				
2013				
2014				
2015				
2016				

1. Please include all companies with all types of Limited Liability Company (LLC, Simplified LLC, etc.).
2. Please include all types of legal forms of firms or business establishments (including LLCs).
3. All firms that are registered within a given year, i.e. for "2016", all Limited Liability Companies that registered during the 2016 calendar year.
4. Please include year-end figures for all years.

1.2 Legal framework for Limited Liability Companies

1.2.1 Is there only one or several types of Limited Liability Companies? One Several
(If one, please move to 1.3)

1.2.2 If there are several types of Limited Liability Companies, please indicate all possible options:

Please specify the relevant regulation and article(s):

1.2.3 Do your estimates regarding the number of companies with limited liability (statistics table) cover all possible types of LLCs? No Yes

1.3 Legal framework for all types of companies

1.3.1 Please list ALL the legal types of firms and establishments in your economy:

Please specify the relevant regulation and article(s):

Section 2: Female Entrepreneurship

2.1 Availability of data

2.1.1 Does the business registry keep gender disaggregated data?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If no, please move to 2.5)
If yes, what kind of gender disaggregated data is available?	

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 country. 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)
2012			
2013			
2014			
2015			
2016			

2.3 Statistics about the number of new limited liability companies with at least one female business owner

This table intends to measure the number of Limited Liability Companies with at least one female owner out of the total number of businesses. For instance, last year in the country, there were 6,000 new limited liability companies with at least one female business owner. Please kindly complete the information below corresponding to each of the years:

Companies with Limited Liability	
	Number of Limited Liability Companies with at least one female business owner (newly registered companies during the calendar year)
2012	
2013	
2014	
2015	
2016	

2.4 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. 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)
2012			
2013			
2014			
2015			
2016			

2.5 Data about the process that female entrepreneurs follow to register a company

	Answer	Comments
2.5.1 Does a married woman need the authorization of her husband to register a company?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Does a single woman need the authorization of a male representative (father, brother, etc.) to register a company?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
If yes, what is the legal basis?		
2.5.2 Can the registration process be done by sending another person on behalf of the company owner?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If No, please move to 2.5.3)	
Is it common for a female entrepreneur to send a male representative?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Is it common for a male entrepreneur to send a female representative?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
2.5.3 Are there specific obstacles that women face to start and operate a limited liability company?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If No, please move to 2.5.4)	
If yes, what are the main obstacles?	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Additional documentation <input type="checkbox"/> b. Higher cost <input type="checkbox"/> c. Longer registration process <input type="checkbox"/> d. Requirement for more guarantees to obtain a loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. Lack of training <input type="checkbox"/> f. Other:	
2.5.4 Are there specific incentives for women to start a limited liability Company?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If No, please move to 3.1)	

If yes, what are the specific incentives for female entrepreneurs?	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Lower registration fees <input type="checkbox"/> b. Tax benefits/exemptions <input type="checkbox"/> c. Faster registration process <input type="checkbox"/> d. Subsidized credit <input type="checkbox"/> e. Equity funding <input type="checkbox"/> f. Specific training <input type="checkbox"/> g. Other:	
Please provide details about the incentives:		

Section 3. Companies' Registration Process

3.1 Quality of infrastructure at the company registry

	Answer	Comments
3.1.1 Is there a centralized business registry with full national coverage?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
3.1.2 Are all company records stored in digital form in the economy?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
3.1.3 Is there an electronic database to search all company records?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
If yes, is the search available for individual cases?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
If yes, is the search available in bulk?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
3.1.4 Is there an electronic system that covers the entire company registration process?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
3.1.5 Is there a fully electronic filling of changes of ownership?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
3.1.6 Is there an electronic payment for all fees related to company incorporation?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
3.1.7 Is there an electronic signature or another electronic form of authentication (with relevant legal framework) used for online company registration?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
3.1.8 Is there an automated electronic exchange of information between the business registry and other stakeholder agencies (tax authority, social security, pension fund, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
3.1.9 Is a Unique Business Identification number (UBI) for all companies used by all government agencies (business registry, tax authority, social security, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	

3.2 Accessibility of information about companies

	Answer	If online, please provide link	Comments
3.2.1 Does the company registry provide public access to information about:			
Name of company?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
Company ID?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
Name of directors?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
Name of shareholders?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
Name of beneficial owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
Articles of association?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
Year of incorporation?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
Legal address?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
Physical address?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
Type of main activity?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
Annual accounts?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
Annual returns?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
Capital structure (types, numbers and rights of outstanding shares)?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
3.2.2 Is the list of documents needed to incorporate a Limited Liability Company available to the general public?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
3.2.3 Is the list of all fees (including their amount) required for company incorporation available to the general public?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		
3.2.4 Are the service standards for company incorporation (e.g. commitment from the administration to deliver the document within a specific timeframe) available to the general public?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in person <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, online		

3.3 Legislative framework for company registration

	Answer	If yes, please provide a specific legal basis	Comments
3.3.1 Is it mandatory to verify the company name?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
3.3.2 Is it mandatory to verify the identity of the entrepreneurs?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
If yes, who is held responsible for verifying the identity of the entrepreneurs? Please select all that apply:	<input type="checkbox"/> Registrar <input type="checkbox"/> Notary <input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
3.3.3 Is it mandatory to register changes of company name at the business registry?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
If yes, what is the time limit for registering such changes?			
3.3.4 Is it mandatory to register changes in shareholder details at the business registry?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
If yes, what is the time limit for registering such changes?			
3.3.5 Is it mandatory to register changes in the articles of association at the business registry?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
If yes, what is the time limit for registering such changes?			
3.3.6 Is it mandatory to register bankruptcy cases?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
If yes, what is the time limit for registering such cases?			
3.3.7 Is it mandatory to register beneficial owner details and changes thereof?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
If yes, what is the time limit for registering such changes?			

Thank you very much for completing the questionnaire!

We sincerely appreciate your contribution to the *Entrepreneurship Questionnaire*.
 The results will appear in *Doing Business 2018* and on our website: <http://www.doingbusiness.org>.
 Your work will be gratefully acknowledged in both.