National Business Registration System (NBRS): A case study from Viet Nam

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Outline

Business registration in Viet Nam

• Context
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Context

• Highly decentralized public administrative system

• High cost, high risks for:
  – Business community
  – Policy makers
  – Public
The Past
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- 63 separate registries
- Low service quality and standards
- Very difficult to
  - Enforce legal requirements
  - Access information

Registration used to be a formality to complete and forget about!
The Present
The Present

Comprehensive reforms ranging from legal to institutional to organizational change

UNIDO as capacity building partner to Government, with funding from SECO and NORAD
Lessons learned

• Unique ID
• Inter-institutional collaboration
• Access to information, including financial statements
• Data verification
• Use of ICT
• Electronic registration and information services
Lessons learned

• High start up cost, high risk undertaking, in turn creating high yields

• Scope for inter-institutional collaboration between administrative and statistical registries

• ICT driving reforms, creating broader benefits

• High level political commitment critical to success
Thank you for your attention!

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