

Project: ESCAP Foreign Direct Investment Database

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FDI Database

The Idea Behind It

- Range of different international sources for FDI data:
 - International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
 - World Bank
 - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
 - Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)
- BUT:
 - Partly large discrepancies between the FDI data published
 - Data on country and industry level only rarely available
- Alternative - National Sources for FDI data:
 - National Statistics Authorities
 - Central Banks
 - Ministries of Trade
 - etc.



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Our Objective

- Creating a comprehensive FDI database with a broad range of FDI data from both international and national sources
- Offering the user the possibility to compare between different data sources and choose from our pool those data that are most suitable for his/her purposes
- Especially important: FDI data on country and industry level



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Our Objective

- Providing a Fact Sheet for each country containing
 - Total FDI Inflows & Outflows
 - FDI Inflows by Country and by Industry
 - FDI Outflows by Country and by Industry
 - Graphs displaying
 - FDI Trends
 - Top 10 Source and Destination Countries
 - Top 5 Source and Destination Industries
- Providing a Metadata Sheet for each country



FDI Database Challenges

- International Sources:
 - Partly large discrepancies between the FDI data published
 - Data on country and industry level only rarely available
- National Sources:
 - Some countries do not make FDI data available
 - Others publish aggregated numbers only
 - Only few countries make country and industry level FDI data available
 - Data harmonization sometimes problematic due to different reporting systems:
 - Calendar Year vs. Financial Year, sometimes no monthly or quarterly data available
 - Different industry classification systems
 - Frequency of data publication varies



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Cooperating with ESCAP

- Increased cooperation between ESCAP and FDI Network members in sharing information on FDI
- Share knowledge about FDI data collection methods amongst Network members and ESCAP
- This would allow ESCAP to provide more accurate and detailed data on FDI



Thank you!



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