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Dear Partner,

**RE: REQUEST FOR COLLABORATION IN THE 2014 CLIMATE ZONE QUIZ
COMPETITION**

The Vanuatu Government through the Vanuatu National Advisory Board on Climate Change & Disaster Risk Reduction and the Ministry of Education have placed high priority on climate change, and are doing all they can to educate our students about real practical solutions.

For the last two years, the Government and key partners have run an innovative climate change education program called Climate Zone Quiz. Bringing together students from the 6 provinces of Vanuatu to learn about, compete and demonstrate their knowledge on the science, impacts and adaptation solutions to climate change, this program has proven to be one of the most effective climate educational programs in the Pacific. The bi-lingual Climate Zone Quiz program is shown to thousands of viewers on Television Blong Vanuatu (TBV) and KAMTV and placed on DVD for remote rural households. Judged a huge success, all schools and principals have requested that this program become an annual event.

The NAB and Ministry of Education, has begun its preparation for the 2014 Vanuatu Climate Zone Quiz Competition building on the success and interest of the previous years' competitions.

This year 2014 all Senior Secondary Schools throughout Vanuatu (Torba to Tafea Province) will be invited to participate with a team of Year 11 students. The highest scoring teams from each of Vanuatu's six provinces will be selected to participate in the final competition in Port Vila in October. The finals will be videotaped and shown on TBV and KAM TV with huge visibility and exceptional educational outreach.

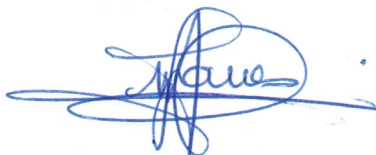
As a key partner, the Climate Zone steering group is asking for your collaboration specifically:

- 1) Submission (by 15 April 2014) of any climate change or disaster risk reduction related resource materials to form part of the study package that will be sent to all schools. We are looking for resources that are:
 - i. Vanuatu specific
 - ii. Applicable to any/all sectors (agriculture, gender, livestock, forestry, health, water, environment, finance, fisheries etc) related to the following key topics:
 - a. climate science
 - b. impacts
 - c. adaptation
 - d. disaster risk reduction
 - e. climate mitigation
 - f. governance
 - iii. At year 11 academic level, and less than 15 pages in length.
 - iv. Ideally available in both English and French languages (not Bislama).

For more information, we invite you also to attend a public information session on Climate Zone 2014 at the VMGD conference room on Monday 7 April 2014 from 12:00-1pm; refreshments will be provided.

We respectfully await and thank you in advance for your support in this program so that our students are able to showcase their understanding and concern for Climate Change adaptation and mitigation issues.

Yours Sincerely,



James Melteres

Climate Zone Steering Group