SPC is taking the lead in setting-up standard business registers in the Pacific, with Fiji providing the South-South cooperation:

- Adoption of business registers in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories allows accurate, up-to-date and consistent frames to be used for business-related statistical collections, as well as allows a range of collections to have consistently identified and classified units.
- To have a standard set-up throughout the Pacific has the advantage of business register staff in countries helping each other/exchanging views – important in the Pacific where many countries have small statistical offices with high staff turnover.

Microsoft Access is used as the platform since staff in most of the countries is familiar with this. The program contains data fields to cater for identification, stratification and demographic variables and has many other features.

SPC and the Australian Bureau of Statistics have jointly produced a manual titled Pacific Business Register Development Guide as part of their efforts to provide leadership for statistical development in the Pacific Island Countries & Territories. This manual refers to general Business Register practices used by NSOs throughout the world, many of whom work according to the recommendations of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers.

The way in which this guide is applied to local situations depends on a number of factors, including:

- The standing of the NSO in the business community, and the willingness of businesses to cooperate in the production of statistics,
- The level of mutuality between government agencies,
- The level of non-observed activity in the local economy, and
- The structure and operation of local tax and regulations.