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Welcome !



**Chair of the National Advisory
Board :
Director General,
Mrs Esline Garaebiti Bule**

Welcome is the second edition of the NAB Secretariat newsletter. This quarterly newsletter is an initiative to share information on the Secretariat's activities in coordinating climate change and disaster risk reduction related programs and initiative aiming at strengthening and increasing the resilience of our people and communities to the issues affecting them as a result of climate change and natural disasters.

In this second edition, we provide an overview of the Secretariat staff and their positions, the NAB Board members Lists and their Alternates members list confirmed for year October 2021, the List of Projects and documents endorsed by the National Advisory Board members on NAB Meetings for Year 2021 and key activities and highlights carried out this year on the second quarter which supports the function of the National Advisory Board on CCDRR (NAB) in Vanuatu. We hope you will find it to be informative and interesting to read. You can find out more by contacting our office at the Ministry of Climate Change Complex in Port Vila or by checking the NAB Portal www.nab.vu.

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Meet the NAB Secretariat Office Staff

The NAB Secretariat Office consists of five (5) Permanent Staff. These positions were recruited to carry out the roles and duties for the National Advisory Board Secretariat office that sits within the corporate services unit (CSU) of the Ministry of Climate Change and is Supervised by the Director General.

The Position are as follows:

- NAB Strategic Manager
- NAB Multilateral Environmental Agreement Officer
- NAB Policy & Planning Officer
- NAB Sector Projects Development Officer
- NAB Information Management System Officer



NAB Strategic Manager,
Mrs Florence Iautu



NAB Multilateral Environmental
Agreement Officer,
Ms Leana Isabel William



NAB Policy & Planning
Officer
Mr Ericksen Packett



NAB Project Development Officer
Mrs Julia Salerua



NAB Information Management System Officer
Ms Cynthia Sandrina Hosea

The Bonn Germany Climate Change Conference Meeting SB56, June 6th - 16th year 2022



SB56 Vanuatu Delegations Front row (L-R) - Dir Christopher T, Dir Mike, Mrs Paulianne B, Mr Sanlan W & Backrow (L-R) Corey H, Dir Antony G, Mr Nelson K, Dr. Christopher B

Every year, the Vanuatu National Advisory Board (NAB Secretariat) on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction always nominated climate negotiators to attend the Bonn Climate Change Conference in Germany. The Bonn Climate Change Conference which started on Monday, June 6 and will end on the 16th of June 2022, is designed to prepare for the UN Climate Change Conference COP27 in November this year at Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt.

An eight (8) member Vanuatu delegation has joined other countries in Germany to discuss the earth's future, which is currently being threatened by climate change. These eight members has done negotiating under different thematic groups listed below:

- Director Antony Garae - ***Mitigation thematic group and Technology thematic group***
- Director Christopher Tavoia - ***Transparency thematic group***
- Director Mike Waiwai - ***Loss and Damage thematic group***
- Dr Christopher Bartlett - ***Loss and Damage thematic group and technical adviser for all the Vanuatu thematic groups.***
- Mr Corey Huber - ***Climate finance thematic group***
- Mr Sanlan William - ***Bilateral Meetings***
- Mr Nelson Kalo - ***Mitigation thematic group***
- Mrs Paulianne Basil - ***Adaptation thematic group***

The Vanuatu's participation at this climate conference in Germany is an important build-up towards the COP27 UN climate change conference that will take place later this year in Egypt as mentioned above.

During the Conference in Germany, Vanuatu alongside its Pacific neighbours push for new projects that double current adaptation finance, as well as ask for an entirely new stream of funding for communities and businesses that are wiped out by extreme events like cyclones, and slow onset climate change like sea level rise and ocean acidification.

Vanuatu delegates are also stepping up pressure on countries to get rid of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas entirely, to help to keep temperature rise below 1.5 degrees. Vanuatu's negotiating team to this climate conference will covered various thematic areas including climate change adaptation, loss and damage, mitigation around Article 6, climate finance, transparency and also research science, gender, technology and oceans.

In addition the discussions in Germany of Vanuatu's foreign policy priority to bring climate change to the International Court of Justice are expected to inject new ambition and urgency into pledges made by countries when the climate Resolution is tabled by Vanuatu at the UN General Assembly later this year.

The negotiations During these conference, were very intense for Vanuatu delegates in Bonn, with late night sessions and strong pressure against Vanuatu's positions from many countries. Other delegates representing various sectors from the government, private sectors and NGOs has followed the negotiations in Vanuatu using the conference virtual platform.

Therefore through the capacity building work done by the Ministry of Climate Change over the past years, the delegation to the current meeting in Germany is one of the biggest for Vanuatu, compared to previous years, to bring the grassroots' needs to the international level.

Our Pacific Leaders have affirmed that climate change is one of the greatest threats to the livelihoods, security and wellbeing of the people in the region.

As from the past years the UN climate negotiation processes by Vanuatu have resulted in billions of vatu for resilient development, now being implemented in communities in all provinces and islands. For example, climate funds secured by the Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation across multiple climate projects at all levels have been used to build and rehabilitate roads, airports, wharves, clinics, water supply systems, evacuation centres, schools, agricultural plantations, fisheries and even document traditional knowledge.

UN climate finance has, in the last few years, built climate-proof local area council field offices in Central Pentecost, South Santo, South Erromango and even Loh, Torres. It has upgraded water supply systems and rain water catchments in hundreds of villages around the country. Climate finance has been channelled to the Public Works Department to build climate-proof access roads across the nation.

Climate finance is responsible for new Government policies and for the tailored climate forecasting and early warning systems which so many people rely on.

Commonly it is climate change funding that is actually supporting the critical community and island operations of our line agencies and departments, and even funding the work of our local NGOs and Civil Society Organizations and new projects starting in 2022 are even working to build urban resilience in Port Vila and Luganville, including a world standard weather radar to help ships and airlines.

Nearly all of this finance results from the work of Vanuatu's delegation to these UN climate negotiations.

But Vanuatu needs much more; The enhanced **Nationally Determined Contribution** (NDC) indicates that Vanuatu will require more than \$1.2 billion US, to be funded by our donor partners, through 2030 to implement our most urgent mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage needs.

On May 27, 2022, the Parliament of Vanuatu unanimously approved a Declaration of Climate Emergency, highlighting the direct impacts of climate change on the people of Vanuatu, societies, and natural resources and confirming that climate change is now undermining the fundamental human rights of present and future generations of Vanuatu's people.

Despite these climate change concerns, some countries around the world continue to expand fossil fuel projects with new coal, oil and gas, which, according to robust scientific evidence from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, will take the earth well beyond the 1.5 degrees Celsius warming limit as agreed within the Paris Agreement. **The richest countries in the world are yet to complete their funding commitments to support our most vulnerable communities.**

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The First NAB Meeting for the year 2022

Every year the NAB Board members held its meeting Six (6) times a year and it was held every 2nd month. Invitation were sent via emails to all NAB Members (Directors of the 17 departments including DG of the Ministry of Climate Change) including the NAB Observers, Vanuatu Climate Action Network (VCAN) and Vanuatu Business Resilience Council (VBRC). Their confirmation for attending the meeting were confirmed through emails or phone calls.

This year 2022 the First NAB Meeting was held on Wednesday the 23rd of February 2022 at the VMGD Conference room. During that First NAB Meeting, there were discussions made on the presentation of project and documents and reports presented and Endorsement were given to the presentation. the NAB Endorsement was done by the NAB Members and several updates from projects and reports were presented.

o Project Documents being endorsed by the NAB Board members:

- Presentation of reviewed Tagabe River Catchment Management Plan (Presenter Project Team)

o Project Updates presented to the NAB Members:

1. Progress of Port Vila CBD Greening Master Plan (Presenter – SAVVY Vanuatu Consultants)
2. The Efate Battery Storage Project update on AE's status. (Presenter – Project Team, GGGi/DoE)
3. Strengthening Capacity in the Energy, Agriculture, Forestry, Waste and other Land – use sectors for Enhanced Transparency in the Implementation and Monitoring of Vanuatu's NDC. (FAO Project Team, DEPC)
4. Climate Diplomacy Project Update (Taskforce Chair/Secretary)
5. UNFCCC Capacity Building Project (NAB Secretariat)

o Report Update Presented to the NAB Members:

- NAB Sec Operations Reports 2021 (NAB Secretariat)

o NAB Meeting Minutes Presented to the NAB Members:

- Actions of previous NAB Meeting - Document (Presenter - NAB Secretariat)

o AOB

- No other business discussed

o Attendance of NAB members:

NAB members attendance was above the forum of the NAB Meeting (8 members above) and so the NAB Meeting commenced



Directors, Alternates, observers and NAB secretariat staff attending the First NAB meeting for the Year 2022 at the VMGD Conference room

The Second NAB Meeting for the Year 2022

The Second NAB Meeting was held on Wednesday the 20th of April 2022 Due to Covid-19 (Lock down), the meeting was held Virtually using zoom video call. The zoom link was sent out to every NAB Members and presenters to have access to the 2nd NAB Meeting. During that Virtual Meeting the projects, the documents and updates of reports were each presented and discussions were made after each presentations, followed along with an endorsement if agreed by NAB Members. It was all done virtually.

o Documents being endorsed by the NAB Board members:

- Document - COP27 Delegation list for endorsement. (Presenter NAB Secretariat)

o Project Updates presented to the NAB Members:

- Project Update - 1. Wokbaot Wetem Kalja Project (Presenter – Project Team, IOM)
2. Climate Diplomacy Project (Presenter - CD Project Team, DoFA)

o Projects for Endorsement Presented to the NAB Members:

- 1. CBIT Project: Strengthening capacity for Enhanced Transparency in the Implementation and Monitoring of Vanuatu’s NDC. (Presenter - FAO Team, DEPC)
- 2. KIWA 2022: Women and Youth Entrepreneurship for Biodiversity Project. (Presenter - FAO Team, DEPC)
- 3. SIDS Restoration Flagship project. (Presenter - FAO Team, DEPC)
- 4. Efate Battery Storage Concept Note. (Presenter - GGGI Team, DoE)
- 5. Enhancing Vanuatu’s NDC to raising ambition on Adaptation, Loss & Damage and Gender Project. (Presenter - DoCC Team)

o NAB Meeting Minutes Presented to the NAB Members:

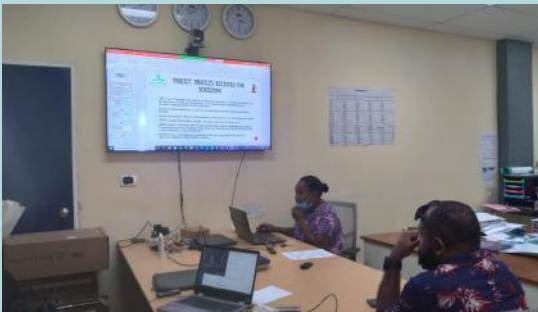
- Actions of previous NAB Meeting
- Summary of NAB Meeting 1 minutes

o AOB

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The Second NAB Meeting done Virtually

The Virtual Second NAB Meeting , Hosted at the NAB Sec Office

Vanuatu Enhanced National Determined Contribution (NDC) 2021 - 2030



Vanuatu's Revised and Enhanced 1ST Nationally Determined Contribution 2021-2030



Front cover for the final copy of the revised edition for the Enhanced 1st Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)

The Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) is a very important country document. All the Countries that has joined and signed the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) must submitted this document to the UNFCCC within a period of every five (5) years.

The history of Vanuatu NDC is very unique and it has grow from a smaller capacity of commitments to a broad number of commitments In regards to which our political leaders, technical experts and civil society have considered how our nation can move to a global net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions society (Article 4.1) whilst being resilient to the unavoidable impacts of climate change (Article 7.1), minimizing, averting and addressing loss and damage (Article 8) in the context of the long-term temperature goal (Article 2), while determining our financial needs (Article 9) that shall be provided by developed country Parties in continuation of their existing obligations under the UNFCCC.

Furthermore, Vanuatu is already a carbon-negative country. With forests covering 70% of its islands, and its maritime jurisdiction comprising 98% of the nation, the big

ocean state of Vanuatu is already a carbon sink -absorbing more carbon dioxide than it produces - thus freely providing a critical environmental service to carbon emitting countries around the world. Moving beyond our current Net Zero status and as a result our country NDC is very important to be submitted to the UNFCCC.

The first ever NDC is called the INDC, Initial National Determined Contribution. For Vanuatu the INDC was done by Shrika a Consultant group in New Zealand on year 2016. and after the period of five (5) years, in the year 2021 the second nationally determined contributions(NDC) was done and it was , with the energy department. The content of this second NDC only includes Mitigation Thematic areas and its commitments for Vanuatu as a whole. This second NDC was funded by the United Nations development Programme (UNDP).

Finally in the year 2022, The Vanuatu third Nationally Determined Contributions was launched and it was called "Vanuatu Revised and Enhanced Nationally Determined Contributions" 2021-2030. The revised NDC was completed by Dr.Christopher Barlette as a consultant funded by GIZ (German Agency for International Cooperation). He has done various reviewed based on the commits for our country Vanuatu. Therefore adaptation, loss and damaged are added to the new content of the Enhanced Nationally determined contributions and we now have: mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage for the Vanuatu enhanced nationally determined contributions 2021 - 2023 and this document was then submitted to the UNFCCC this year 2022.

This NDC recommits Vanuatu to rapidly phasing out fossil fuels, deeply decarbonizing and transitioning completely to a circular economy. Pursuant to Article 4 of the Paris Agreement, and to demonstrate that Vanuatu is an action-focused leader in its calls for all Parties to make ambitious commitments to limit the global average temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, Vanuatu’s NDC reflects the highest ambitions on adaptation, mitigation, and loss and damage. As per Decision 4/CMA.1, Vanuatu’s information provides clarity, transparency and understanding.

This updated and enhanced NDC contains 20 Mitigation commitments, 116 Adaptation commitments, 12 Loss & Damage commitments and is based on the ambitions, policies and workplans of Vanuatu’s frontline sector agencies. Targets and commitments are conditional upon international finance, action, support, technology and capacity development. The approximate conditional cost of achieving Vanuatu’s Revised and Enhanced NDC is USD 1,214,350,000.



Launching of the Revised NDC on August 12th 2022
(L-R) SPREP Director of Environmental Monitoring and Governance, Jope Davetanivalu , Hon. Minister Silas and DG Esline Garaebiti Bule.

Hon. Deputy Alatoa Kalsakau was giving his speech during the revised NDC Launching



VANUATU DECLARES CLIMATE EMERGENCY DURING THE PARLIAMENT SESSION



Tropical Cyclone Harold, schools and residences suffered damaged and destruction In Santo Island: Photograph: Dan McGarry



Tropical Cyclone Pam, residence suffered damaged and destruction in Efate Island: Photograph: copyright 2015 New Zealand Defense Force

Vanuatu is the first small island state in the Pacific to declare a climate emergency, taking the leading regional role. The declaration is made in the lead up to the country’s climate diplomacy push at the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting, the COP27 climate negotiations and the vote from the 77th session of the UN General Assembly on its climate justice initiative later this year. Vanuatu is among the most climate-threatened nations in the world. It was one of the first countries to ratified the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 1993 and was the founding chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).



Tropical Cyclone Harold, Luganville Town, Municipal building destroyed



Cyclone Pam, Seafront destroyed and sailing boats are damaged

On Friday 27th May 2022, The Parliament of Vanuatu has declared climate emergency. The head of the government, Prime Minister (PM) Bob Loughman, made the declaration and committed a US\$1.2 billion cost needed for mitigation, adaption and loss and damage by 2030. He continued stated that rising sea levels and severe weather were already disproportionally affecting the pacific including the tropical cyclones and drought in the last decade. He highlighted “the real cost of achieving Vanuatu’s revised and enhanced Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by 2030 expected to be financed by donor countries, is a minimum of US\$1.2 billion- US\$ 315 for mitigation, US\$ 721 for adaption and US\$177 for loss and damage costs,”.

The Vanuatu prime minister, noted that climate change is the single biggest threat to livelihood, security and wellbeing of the people in Vanuatu. Therefore, he stated that, “An emergency situation is a threat to people, property and society...the earth is already too hot and unsafe. We are in danger now, not just in the future,” and causing sudden heat waves, bush fires, droughts, crop failures, coastal flooding and cyclones are affecting Vanuatu.”

The Prime Minister stated that ,the use of the term emergency is a way of signaling the need to go beyond reform as usual. "The purpose of climate emergency declaration is to accelerate sustain and meaningful action by all levels of government and for people globally to engage with the challenge of avoiding catastrophic climate change and restoring a safe climate."

Furthermore to that the declaration was part of a "Climate diplomacy Push" in the run-up to a United Nations vote on the government's application to have the International Court of Justice move to protect vulnerable nations from climate change.

The Minister of Climate Change, Mr Silas Bule, stated in the Parliament that climate change is a human rights crisis. "It is disturbing health, education, agriculture, fisheries, infrastructure, tourism and community development,". The Aid received after climate-related disasters is usually not enough for families thus, at the end of the day we have to find new ways to fight against climate change and save lives. It is not fair that we are suffering from a crisis that is largely contributed by countries producing high carbon fossil fuel emissions."

Therefore Vanuatu has declared the climate change emergency nationally for the country.



Cyclone Harold, a house damage at the VMF Barack in Santo Island Credit: AP copyright: world Vision



Tropical Cyclone Harold - flood in Villages credit: redcross



Tropical Cyclone Harold - a house fallen down and damaged. Credit: UNICEF



Tropical Cyclone Harold - roof of the house being blown away. Credit: UNICEF

NAB BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES 2022

	Government Department / Ministry	Member	Position	Alternate (s)	Position	Status
1	Ministry of Climate Change	Esline Garaebiti Bule	Director General (Chair)			
2	Department of Climate	Mike Sam Waiwai	Director	Nelson Kalo	Scientific Officer, Mitigation	Confirmed
3	Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-hazards Department (VMGD)	Montine Romone	Director	Allan Rarai	Manager, Climate Diviison	Confirmed
4	Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC)	Tuoasi Tiwok	Director	Rolenas Tavue Baereleo	Prinicpal Officer Biodiversity & Conservation	Confirmed
5	Department of Energy (DoE)	Antony Garae	Director	Mathew Tasale	Manager Electrification	Confirmed
6	National Disaster Management Office (NDMO)	Abraham Nasak	Director	1.Jimmy Naurua 2.Rocky Jean Neverserveth	1.Manager Operations 2.Manager Support Services	Confirmed
7	Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)	Yvon Basil	Director	1.Sanlan William 2.Sylvain Kalsakau 3.Richardo Valele	1.Head UN Division 2. Acting Head Europe 3.Senior Desk Officer, UN	Confirmed
8	Department of strategic Management (DSPPAC)	Jerry Lapi	Director	Anna Bule	Head Air Coordination Unit, DSPPAC PMO	Confirmed
9	Department of Local Authorities (DLA)	Leith Veremaito	Director	Ian Abbil	Deputy Director	Confirmed
10	Department of Water Resources	Erickson Sammy	Director	Erie Sami	Acting Manager, Monitoring and Evaluation Section	Confirmed
11	Department of Forests	Rexon Vira	Director	Godfrey Bome	Forests Operations Manager	Confirmed
12	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD)	Antoine Ravo	Director	Touasi Tiwok/Caroline Alick	PMU Manager, DARD	Confimred
13	Department of Finance	Dorothy Erickson	Director	1.Leisau Lakeleo 2.Nigel Malosu	1. Deputy Director Finance 2. Deputy Director Treasury	Confirmed
14	Department of Women's Affairs (DWA)	Rotina Ilo	Director	Rosette Kalmet	Gender & Protection Coordinator	Confimred
15	Department of Public works (PWD)	Malcom Tari	Director	Andre Iatipu	Deputy Director	Confirmed
16	Department of Public Health	Jenny Steven	Director	Nellie Ham	Manager of Environmental Health Services Unit	Confirmed
17	Department of Education Service	Samuel Katipa	Director	Virana Lini	Education in Emergency (EiE) Officer	Confirmed

NAB Observers & ALTERNATES Lists

	Organization	Member	Position	Alternate (s)	Position	Status
1	Vanuatu Climate Action Network	George Koran	PACCIL Coordinator, VCAN Secretariat	Margrette Dick	Network Officer,PACCIL Project Oxfam	Confirmed
2	Vanuatu Business Resilience Council (VBRC)	Glen Greg	President, VBRC, VCCI	Dr. Rebecca Bogiri	National Manager, VBRC, VCCI	Confirmed

Note: Part 3 - Section 13. Authorization to attend meeting.- A member of the Board may authorize a senior officer from his her Ministry, Department, agency or organization to attend a meeting on his or her behalf.

Part 3 - Section 8 (2) on Composition of the Board - states the Minister may in writing invite any of the following persons as observations to a meeting of the Board (a) the director of the Vanuatu Cultural Centre; or (b) a representative of the chamber of commerce, nominated by National Council of Commerce; or (c) a representative of youths nominated by the National Youth Council; or (d) a person representing academic institutions.

TWO (2) MAJOR PROJECTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FOR VANUATU APPROVED/ ENDORSED BY THE NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS and by the COM

The Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation (MoCCA) through Vanuatu’s National Designated Authority (NDA) has announced two significant projects on Climate Change Adaptation, the Climate Change in the Coastal Zone in Vanuatu (VCAP 2) and Vanuatu Climate Change Resilience Project (VCCRP).

- 1.The Climate Change in the Coastal Zone in Vanuatu (VCAP 2) will be implemented from 2022 to 2028
- 2.Vanuatu Climate Change Resilience Project (VCCRP) from 2022 to 2030.

These two projects has been endorsed and approved by the National Advisory board members for the National Advisory Board (NAB) on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction. This projects will be implemented by the Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation through the Department of Climate Change with Accredited Entities (AE).

Project 1 - The Climate Change in the Coastal Zone in Vanuatu - VCAP 2

Project accredited entity - United Nations Development (UNDP). The UNDP is an accredited entity that facilitated two funding sources from Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Least Developed Country Fund (LDCF).

Funding - The estimated funding is **USD\$12,544,037** which is the equivalent to around **VT1.4 billion**. Funded by GEF Global Environment Facility (GEF).

Aim of the Project - The overall aim of the project is to improve the resilience of the coastal zone in Vanuatu to the impacts of climate change in order to sustain livelihoods, food production and preserve /improve the quality of life in targeted vulnerable areas and one of the key element in the implementation of VCAP will be the delivery of support to local rural isolated island communities through their area councils to build their resilience to climate change in selected sites in all six (6) provinces in Vanuatu.

Period - Year 2022 to 2028

Project 2 - The Vanuatu Community-based Climate Resilience Project - VCCRP

Project accredited entity - Vanuatu Save the Children

Funding - The VCCRP Project is worth **USD\$32.7 million**, which is equivalent to **VT3.6 billion**. funded by Green Climate Fund (GCF) program.

Period - Sets to be implemented over the next six years in 282 villages through provincial governments in the six provinces.

Aim - targeting the growing threat of climate change affecting community livelihoods is another significant support to Vanuatu communities. The Programs will increase community access to climate information and early warning systems, as part of disaster risk reduction measures. The project will also support locally led adaptation plans to increase food security and build climate-resilient livelihoods, by restoring and protecting coastal areas, enabling women-led enterprises, and supporting climate-resilient agriculture and fisheries techniques. Save The Children Vanuatu has confirmed that the **GCF’s Independent Technical Review Panel (ITAP)** has endorsed the Vanuatu Community-based Climate Resilience Program for approval at the upcoming GCF Board meeting on **May 20th 2022**. The ITAP approval is the final clearance before the project is put forward to the GCF Board and we expect to be signing a funding agreement with the GCF and the Government of Vanuatu.

Period: Year 2022 to 2030

Both **GEF** and **GCF** are climate finance mechanisms that the Vanuatu Government is working to implement these projects.

The Director General and National Designated Authority (NDA), Mrs Esline Garaebiti Bule stated "These projects are another major achievement of the Government for the people of Vanuatu – it is our responsibility, our duty to ensure that if vulnerable remote and rural communities in Vanuatu access and utilize locally-relevant climate information, integrate climate risks into community planning processes, and are supported to implement priority adaption actions, “then, they will be more resilient to the impacts of increasing climate variability, extremes and change on their food security and livelihoods; because their exposure and vulnerability will be reduced and their capacity increased.”

STAFF PROFILE INTERVIEW - MRS FLORENCE IAUTU & MS LEANA WILLIAM



Mrs Florence Iautu
The NAB Strategic Manager

Brief Introduction: Florence Kuali Iautu was appointed as the Strategic Manager for the Secretariat to the National Advisory Board on Climate change and Disaster Risk Reduction (NAB) in Vanuatu, responsible for guiding Vanuatu’s climate investments and policy developments on October 20th, 2020. She has been working with the Ministry of Climate Change since 2012 in which she has served as a Communication, Outreach and Partnerships and Safeguards Consultant for various Climate Change and Disaster Mainstreaming Projects, under the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-hazards Department and has supported the function of the newly established Department of Climate Change until her appointment to the NAB Secretariat.

Profile: Interview with NAB Strategic Manager

What is your home island/country?

- Originally hails from the Central Islands Province in the Solomon Islands, and has now called Vanuatu my home.

What was Your educational background?

- I have a background in Journalism and Politics, Human Services and Environmental Health in the Disaster Risk Management stream.
- I have a Master of Human Services, Post-Graduate Diploma of Environmental Health: Disaster Risk Management, Post-Graduate Certificate of Disaster Risk Management, and Bachelor of Arts (Double Major in Journalism and History & Politics).

What made you work in the area of NAB Strategic Management in Climate Change ?

My interest working in the field of climate change and disaster risk reduction started when I joined CARE international in Vanuatu in the DRR Project. The following year 2013 I joined the NAB Project Management Unit (PMU) at the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-hazards Department as the Communications and Visibility Officer under the EUGCCA Project, which established the NAB PMU at the Ministry of Climate Change. Since then, I worked with the EU-GCCA, the Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction (MDRR) and the Increasing Resilience on Climate Change and Natural Hazards (IRCCNH) World Bank Projects, which established the National Early Warning Center at VMGD and the National Emergency Operations Center at NDMO. Over the years my interest and experience working in the CCDRR space has increased my capacity and skills in project development and planning, project implementation of activities in various issues of Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction in Vanuatu and in the Pacific region.



Ms Leana Isabel William
The NAB Multilateral
Environmental Agreement
Officer

Brief Introduction: Leana Isabel William has joined the Ministry of Climate Change in year 2019 as the project coordinator for the Low emissions Capacity Building and the Third National Communications (LECB II & TNC). In year 2020, she joined the National Advisory Board Secretariat (NAB Sec) as the Multilateral Environmental Agreement Officer. Her major roles include coordination of Vanuatu's different engagements to the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). She also looks at the coordination of Vanuatu's participation at the annual Conference of the Parties which is the Supreme decision making body of the UNFCCC.

Profile: Interview with MEA Officer

What is your home island/country?

- I am originated from the Island of Malekula, North West Malekula. ,Malampa Province in Vanuatu

What was Your educational background?

- I graduated with a Bachelor of Law in year 2015, at the University of the South Pacific (USP)

What made you work in the area of Multilateral Environmental Agreement in Climate Change ?

- Climate Change is today affecting the livelihoods of many of our people in the communities. My Interest have always been working in a place or a cause that will have an impact on the livelihoods of people.

NAB Secretariat Office Support in Completing the MOCC Corporate Plan for year 2022



Group Photo with the Director General (DG) and all Five Directors & acting director sitting in front. (from Left to Right: Acting Director Allan Raira, Director Mike Waiwai, Director General Esline Garaebiti, Director Antony Garae, Director Donna Kalfatak and Director Abraham Nasak) with all the Managers and senior officers

The Ministry of Climate Change Corporate Plan, is a consolidated contribution from its five departments on their program objectives and priorities to be implemented and achieved during the next five (5) years **(2022-2025)**. The Ministry Corporate Plan is a long-term development plan for any ministry that will utterly define its programs and priorities in the next 5 years. The MOCC outdated corporate plan had an implementation time-frame from **2018-2021**, therefore at, its disposal it was highly required that we develop this current corporate plan to highlight ministry's next 5-year planning. It was also regarded, at the ministerial level as the highest planning framework that seeks to connect and align ourselves with the National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP), which is the **People's Plan**.

The NAB Secretariat team was intensively involved in the development of the corporate plan-namely the **NAB Sec Strategic Manager, Mrs Florence Iautu** and the **NAB Policy and Planning Officer, Mr Ericksen Packett**. and from the ministry of climate change under the corporate service unit, was **the Senior Intelligence Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Ms Winy Marango**, who she was also one of the main person behind the corporate plan development. In addition to that The coordination of the MOCC corporates is solely the responsibility of the Corporate Service Unit-CSU, since this is a ministerial level planning instrument. The Implementation portion of the CP are respectively done each by of the ministry's department. To be specific, its coordination, monitoring, and reporting (AR) should be conducted by the CSU.

Thus, the corporate plan for the ministry of climate change was completed by these three hard working staff from the Ministry itself. The Ministry was very fortunate to have them to reviewed, to do the planning, consult workshops and conducted face to face support with each directors and senior manager within each departments, as to assist, align and guide them to completing their programs according towards the corporate plan for the next five (5) years. In addition, this is the first time ever, which the MoCC corporate plan was reviewed and completed by its staff within the ministry, and that was a great achievement for the ministry of climate change. There was no need to hire a private consultant or a technical adviser to reviewed the Corporate plan for the next five (5) years. The outdated corporate plan was done by, **Mrs Margaret Macfarlane**. As for this new accorporated Plan, the Ministry is well recruited with outstanding performance staff, as a result these three (3) staff has well invested their time and effort to complete this new **Corporate Plan (2022 - 2026)** for the Ministry of Climate Change. According to the reviewed, consulting and developing the Corporate plan, a 2-day validation workshop on the new Corporate Plan 2022- 2026, was organized on Thursday 12th to Friday 13th May 2022.



Presentation for workshop begins (Credit : NDMO)



CP Review Team (L-R) Ms Winy M, Mrs Florence I, Mr Ericksen P (Credit : NDMO)



Opening Speech by DG, (L-R) Mrs Esline Garaebiti Bule & Reedley Tari (Credit : NDMO)



NDMO Department Director and Managers discussion group (L-R) Rocky Jean N, Jimmy Naura, & Director Abraham Nasak (Credit : NDMO)



DoE team, VMGD team and DEPC team discussion groups (Credit : NDMO)

During day one (1) - of the validation workshop for the new corporate plan 2022-2026, these key topics were presented and group discussions were carried out: Brief overview of the Corporate Plan Review Assignment (Corporate Plan Framework/Guideline, Process and methodology) presented by NAB Policy and Planning Officer, Brief overview of the Corporate Plan Matrix for each Department & CSU Presented by Monitoring & Evaluation Officer CSU.

Further more, group sessions for Individual departmental review on each draft matrix done by all department directors, managers and senior officers and finally the presentations for Individual departmental review on each draft matrix done by all departments and CSU followed along with the day one (1) evaluation done by everyone.

On day two (2) - of the validation workshop on the new corporate plan 2022-2026, these key topics were presented and group discussions were carried out: Started with the Day one (1) recap done by review team finance and budget forecast presentation done by the finance manager then we have the Human Resource Plan presented by the Human Resource Manager and again another group breakout sessions - Final discussions on how to incorporate finance and HR issues discussions done by all departments. After the Discussions we have all the departments presentations based on Finance and HR plans as well as way forward presented by the review team and closing remarks by Director general Mrs Esline Garaebiti.

There are few challenges incurred during the new corporate plan development. The two main challenges encountered was the limited time given for this specific time to deliver the CP and made its submission to the public service commission office and the COVID 19 community outbreak in Vanuatu at that time was a major constrain to deliver this assignment at the expected time-frame, and therefore result in also a major delay.

The workshop was helpful to all departments, getting everyone to understand their HR Plans, Finance Plan. identifying their main programs with each department and highlighting the targets, and goals and mostly the information to be develop into the new MoCC corporate Plan for the next five (5) years.

NUMBER OF ENDORSEMENTS DONE BY THE NATIONAL ADVISORY BAORD IN YEAR 2021

Projects Endorsed By NAB Board In Year 2021

	Project Name	Total Funding	Endorsement Date and Decision	Project Developer/ Implementer	Current Status
1	Implementing Vanuatu's Climate Diplomacy Strategy	USD 1.2 m (VUV 139,433,268)	Feb 10 th 2021 - NAB members endorsed NAB support towards the outcomes of the Climate Diplomacy Taskforce.	Sanlan William, Department of Foreign Affairs	Ongoing
2	Enhancing Vanuatu's market to energy efficient appliance (SPC and DoE)	VUV22,428,000 or USD200,000	Apr 7 th 2021 - NAB members	Antony Garae, Director, DoE	
3	Strengthening Vanuatu's Engagement with the International Climate Change Negotiation's and its obligation under the UNFCCC	VUV2,600,000	Apr 7 th 2021 - NAB members	Leana William, MEA Officer, NAB Secretariat	Completed in Dec 2021
4	Community Resilience Partnership Program	USD975,000,000 VUV.....	Apr 7 th 2021 - NAB members	David Fay, ADB	Pipeline
5	Vanuatu Community-based Climate Resilience Project - (GCF) Final Funding Proposal	USD30 million (inc. USD25 million from GCF)	Apr 7 th 2021 - NAB members	Country Director, SC	Funding approved Started in 2022
6	VCAP2 Final Project Document	USD12,544,037 VUV.....	Apr 7 th 2021 - NAB members	Bernard O'Callaghan, <i>VCAP 2 Project Design Team Leader</i>	Pipeline Start in 2023
7	LoCAL Project	USD 48,551,647 VUV.....	Aug 6 th 2021 - Members have agreed to ensure that all relevant sectors be consulted on the activities preparations of this project. Recommendation for the LoCAL project to coordinate with DoCC as an implementing partner and the NAB members have agreed to move forward by NAB sec	SPC/GCF Team	Pipeline Project period is 2023-2029
8	Malekula Water Project	PPF – USD991,483 VUV.... Funding Proposal – USD13.35million VUV.....	Aug 6 th 2021 - NAB endorsed the Malekula project's PPF Proposal in consideration that the NAB PSC recommendations will be made to the Project's Concept Note and noted that DoWR have exiting WASH Implementing standards and processes to support the project.	Ericksen Sammy, Director, DoWR	On PPF Stage (24 months) Period 7 years – 2024 - 2031
9	Enhancing water-food security and climate resilience in volcanic island countries of the Pacific	USD 30,400,000 VUV....	Aug 6 th 2021 - Members endorsed the Project Concept Note noting the recommendations put forward by the NAB PSC and the timelines of the project.	Ericksen Sammy, Director, DoWR	Funding will begin in 2023 to 2028
10	Enhancing Adaptation & Community Resilience by Improving Water Security in Vanuatu-GCF	USD 14,764,930 VUV.....	Aug 6 th 2021 - Members endorsed the project profile put forward in consideration that the PSC recommendations will be made to the concept note and that the DoWR will be the implementing agency.	Ericksen Sammy, Director, DoWR	Period 2023 to 2027
11	Forestry: Establishing resilient, low carbon agricultural systems in Tonga, Vanuatu and Samoa	USD 30,400,000 VUV....	Aug 6 th 2021	Dirk Snyman, SPC	Period 2023 to 2028
12	Leveraging National Green Energy Fund to achieve rural electrification in Vanuatu (NGEF)	USD 10,000,000 VUV....	Aug 6 th 2021	Dirk Snyman, SPC Jesse Benjamin, GGGI	Period 2023 to 2027
13	Erromango REDD+ JNR Project	USD 83,274 VUV9,362,000	Oct 20 th 2021	Glarinda Andre, L&L Vanuatu	Period 2023 to 2027

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14	Safe Community Resilient Nation	USD 743,736	Oct 20 th 2021	CARE International	August 2021 to June 2023
15	Green Port and Renewable Energy Centre-Forari Bay	USD 1,000,000	Dec 8 th 2021	Forari Bay Development Company	12 months (1 year)
16	Enhanced Climate Resilience and Grid Connected Renewable Energy through Battery Storage (Efate Battery Storage Concept Note)	USD 10million	Dec 8 th 2021	GGGI Team, DoE	Still to confirm
17	Integrating Flood and Drought Management and Early Warning for Climate Change Resilience in the Pacific Islands	USD 13,959,881	Dec 8 th 2021	WMO	60 months (5 years)
18	“Weighbridge Project” known as “Pathway to enhancing waste management at the Etas Bouffa Landfill through effective waste and pollution monitoring, control, segregation and capacity building to meet Vanuatu’s reporting obligations and maintain Vanuatu’s pristine nature	VT41,600,000	Dec 8 th 2021	DEPC	2022 - 2026

Documents and Reports Endorsed By NAB Board in Year 2021					
	Document Title	Document Type	Endorsement Date and Decision	Name of Developer/Project/Organisation	Current Status
1	IDMC/IOM Vanuatu Work Plan	Vanuatu Work Plan	Feb 10 th 2021 - NAB members endorsed the IDMC/IOM Vanuatu Work Plan	Nacanieli Bolo, IOM	
2	NAB project endorsement and reporting presentation templates	Power points presentation templates	Feb 10 th 2021 - NAB Sec to add recommended changes to the templates	NAB Secretariat, CSU, MoCC	Currently in use for presentations during NAB meetings

The NAB Secretariat Attended the Road to COP27: Vanuatu Joins UK and Pacific Leaders at Climate Change Dialogue



Group photo of participant during this Road to COP27 event

The NAB Secretariat Staff was fortunate to have participated in a very important event held on, Wednesday the 23rd of February 2022. The Two officers were **Mrs Leana William - the NAB Multilateral Environmental Agreement officer** and **Mr Ericksen Packett - the NAB Policy and Planning officer**. This event hosted by the British High Commission in partnership with USP and with support from Oxfam and Wan Smolbag.

The NAB Staff have participated in the event for "**Vanuatu joins UK and pacific leaders at climate change dialogue**", including participants from, the Vanuatu government, the business sector and the NGO community. The event was an opportunity for frank and open exchange with UK and Pacific leaders about the outcomes from the COP26 climate summit. During this event discussion were made based on the priorities and opportunities to work together in the run up to COP27, which will take place in Egypt later this year 2022.

The Speakers at the dialogue included the Right Honorable Alok Sharma, the President of COP26; Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa, Prime Minister of Samoa and Chair of the Pacific Small Islands States, Surangal S. Whipps, President of Palau and Ministers from Fiji, Tuvalu and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Equal prominence was given in the programme to speakers representing youth, business and marginalized groups, including local communities and indigenous people. In addition Liz Pechan, Vanuatu country officer from the World Bank's International Finance Group was among the panellists addressing the vital question of financing to meet the challenges of climate change.

The event was very formative and discussions were made a lot based on the small island pacific as world's lowest emitters of greenhouse gases but also among the most vulnerable to impacts of climate change. This events has highlighted the crucial role of pacific countries has played at, in pushing for ambitious progress on mitigation, climate finance, and adaptation.

Thus, the event was done successfully and was closed with a closing remark from the British High Commissioner to Vanuatu, Ms Karen Bell stated that " And it is striking that, despite their different perspectives, the messages were remarkably consistent: climate change isn't theoretical for the Pacific. It is immediate and existential. We have heard the expectation of urgent action on climate finance for adaptation, loss and damage as well as mitigation. And we hear the call for partners to work with the Pacific to deliver a just and inclusive future. We also have to pay even more attention to the ocean, which is at the heart of this precious, Blue Continent." She continued that UK was committed to being a global leader on Climate Change through domestic action to deliver a net-zero economy by 2050.

Who is on the National Advisory Board ?

The seventeen (17) members of the NAB Board, including the Chair of the National advisory board (NAB).

The seventeen members are the directors and Chief executive Officers (CEO) from these departments:

1. Ministry of Climate Change - Director General (Chair)
2. Department of Climate Change (DoCC) - Director
3. Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-hazards Department (VMGD) - Director
4. Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC) - Director
5. Department of Energy (DoE) - Director
6. National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) - Director
7. Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) - Director
8. Department of Strategic Management (DSPPAC) - Director
9. Department of Local Authorities (DLA) - Director
10. Department of Water Resources (DoWR) - Director
11. Department of Forests - Director
12. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) - Director
13. Department of Finance
14. Department of Women's Affairs (DWA) - Director
15. Department of Public Works (PWD) - Director
16. Department of public Health - Director
17. Department of Education Services - Director
18. Vanuatu Non-Government Organizations (VANGO)

There are two (2) Observers of the NAB are representative of the civil society in this case, we have the

1. The Vanuatu Climate Action Network (VCAN)

and in the Private Sector we have

2. The Vanuatu Business Resilience Committee (VBRC) they are the Observer, in the National advisory board meetings.



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