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"Together Lets Build a Sustainable and Climate Resilience Vanuatu"



Welcome !



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

Welcome to our readers to this fourth edition of the NAB Secretariat newsletter. This quarterly newsletter is an initiative to share information on the Secretariat's activities in coordinating The United Nations Framework of Conventions for Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Conference of the parties COP27 that was hosted in "Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt. The 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 which are are putting forward our Climate Action for our nation.

In this Fourth edition, we provide an overview of the summary of submissions to UNFCCC, COP27 Brief Summary, the main thematic groups and the roles of the lead for the Vanuatu delegates in COP27, and all the summary outcomes for more than five (5) thematic areas, as during the COP27 Vanuatu had representation of over five (5) different thematic areas which includes, *Climate Finance, Adaptation, Loss & Damage, Mitigation, Article 6, Technology, Enhanced Transparency Framework, Global Stock Take, Research Systematic Observation, Oceans, Gender & Climate Change and Capacity Building*. Furthermore there will be a COP27 Delegation Profile Interview - by Mrs Zoe Mahe, That will answers some of your questions to why Vanuatu is attending COP27 in a simple term. In addition there is High Level Segment - Vanuatu President's Statement, HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT - President of Vanuatu Bilateral and with other Head of States and Other highlights – Vanuatu Delegation briefings, side-events and Bilateral.

Inside this edition includes photos that are taken during the COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt, which has shown the bilateral, side events and delegations attending meetings and negotiations parties, Vanuatu youths attending Cop27 and others. All this events and Programs for the UNFCCC, COP27 has always supported the function of the National Advisory Board on CCDRR (NAB) as well as, the whole Ministry of Climate Change in Vanuatu to put forward our Climate Actions and positions.

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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Summary of Submissions to UNFCCC

The NAB Secretariat facilitated the submissions of 10 country submissions to the UNFCCC. These thematic submissions included Climate Finance, Loss & Damage and Mitigation. As part of the UNFCCC Process, countries can make submissions usually following a COP decision to advance its work on the different thematic areas. Country submissions are very important as a country is given the opportunity in an open, transparent and inclusive manner to develop and present to the UNFCCC its views on a certain climatic issue or topic based on its priorities, context & circumstances.

Below is the list of Vanuatu submissions to the UNFCCC in Year 2022;

1. Vanuatu's views on matters to be addressed at the in-session technical workshop for Parties on how priority areas can guide implementation of the six elements of Action for Climate Empowerment, through a short-term action plan guiding, inter alia, the organization of the annual in-session Action for Climate Empowerment dialogue
2. Vanuatu Submission on the Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement – 6.8 Existing relevant non-market approaches that may be facilitated under the framework in the initial focus areas of the work programme activities.
3. Submission to the new collective goal on Climate Finance - Parties, constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, climate finance institutions, observers and observer organizations, and other stakeholders, particularly from the private sector, to submit their views on the objective in line with paragraph 15
4. Vanuatu's views on the performance and effectiveness of the NWP in addressing knowledge needs relevant to implementing the Paris Agreement
5. Vanuatu's views on aspects of the Santiago Network including Operational Modalities; Structure; the Role of the Ex Com; the Role of L&D Contact Points and Elements for the Terms of Reference
6. Submission on Matters Relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement – Article 6 Paragraph 2- Views on options for the outlines for the information required pursuant to chapter IV of the annex (Reporting)
7. Submission of Views on the TOR of the Fourth Review of the Adaptation Fund - Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, Parties to the Paris Agreement and observer organizations, as well as other interested international organizations, stakeholders and non-governmental organizations involved in the activities of the Adaptation Fund and implementing entities accredited by the Adaptation Fund Board, to submit their views on the fourth review of the Adaptation Fund based on the terms of reference
8. Vanuatu's views on the performance and effectiveness of the NWP in addressing knowledge needs relevant to implementing the Paris Agreement
9. Vanuatu's views on how to achieve the objectives of the Glasgow–Sharm el Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation
10. Submission of Views on Matters relating to the SCF – ways to achieve Article 2.1(c) of the Paris Agreement - Submission of Views on Matters relating to the SCF – ways to achieve Article 2.1(c) of the Paris Agreement

The NAB Secretariat also acknowledges the thematic Groups who have greatly assisted to put together these submissions particularly with guidance from **Ms Diana Hinge**, Common Wealth Climate Finance Advisor and **Dr Christopher Bartlett**.

COP27 Brief Summary



Third Person From Left to Right Mr Malcom Dalesa Attaché in New York, In ICJ Declaration Session

The twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27), the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 17), and the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 4) were held in **Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt** from *6th November to 18th November 2022*.

At COP27, Vanuatu had representation of over five (5) different thematic areas which includes, **Climate Finance, Adaptation, Loss & Damage, Mitigation, Article 6, Technology, Enhanced Transparency Framework, Global Stock Take, Research Systematic Observation, Oceans, Gender & Climate Change and Capacity Building.**

As part of the COP27 Decisions, the COP27 President also developed what is referred to as the **“Sharm El-Sheikh Implementation Plan”** which includes 16 sections on a wide range of areas of climate action. Amongst other significant outcomes of COP27 beneficial to Vanuatu was the establishment of the Loss and Damage Fund.

Record representation

- 55 official delegates
- Including President and Minister of Climate Change 10 Directors, 1 DG

Record diversity

- 85% government
- 15% CSO/NGOs/Youths



Record gender balance

- High women participation in the official delegation
- 33% women (18 women)

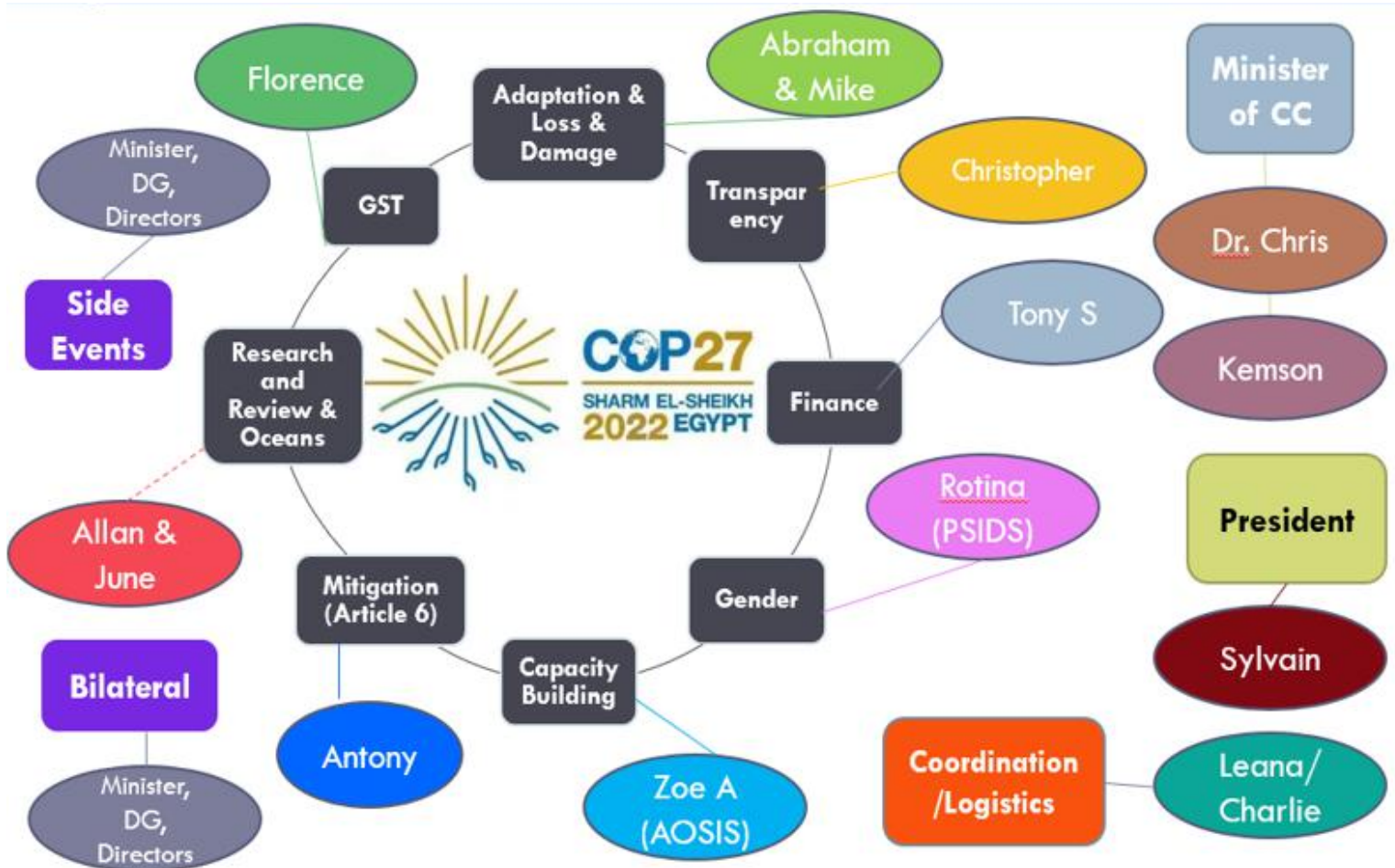
In regards to how the above Vanuatu delegation was able to attend with such a large representation – the Vanuatu Government through the Ministry of Climate acknowledges the continuous support of the following partners;

- **Financial support** from Vanuatu Government, UNFCCC, Chinese Government Australian Government, New Zealand Government, SPREP, WEDO, UN WOMEN, UNDP, ICJ Project.
- **Political will** from the seven (7) Ministries – Fifteen (15) Departments.

The Vanuatu COP27 Delegation had gone through an open & transparent selection process (NAB Endorsement Process) with the selection reflecting different sectors (government, NGOs, international & regional orgs, youth).



The Main Thematic Groups and The Roles of THE LEAD for the Vanuatu Delegates In COP27



Thematic Groups – Climate Finance



from Right Front, Director Tony Sewen and next to him Director Antione Ravo

The Climate Finance Thematic Group is led by, Director Tony Sewen, the director for the Department of Finance & Treasury and technically supported by Ms Diana Hinge Commonwealth Climate Finance Advisor. This COP27 the climate finance thematic group has achieved together several outcomes as part of Vanuatu Priorities towards climate finance main priorities for our country Vanuatu.

The Summary outcomes are as followed;

The COP27 has agreed to do progress on funding arrangements for Loss and Damage, and the Mobilization of USD 100 billion per year by 2020 has not yet been met, and most importantly the scale up funding, ensure as well as simplified access and mobilize climate finance from various sources and emphasizes the ongoing challenges faced by many developing country Parties in accessing climate finance and encourages further efforts, including by the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, to simplify access to such finance.

Thematic Groups – Adaptation



The Adaptation thematic group is led by Director Mike, the director for the Department of Climate Change supported by Director Abraham Nasak. This COP27 the adaptation thematic group has achieved together several outcomes as part of Vanuatu Priorities towards adaptation thematic group main priorities for our country Vanuatu.

The Summary outcomes are as followed:

- I. Notes with serious concern the existing gap between current levels of adaptation and levels needed to respond to the adverse effect of climate change in line with findings from the contribution of Working Group II to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Sixth Assessment Report;
- II. Parties to adopt a transformational approach to enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change;
- III. Developed country Parties to urgently and significantly scale up their provision of climate finance, technology transfer and capacity-building for adaptation so as to respond to the needs of developing country Parties like Vanuatu as part of a global effort, including for the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans and adaptation communications;
- IV. Emphasizes the importance of protecting, conserving and restoring water and water related ecosystems and urges Parties to further integrate water into adaptation efforts;



Thematic Group – Loss & Damage



"Launch of a new research project " strengthening Loss and Damage response capacity in the Global south (STRENGTH)" (Mr Malcom Dalesa from Left Front, represents Vanuatu in that launching



The Loss and Damage thematic group is led by, Director Abraham Nasak, the director for the Department of National Disaster Management Office, supported by Director Mike Waiwai. This COP27 the Loss and damage thematic group has achieved together These two (2) outcomes as part of Vanuatu Priorities towards Loss and Damaged thematic group main priorities for our country Vanuatu.

The Summary outcomes are as followed:

- I. COP27 Reaches Breakthrough Agreement on New "Loss and Damage" Fund for Vulnerable Countries on matters relating to funding arrangements responding to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change
- II. Establishes the Institutional arrangements of the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change to enable its full operationalization, including supporting its mandated role in catalyzing technical assistance for the implementation of the relevant approaches at the local, national and regional level in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, and affirms its determination to select the host of the secretariat of the Santiago network by 2023 through a selection process conducted in an open, transparent, fair and neutral manner.

Thematic Groups – Mitigation & Technology



The Mitigation and Technology thematic group is led by, Director Antony Garae, the director for the Department of Energy. This COP27 the Mitigation and Technology thematic group has achieved together These outcomes as part of Vanuatu Priorities towards Mitigation and Technology thematic group main priorities for our country Vanuatu.

The Summary outcomes are as followed:

- I. Mitigation looked at 3 sectors; a) Carbon Markets, b) Mitigation work Program and c) Technology
- II. Recognizes that limiting global warming to 1.5 °C requires rapid, deep and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions
- III. 5% shares of Profit maintained
- IV. Emphasizes the importance of protecting, conserving and restoring nature and ecosystems to achieve the Paris Agreement temperature goal, including through forests and other terrestrial and marine ecosystems acting as sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases and by protecting biodiversity, while ensuring social and environmental safeguards;
- V. Welcomes with appreciation the first joint work programme of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, 24 for 2023–2027, which will facilitate the transformational change needed to achieve the goals of the Convention and the Paris Agreement
- VI. Forward looking at the Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer (November 2024) with the aim of supporting the implementation of relevant activities, such as those identified and prioritized in developing countries' nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans, technology needs assessments and technology action plans, and long-term strategies

Thematic Groups –Transparency & Global Stock Take



From Left to Right: Mr John Ruben and Mrs Florence Iautu in one of the GST Meetings

The Transparency thematic group is led by Director Christopher Tavoia the director for the department of state law, and Global Stock Take (GST) thematic group is led by the NAB Strategic Manager Mrs Florence Iautu. This COP27 the Transparency and Global Stock Take thematic group has achieved together these outcomes as part of Vanuatu Priorities towards Transparency and Global Stock Take thematic group main priorities for our country Vanuatu.

The Summary outcomes are as followed:

- I. Transparency is about implementation and how each country implements their commitment to meet the objectives of the Paris Agreement.
- II. COP Decisions included (and including others) Training programme for review experts for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories, reporting guidelines, conducting reviews on submitted reports
- III. GST is to periodically take stock of progress towards implementation of the PA goal and to assess the global collective progress of – Mitigation, Adaptation
- IV. Summary report on the first meeting of the technical dialogue
- V. The Global Stocktake - an independent technical initiative - assessing data relevant for the global Stocktake.



From Front to back right side : Director Christopher Tavoia and Director General of MoCC Mrs Esline Garaebiti, representing Vanuatu in a discussions with the Transparency Group for the Pacific Meetings

Thematic Groups – Gender & Climate Change



The Gender and Climate Change thematic group is led by, Director Rotina Ilo, the director for the Department of Woman Affairs. This COP27 the Gender and Climate Change thematic group has achieved together These outcomes as part of Vanuatu Priorities towards Gender and thematic group main priorities for our country Vanuatu.

The Summary outcomes are as followed:

- I. Encourages Parties to increase the full, meaningful and equal participation of women in climate action and to ensure gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation, including by fully implementing the Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan, to raise climate ambition and achieve climate goals;
- II. Parties to provide support to developing countries for undertaking gender related action and implementing the gender action plan;
- III. Most negotiated Text: Invites Calls Parties to strengthen the gender-responsiveness of climate finance with a view to building strengthening the capacity of women and to facilitate simplified access to climate finance by grass-roots women's organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities as well as for indigenous peoples and local communities
- IV. No agreement has been reached on the finance text.

Thematic Groups – Capacity Building



The Capacity Building thematic group is led by, Mrs Zoe Mahe the Principle Disaster Recovery Coordinator at the Department of Strategic management at the Prime Ministers Office. This COP27 the Capacity Building thematic group has achieved together these outcomes as part of Vanuatu Priorities towards Capacity Building and thematic group main priorities for our country Vanuatu.

The Summary outcomes are as followed:

I. PCCB - Capacity building is cross cutting across all sectors

II. Capacity gaps and needs still exist in developing countries and calls on developed country Parties to increase support for long-term country-driven capacity-building interventions to enhance the effectiveness, success and sustainability of those interventions

III. PCCB 2022 workplan – 3 priority area in line with Vanuatu positions

IV. Specialized Capacity building and international cooperation

1. Urgent support made available to meet ambitions through means of implementation – Finance & Capacity building

2. Strengthened finance and other support, including capacity building, must embrace complexity to provide innovative and multidisciplinary solutions

Thematic Groups – Research and Systematic Observation

The Research and Systematic Observation thematic group is led by, Mr Allan Rarai the Manager for Climate division unit for the Department of Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-hazards Department (VMGD) and Mrs June Brian Molitiviti the Director for the Fisheries Department. This COP27 the Research and systematic Observation thematic group has achieved together these outcomes as part of Vanuatu Priorities towards Research and Systematic Observations thematic group main priorities for our country Vanuatu.

The Summary outcomes are as followed:

- I. Focus also on Periodic Review
- II. Recognizes the importance of the best available science for effective climate action and policymaking especially the IPCC Reports
- III. Financial Mechanism to provide support for implementation of the Early Warnings for All initiative



COP27 Delegation Profile Interview:

Mrs Zoe Mahe
Principal Disaster Recovery Coordinator
Department of Strategic Management
(DSPPAC)



Q1. What is your name and home Island/ Country?

Zoe Mahe – Efate/Vanuatu

Q2. What is your Job Title? and Government Department/ministry or Organizations you are working in?

Principle Disaster Recovery Coordinator

Q3. Is it your First Time attending the COP27 in Egypt? if your answer is NO, Tell Us how many Times have you been attending COP and on which COP #'s and where it has been Hosted?

I have attended 2 COPs (Bonn in 2017 and Katowice in 2018) and 1 SBs (Bonn in 2017).

Q4. Who has funded you to attend COP27? is it through Project, NGO, self-funded, DFAT, MFAT, BHC, China Embassy, UNFCCC or just your own Ministry or Other funding's?

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Q5. Why do you think You, as a Vanuatu Delegates should always attend COP and why is it very Important for our country Vanuatu to be always present in this Conference of the parties UNFCCC Annual Occasion?

I am attending COP because as of July 2022 I have been nominated as a thematic coordinator for Capacity building and also as PSIDS thematic lead for Capacity building and Technology. Vanuatu needs to be present in COP to participate in all the negotiations that are happening at COP which will set the course for climate actions as we move forward.

Q6. In Summary give us all the different meetings, and side events and more been attended or part of as a participant/Speaker/Facilitator/Chair?

- Delegates / participant
- Thematic lead
- Negotiator
- Speaker on side event(s)

Q7. At COP 27 in Egypt Which Vanuatu Thematic Group do you represent? what has your thematic Group aims and goals and what has been achieved or done during that 3 weeks of the COP27.

During COP27, I followed the capacity-building thematic area as the negotiator for AOSIS. Capacity-building is cross-cutting, as such matters Relating to Capacity Building: At this session, parties considered the annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (FCCC/SBI/2022/14) and the report on the 11th Durban Forum on capacity-building (FCCC/ SBI/2022/11). The item was first taken up on 6 November, and Juan Carlos Monterrey Gomez (Panama) and Roberta Ianna (Italy) cofacilitated informal consultations. On 12 November, the SBI recommended a draft decision for the COP and the CMA, respectively. Both were adopted by the CMA and COP on 17 November.

Q8. Give your own personal view about COP27 In Egypt an overall about the accommodations, Time difference, the food, the place, the people, the transportations arrangements and Logistics.

Acknowledge the Vanuatu ICJ project for the organized accommodation in Egypt for the Vanuatu delegation members. The time difference was manageable after at least two nights rest. The food is average since it is not what we usually eat in Vanuatu but overall okay. No comments from logistics.

Q9. Give some challenges encountered during the COP27 Event In Egypt?

No challenge to report

Q10. As people keep hearing about the COP Every year, (In Your own words) what Final message you can give, in simple terms as a Vanuatu delegates to help people understand about the conference of the parties (COP27) event.

In simple words – Vanuatu is a SIDS (Small Island Development State) and it is imperative for SIDS to be present at COP to engage in negotiations as decisions on moving forward with climate actions are made. If we are not present, decisions are made without us in the room that can have serious repercussion in our work in Vanuatu.



From Left to right : John Ruben, Florence Iautu and Zoe Mahe

Credit: Anita Roberts, Vanuatu daily Post

High Level Segment - Vanuatu President's Statement



Photo taken after President Vurobaravu delivered Vanuatu's national statement

During the opening statements for the Sharm El-Sheikh Climate Implementation Summit on the 6th November 2022, there was a lot of formative and important statements presented by all delegations and stakeholder groups. Following the opening ceremony on 6 November, delegations and stakeholder groups presented their opening statements, outlining expectations for the Sharm El-Sheikh Climate Change Conference. The president of Vanuatu, The most excellency Honorable Nikenike VUROBARAVU has delivered Vanuatu Statement at the High - Level Segment. This segment is attended by the Head of States, government ministers and dignitaries from almost 200 member countries. On the 7th and 8th of November, over hundreds heads of state gathered to give speeches and engage in roundtable discussions. The six roundtables addressed food security, innovative finance, just transition, investing in the future of energy: green hydrogen, climate change and the sustainability of vulnerable communities and water security.



HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT - President of Vanuatu Bilateral and with other Head of States

The President of Vanuatu The most
Excellency Honorable
Nikenike VUROBARAVU Vurobaravu
meeting with
Mrs Patricia Commonwealth Secretary
General, Scotland



Credit: Anita Roberts, Vanuatu daily Post

The President of Vanuatu The most
excellency
Honorable Nikenike VUROBARAVU
Meeting with
Dr. General of Amnesty International,
Agnes Callamard



Credit: Anita Roberts, Vanuatu daily Post

The President of Vanuatu The most
excellency
Honorable Nikenike VUROBARAVU
Meeting with
Mrs Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados



Credit: Anita Roberts, Vanuatu daily Post

The President of Vanuatu The most
excellency
Honorable Nikenike VUROBARAVU
Vurobaravu
meeting with Mr Surangel Whipps
president of Palau



Credit: Anita Roberts, Vanuatu daily Post

The President of Vanuatu The most excellency
Honorable Nikenike VUROBARAVU
Meeting with other High level, Country President



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Other highlights – Vanuatu Delegation briefings, side-events and Bilateral

Delegation briefing with Special Envoy Kaltongga



Credit: Anita Roberts, Vanuatu daily Post

Vanuatu Delegations briefing



Credit: Anita Roberts, Vanuatu daily Post



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Side-event on progressing mainstreaming climate policies across key sector in Vanuatu..
Panel discussions at the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion (7 Directors present including DG Esline)



Side-event on progressing mainstreaming climate policies across key sector in Vanuatu

Credit: Anita Roberts, Vanuatu daily Post



Vanuatu highlights carbon neutral strategy at COP27



Bilateral with Israel Credit: Anita Roberts, Vanuatu daily Post



Vanuatu youths at COP27



After another side-event session at the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion



Honorable Ralph Regenvanu speaking at the ICJAO Press Conference
Credit: Anita Roberts, Vanuatu daily Post

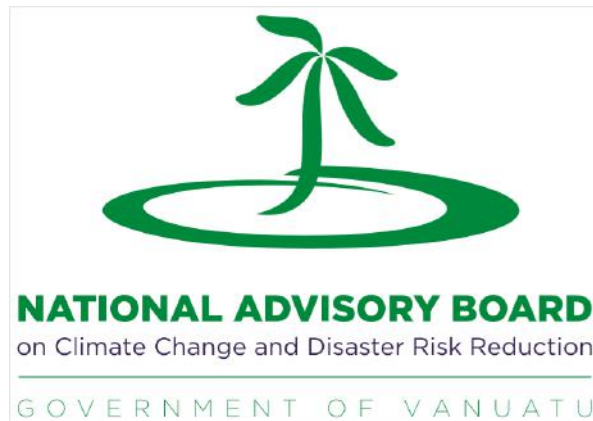


Honorable Ralph Regenvanu speaking at a Side event on Indigenous knowledge and ocean governance
Credit: Anita Roberts, Vanuatu daily Post



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Nelson Kalo, Presenting the Implementation of the National Vulnerability Assessment Framework (NVAF)



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