**Statistical Business Register – Experience of Sri Lanka**

This paper attempts to present the process of establishing a statistical business register based on the first ever economic census of Sri Lanka in 2013/14. The first phase of the economic census was a listing operation that was done by enumerating all the buildings and housing units listed at the population census carried out in 2012. Though Srilanka has substantially strong indicators in the social and demographic statistics its economic indicators show the country is vulnerable in terms of economic performance. So, the need for strong economic development policies arose. With the intention of making the process of compiling the economic statistics more qualitative and timelier the project of SBR was initiated with the support of ADB. This paper is an experience sharing of the steps taken and the progress achieved so far in this regard. The constraints and challenges in establishing a live SBR in Sri Lanka, a country with a population of 22 million and divided in to 25 administrative districts are discussed in detail here. This paper also highlights the support that needs to be provided by the relevant authorities to make it a success so that it can contribute to the development of the country.