**Abstract: Session 5 Workshop SBR Maturity Model**

**Share knowledge and best practices**

* The Business Register exists primarily for the purpose of supplying frames for all business collections :
* Coordinating the coverage of business surveys
* Achieving consistency in classifying statistical reporting units.
* It also serves as the main source of business demography: business creations; closures; structural changes brought about by mergers, takeovers etc.

**Determine the current state of your SBR**

* The current system is Microsoft Access based and is maintained by the Business Register Unit which is part of the Economic Statistics Division. This system was upgraded and effective from 23rd October 2013.
* In Fiji we are using questionnaires(for new businesses) and update forms(for the surveying officers for the amendments)
* Outputs for Business Register we prepare quarterly reports to senior management on the status of BR which is Quarterly Snapshot and Quarterly updates by industry.

**Determine possible next steps for development**

* Currently Fiji Bureau of Statistics need assistance in review of the Business Register database and we would appreciate if the countries can share their knowledge and ideas on types of database/software other countries is using
* Attaching a Geographical code against all businesses enabling each establishment’s profile to be linked to our Geographical Information System (GIS). Once this is done, data collection will be performed in a more systematic manner. The above will facilitate the provision of useful information to users such as our Disaster Management Office and Investors
* Networking with the Regional Offices being strengthen as they will be collecting data for FBoS statistical processing.
* Updating variables [Turnover, Number of Employee, and Taxation Number, Overseas Ownership / Importer & Exporters]

**Find help and guidelines to actually be able to take those steps**

* Develop good relationship & networking with our data sources. To develop awareness on the importance of the BR system within FBoS.
* Ensure that all BR variables are updated efficiently thus having an up to date system. Create more checks on the ground for companies that have closed or are dormant.
* Have a more reliable software database for Business Register in Fiji need assistance and support from the other countries.
* Understudy other countries statistical Business Register system to exchange ideas and develop more effective and efficient Business Register in Fiji.