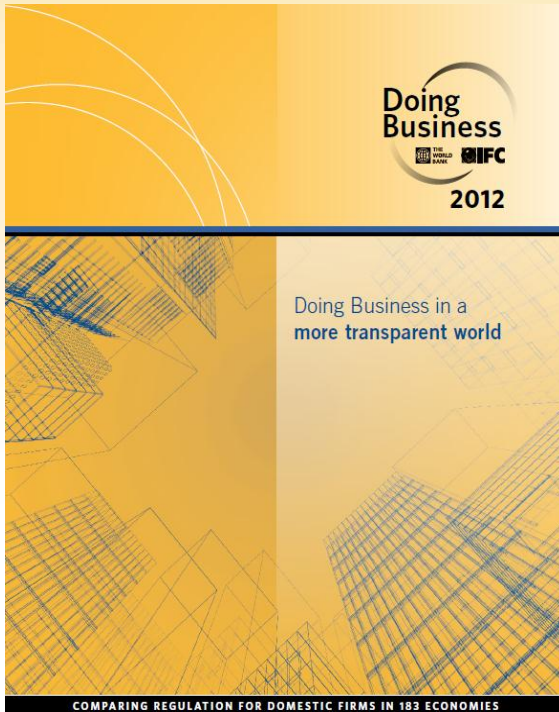


# **Doing Business in Latin America and the Caribbean**

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# What does Doing Business measure?



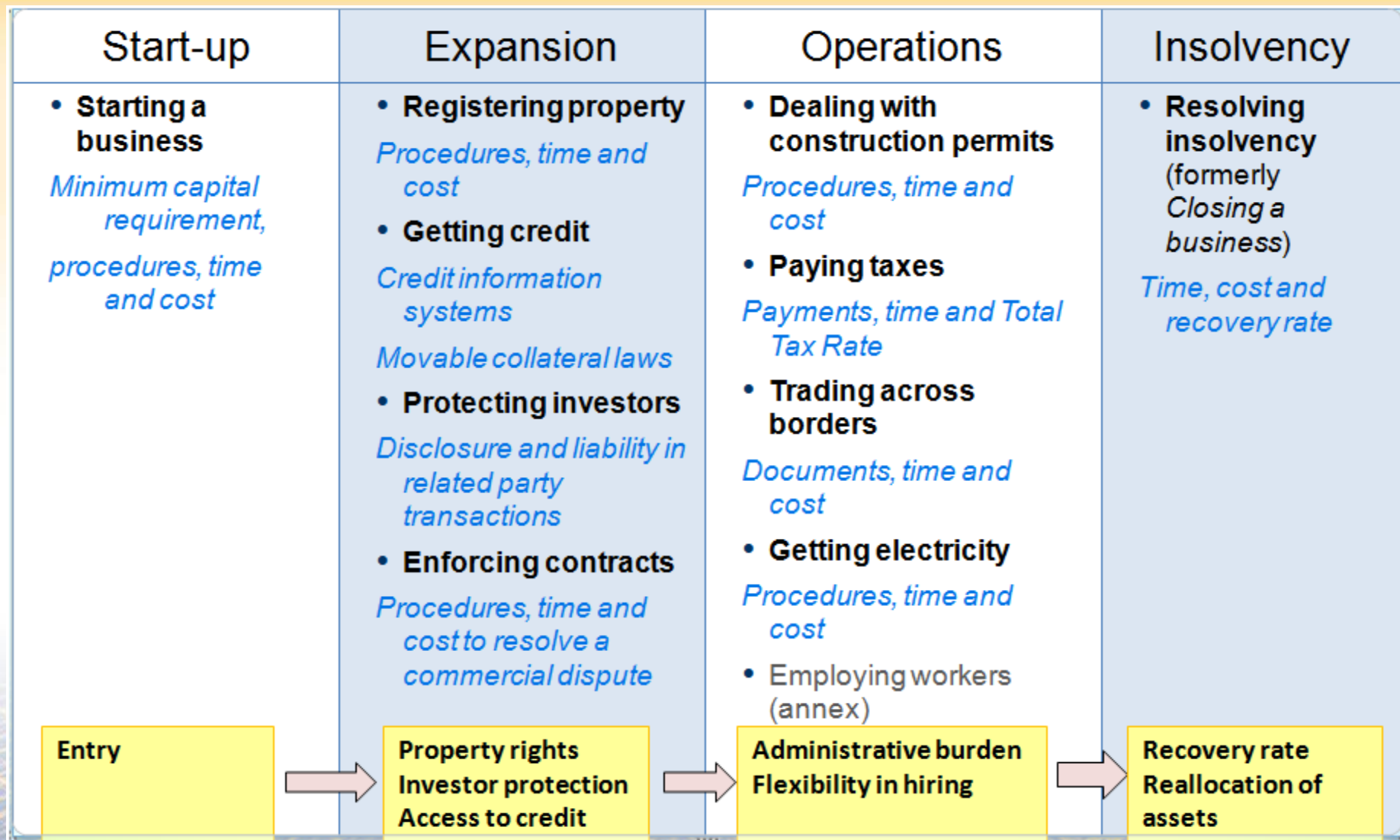
## Doing Business indicators:

- ✓ Focus on regulations relevant to the life cycle of a small to medium-sized domestic business.
- ✓ Are built on standardized case scenarios.
- ✓ Are measured for the most populous city in each country.
- ✓ Are focused on the formal sector.

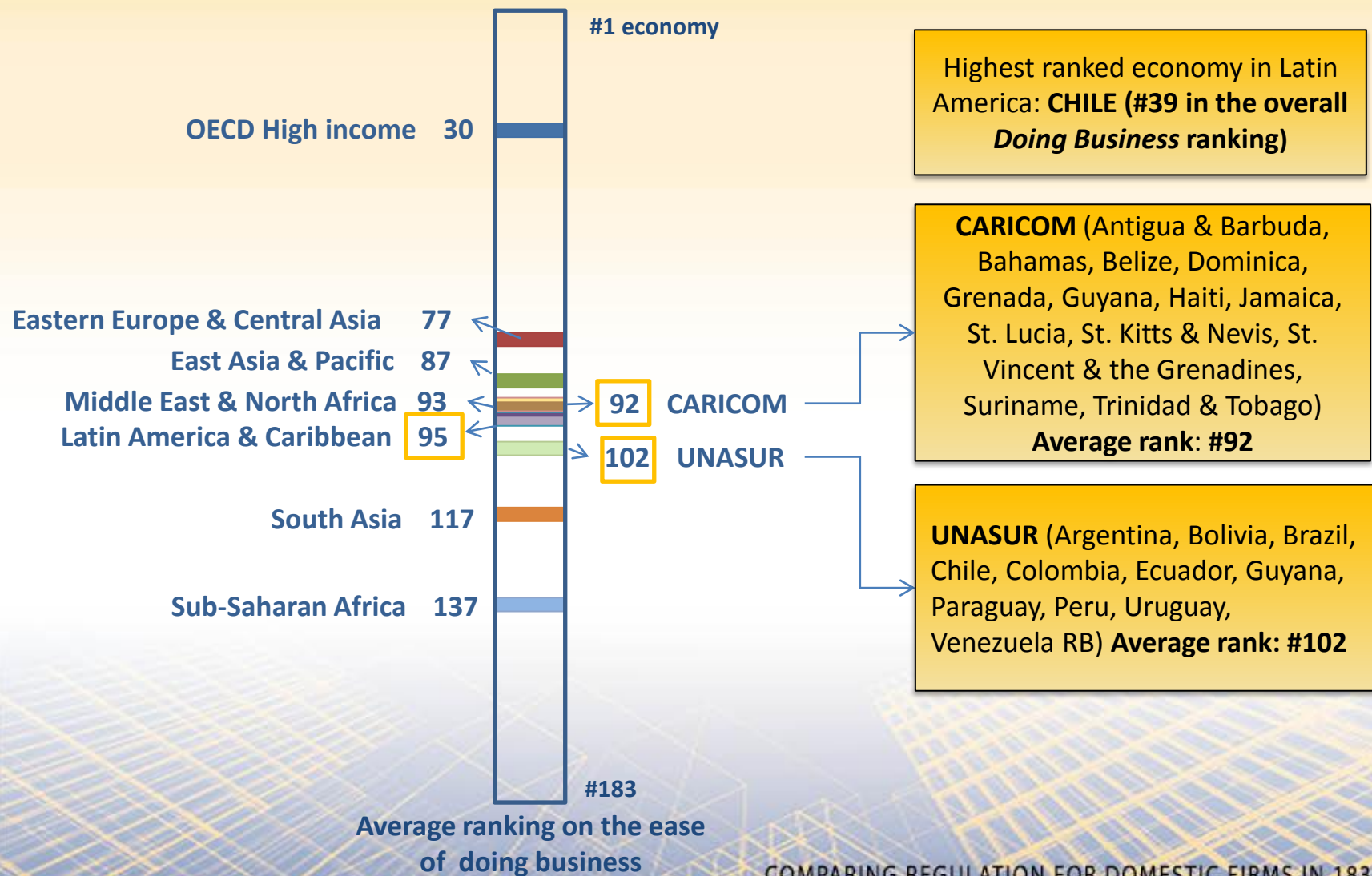
**DO NOT** measure all aspects of the business environment such as macroeconomic stability, corruption, level of labor skills, proximity to markets, or of regulation specific to foreign investment or financial markets.



# Doing Business indicators – 11 areas of business regulation (10 included in the ranking)



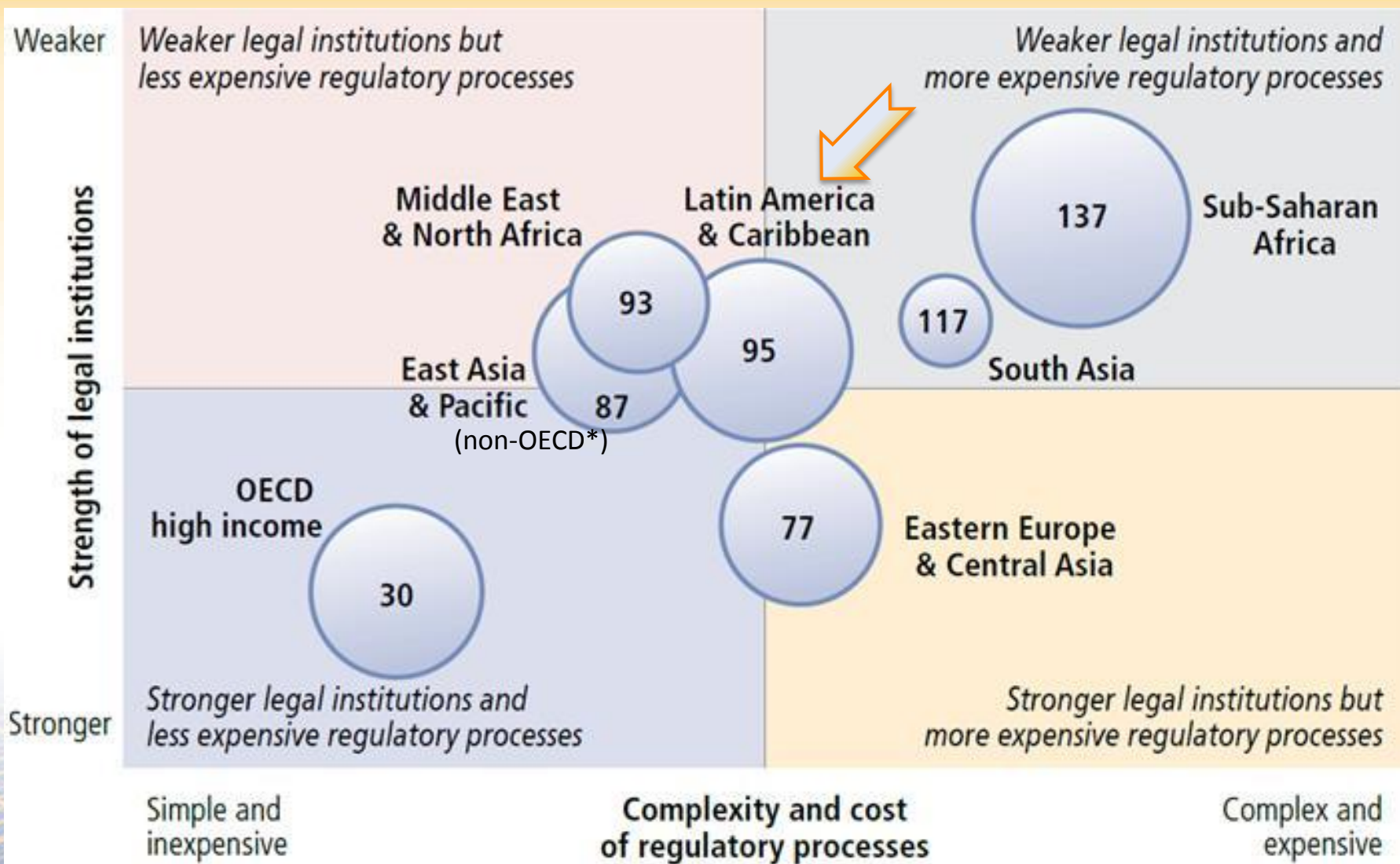
# Average rank in DB2012 per region and country groupings in Latin America & Caribbean



# Latin American and Caribbean rankings in Doing Business 2012

Latin America rank		Economy	Global rank
1		Chile	39
2		Peru	41
3		Colombia	42
4		Puerto Rico (U.S)	43
5		St. Lucia	52
6		Mexico	53
7		Antigua and Barbuda	57
8		Panama	61
9		Dominica	65
10		Trinidad and Tobago	68

# Non-OECD East Asia & Pacific economies on average have more efficient regulatory processes relative to the strength of legal institutions

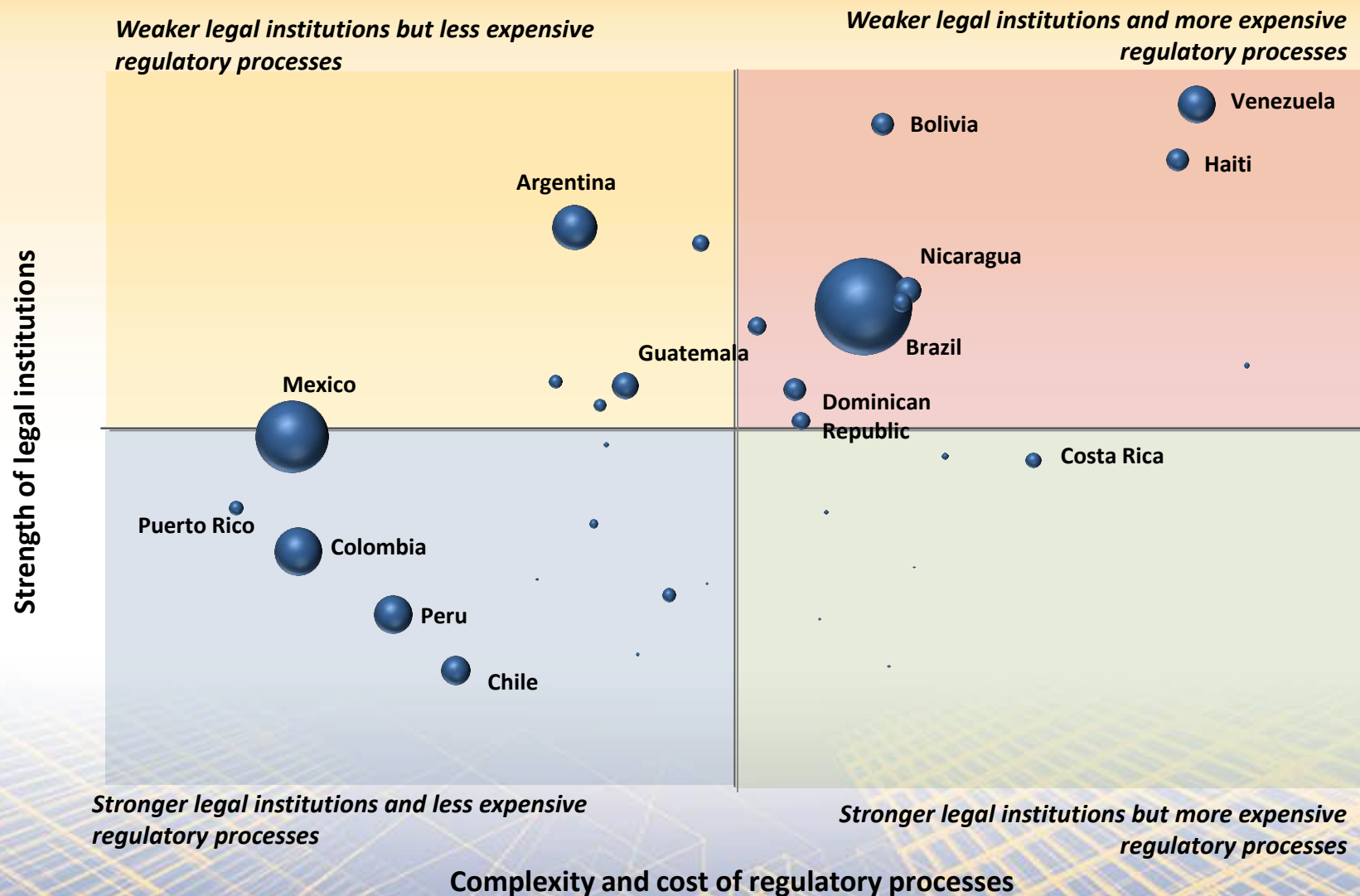


\* Excludes Australia, Japan, Korea Rep. and New Zealand, which are grouped as OECD high income.

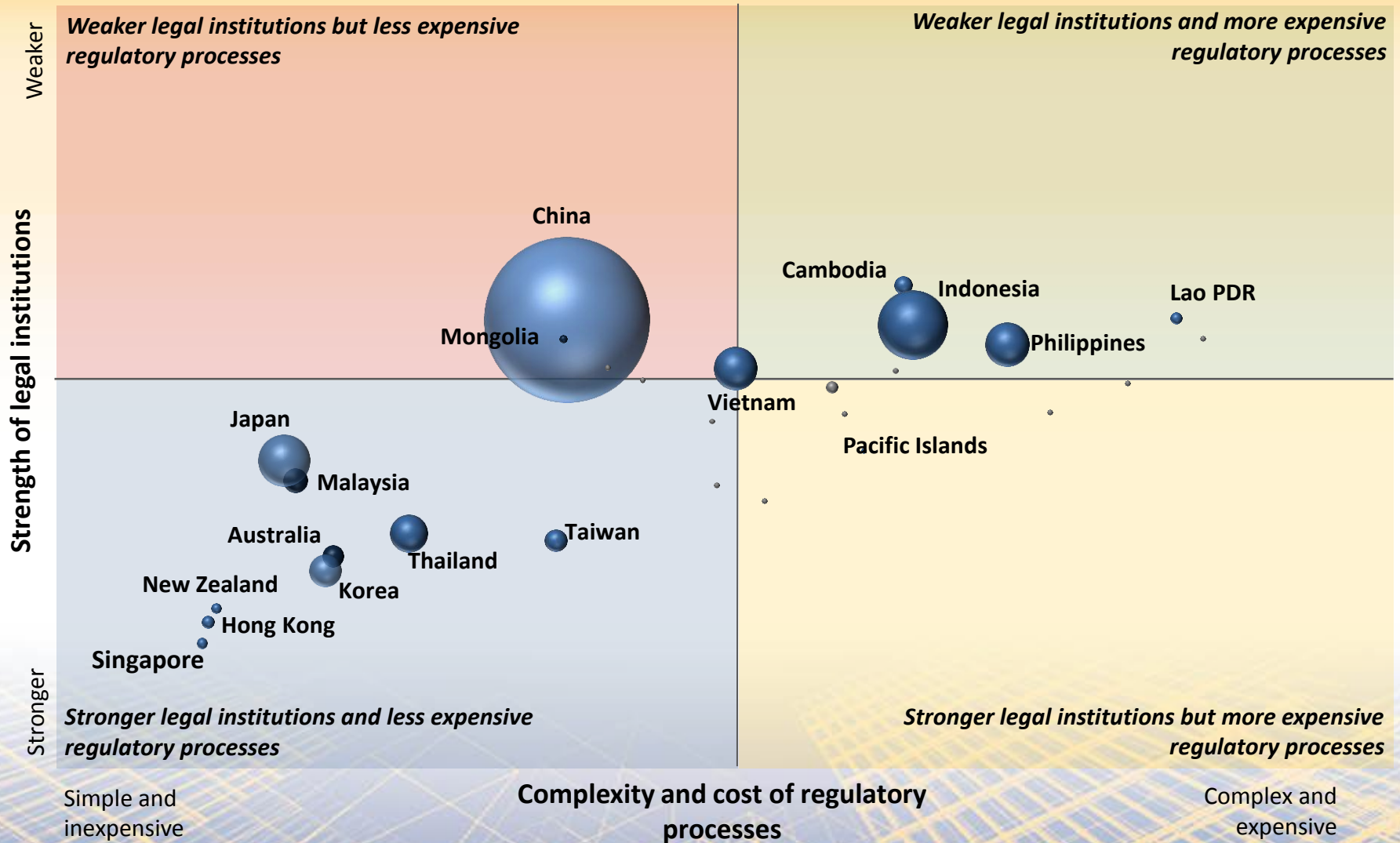
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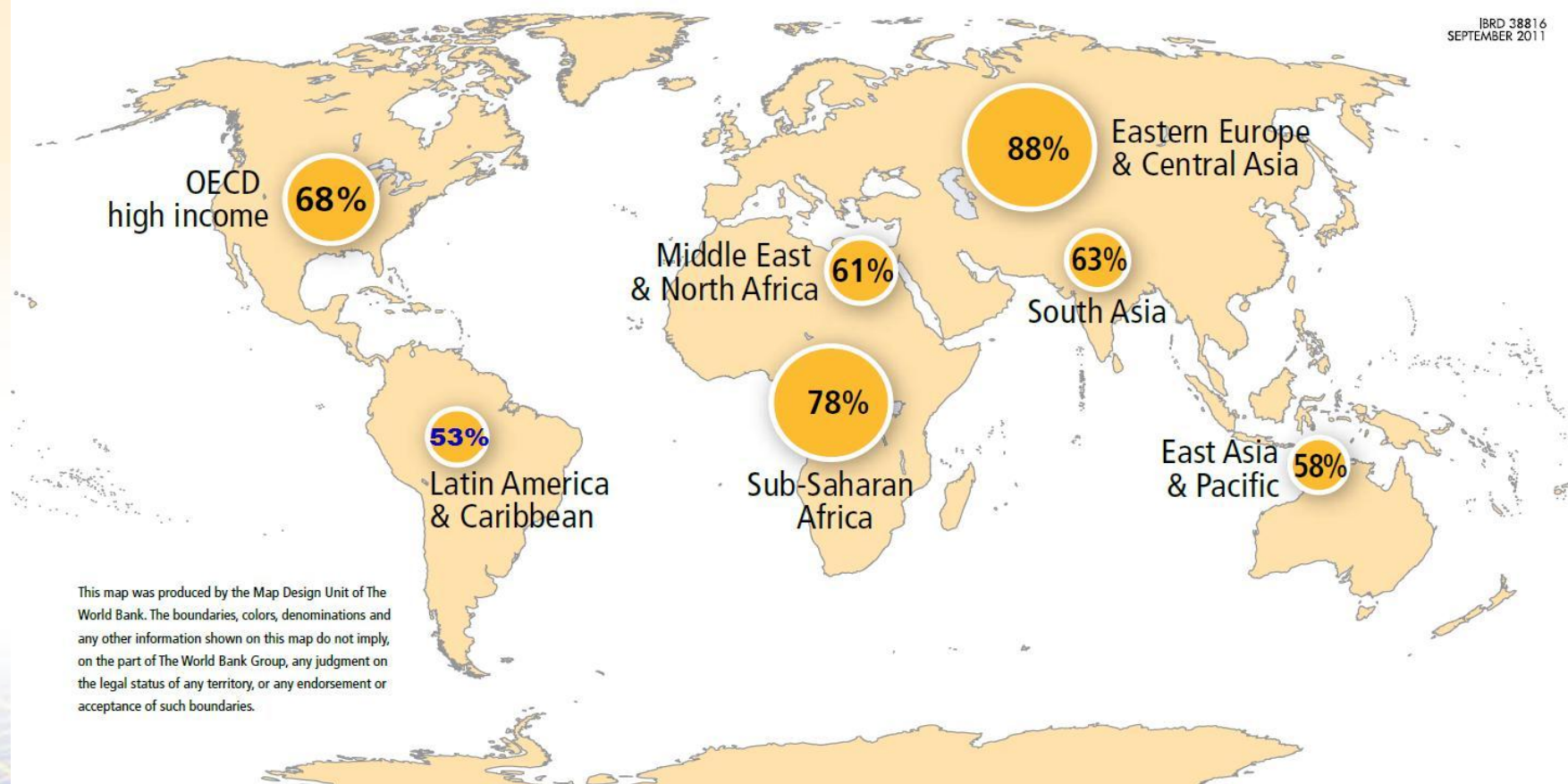
# Singapore is the economy with stronger legal institutions and less expensive regulatory processes in the region





# Strong global pace of reforms making business easier: 245 *Doing Business* reforms in 125 economies

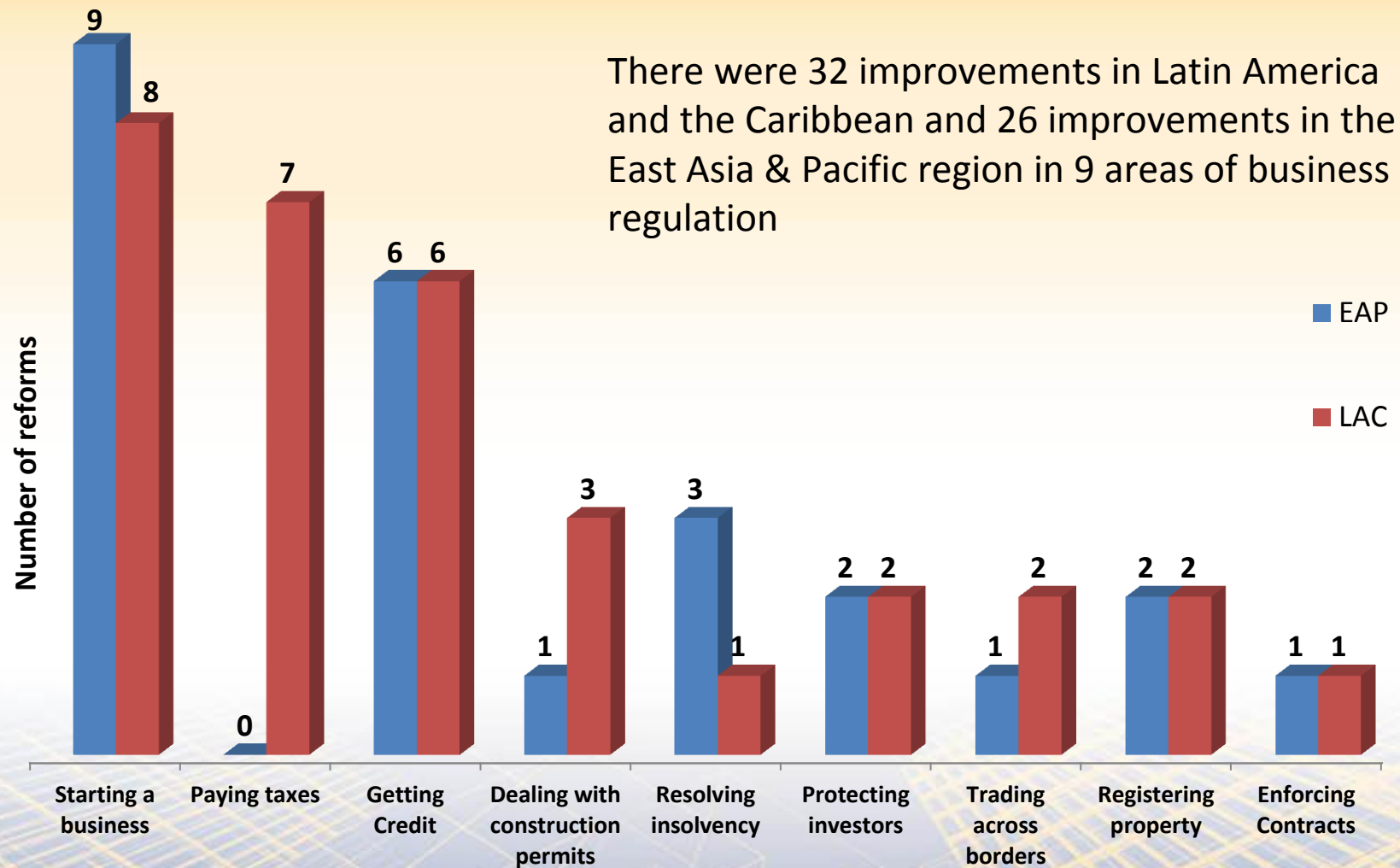
Share of economies with at least 1 *Doing Business* reform making it easier to do business (%)



✓ Latin America & the Caribbean implemented 6% more *Doing Business* reforms in DB2012 than in DB2011

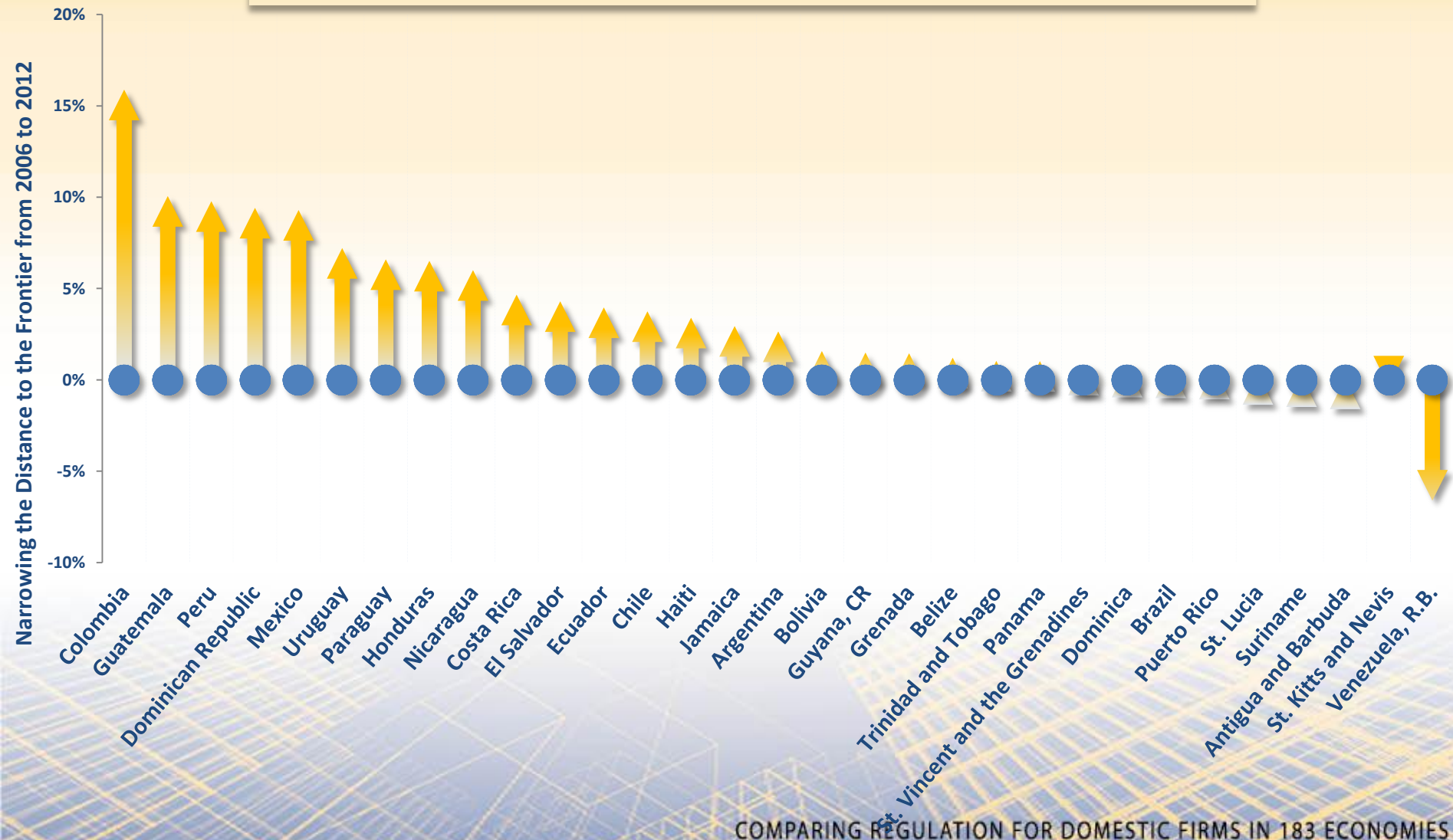
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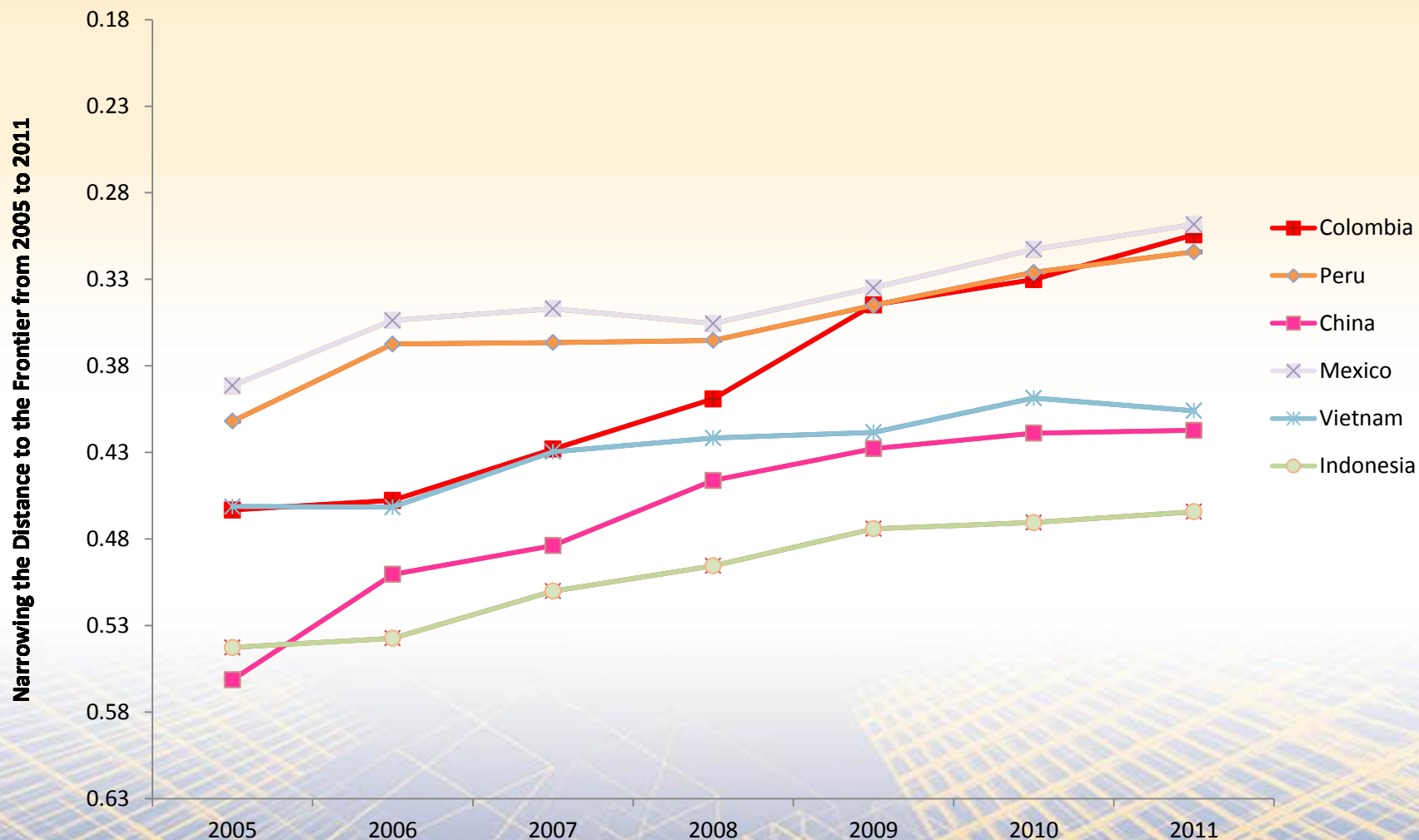
# Latin America and the Caribbean: narrowing the *Distance to the Frontier* from 2006 to 2011

Who advanced the most in closing the gap to the frontier ?

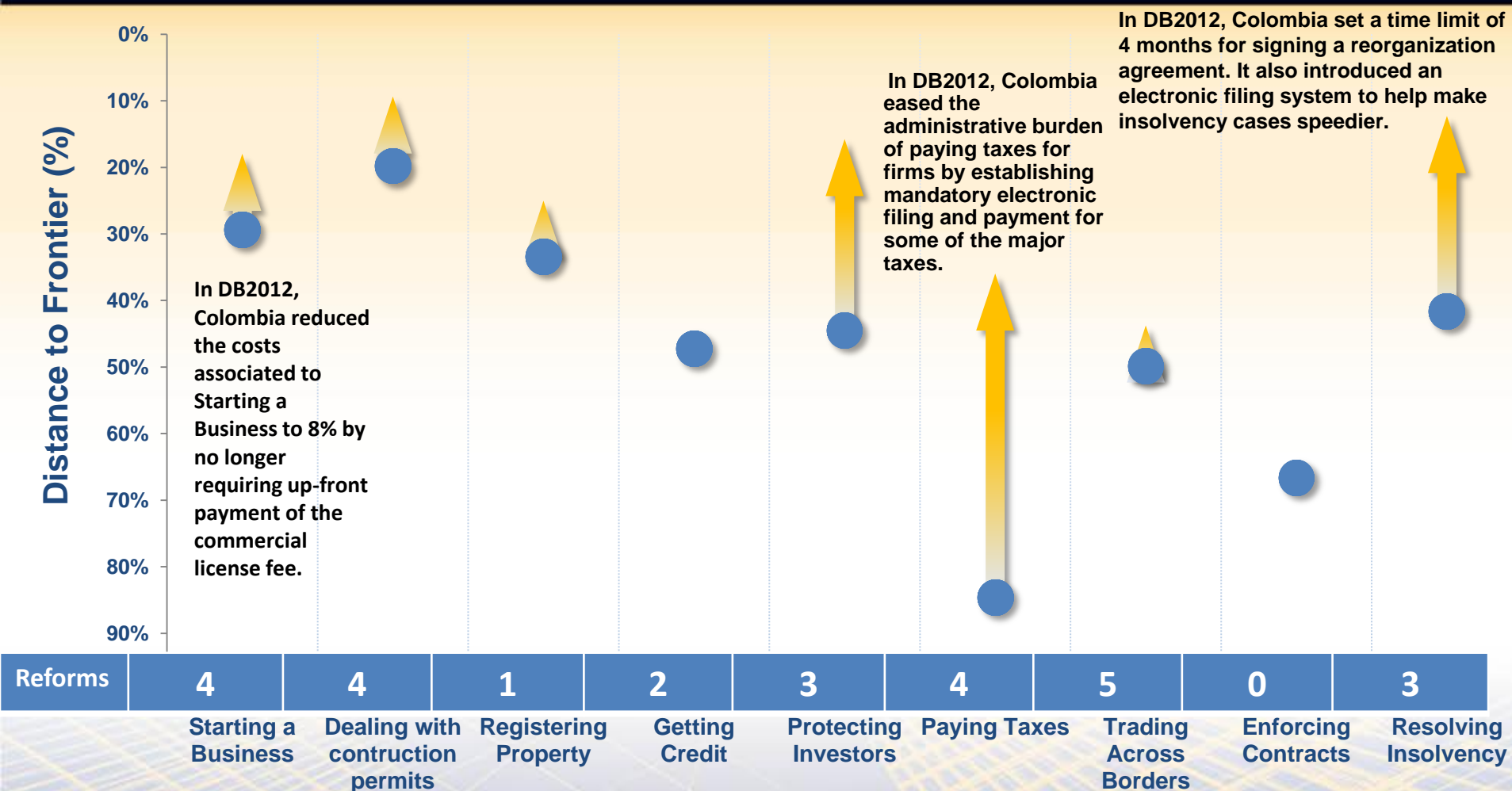




# Race to the top: Narrowing the Distance to the Frontier from 2005 to 2011



# Colombia: Distance to the Frontier from 2006 to 2011



✓ **Colombia** improved its rank in the ease of doing business by 5 positions shifting from #47 in *Doing Business 2011* to #42 in *Doing Business 2012*

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 - O -  
 Seleccione un asunto ▼

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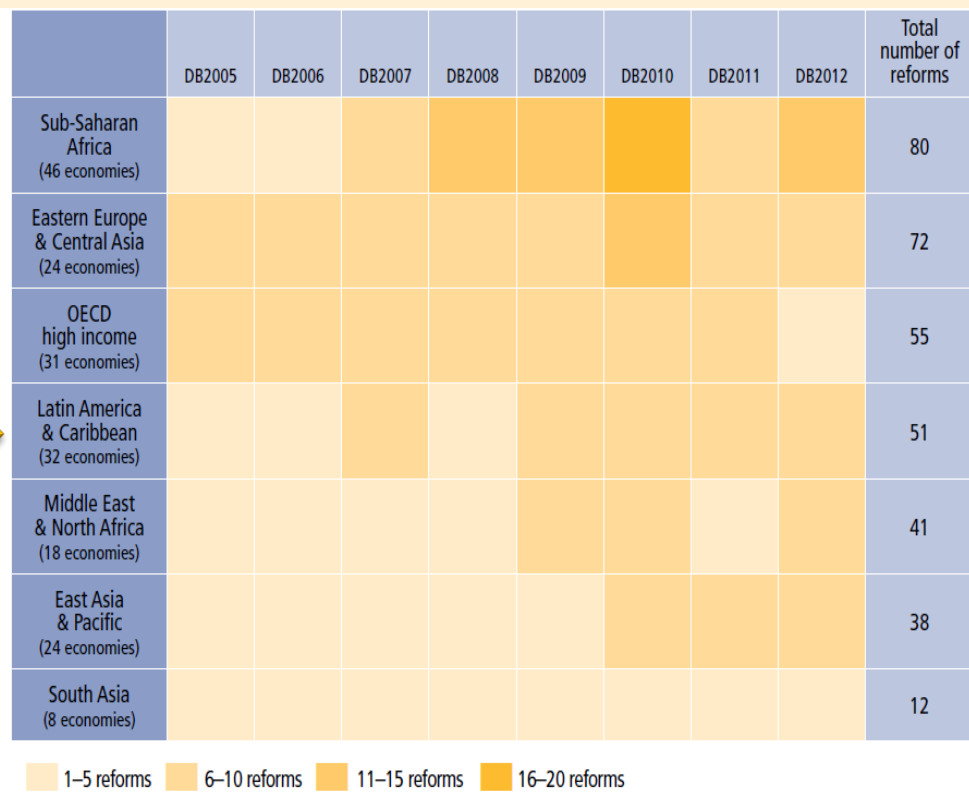


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# Since DB2009, Latin America & the Caribbean has had between 6 and 10 reforms per year in Starting a Business

## Steady pace of Starting a Business reforms in Latin America & the Caribbean since DB2005



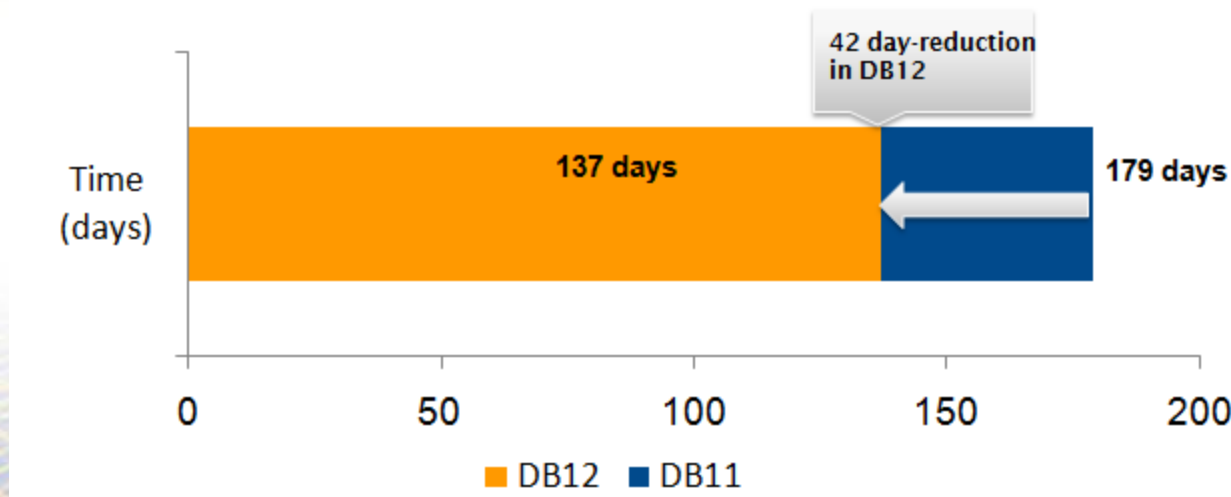
✓ **Uruguay was the *Starting a Business* indicator biggest improver in 2010/11:** It launched “Empresa en el Día”, a one-stop shop for business incorporation. It cut procedures by 6, time by 58 days and cost by 33%.

✓ **Colombia reduced the costs associated with starting a business from 14.7% of income per capita in DB11 to 8% in DB12** by no longer requiring up-front payment of the commercial license fee.

✓ **Other economies also simplified registration formalities (i.e. notarization, seal, publication, inspection):** Chile, Dominican Republic, Panama, Colombia, Guyana, Puerto Rico (U.S).

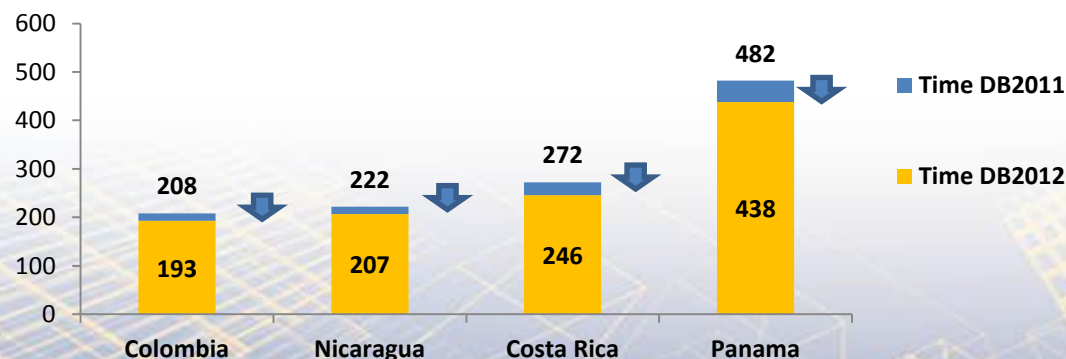
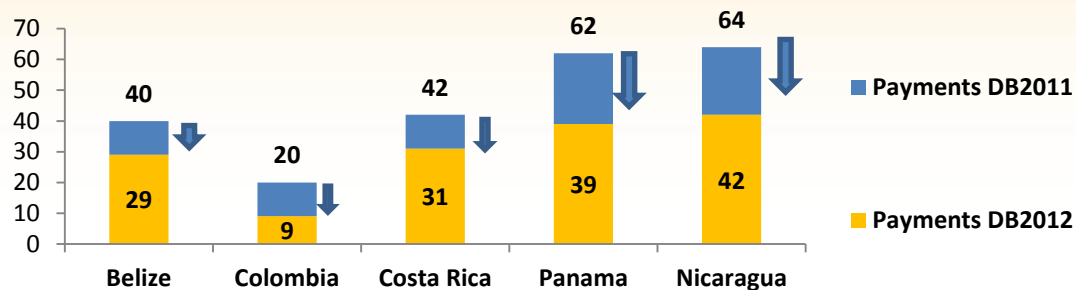
## 3 economies in Latin America & the Caribbean made Dealing with Constructions Permits easier – Mexico, Paraguay and Puerto Rico (U.S.)

- ✓ **Mexico** sped the **issuing of zoning certificates** by **consolidating internal administrative procedures** and **hiring more staff**.
- ✓ **Puerto Rico (U.S.)** created the Office of Permits Management to streamline procedures.
- ✓ **Paraguay** introduced **risk-based approvals** and a single window for obtaining construction permits. Time for processing permit applications in Paraguay was reduced by **42 days**.



# Economies in Latin America & the Caribbean seeing improvements in payments and time for Paying Taxes

✓ **Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Peru** improved electronic filing and reduced payment time and/or number of payments for some taxes or contributions





# Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay improved their credit information systems in *Doing Business* 2012

**Brazil** allowed private credit bureaus to collect and share positive information

➤ *Coverage by credit information systems in Latin America and the Caribbean is among the highest in the world*

*A study looked at the effect of providing positive and negative information in Latin America. In Brazil it found that “having access to positive information would reduce the default rate from 3.37% to 1.87% - equivalent to about a 45% reduction in portfolio losses for Brazilian banks”*

**Paraguay** established an online platform for financial institutions to exchange information with the public credit registry

**Uruguay** introduced a new online platform allowing access to credit reports for financial institutions, public utilities and borrowers



# Economies in Latin America & the Caribbean are using technology to increase transparency and access to information

- ✓ **77%** of economies in **Latin America & the Caribbean** make **judgment in commercial cases publicly available**.
- ✓ **Latin America & Caribbean** ranks **second** in the **accessibility of documents required for trade**. 78% of the region's economies provide this information on websites or through public notices.

