**Session 3: Fiji’s Globalisation and Large Case Units (LCU)**

**Session Paper Detailed**

In Fiji globalisation and large case units we have just started with the development of this area through improvement and changes to the business register questionnaire so that the detail information on the new business profiled can be access. We don’t have that much experience in this area since we just started with it. So, through other developed countries sharing ideas on globalisation and large case unit will really help Fiji in this area of development and improvements.

**How these businesses are recorded on the statistical business register and is there a need to hold extra information on this or the standard unit’s model still work.**

There is a need to hold extra information. In Fiji we redesign the Business Register (BR) Questionnaire last year to include additional information of the variables for new business profile. While conducting business information on the new business which is not in the business register, we had additional information. For example,

* with type of legal organization, we included other variables like branch of overseas company;
* is this business being a subsidiary of another company;
* does the business export or import

**What sources of data are used to derive multi-national structures?**

In Fiji the multi-national structure play a dominant role in production, which is then reflect their contribution to production, value added, employment, trade in goods and services, foreign direct investments, etc. This eliminates duplication of questions and cuts the reporting burden by decreasing the number of questionnaires. In additional, all data is collected centrally in the business register unit in Fiji. And the BR unit is supplying frames for all business collection and provides a means of coordinating the coverage of business surveys and achieving consistency in classifying statistical reporting unit and serve as a main source of business demography. It is also important that the data collection for business statistics, national accounts and balance of payments are also organised differently may have different roles, responsibilities and coverage.

**Issues/Procedures for Fiji’s globalisation**

Currently, we having issue with our current BR system which is Microsoft access based. We have a lot of administrative data sources information available to link with the current Business Register is a challenge since there is no common identify. To fully understand multinational structures and to better compile data on their global business activities, it is important to understand their structure, organisation and their ownership of the businesses. This is the area Fiji is looking forward to develop and implement in future by having more resources available, training, workshops and consultancy. Grateful if a group is formed in pacific island countries for sharing the ideas on the implementation and development for globalisation of the large case units, additional skills for benefitting from better knowledge and understanding on multinational structure and high quality data covering the activities. To ensure that the national statistics are of high-quality and do not double-count or miss any activity towards development of the Business Register and better comparison of country practice.