



## **Integrating Business Survey: *Cooperation between ABS and BPS***

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### **Abstract**

The National Statistical Offices of Australia, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and Indonesia, Badan Pusat Statistik (BPS-Statistics Indonesia) have partnered together to develop and implement an integrated Business Survey for BPS. The partnership has included a series of 8 face to face workshops, commencing in May 2016 through to September 2019, both in Indonesia and Australia. A 9<sup>th</sup> workshop was scheduled for April 2020 but was abandoned due to the advent of COVID-19 and the resulting international travel restrictions. A follow up virtual meeting occurred in late 2020 to wrap up discussions for the current body of work.

Many Statistical organisations worldwide have committed to the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and associated indicators and have been looking for innovative ways to collect information in a more efficient way to address some of these indicators. One of the opportunities to do this is via the use of integrated surveys. BPS decided to integrate a number of their Business Surveys as a way to address some of the SDG indicators. BPS partnered with the ABS to develop an integrated Business Survey capturing data for a number of Business Characteristics including Innovation, Business Use of Information Technology and Cinematic operations.

This paper will cover details of the partnership between the ABS and BPS, focusing on how the partnership worked, benefits derived, challenges encountered and outcomes achieved, including the opportunities it creates for future collaboration.

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